

January 25, 2010
Cascade City Council Meeting Minutes

The January 25, 2010 meeting of the Cascade City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Staner in the City Hall Chambers. Council members Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity and Soppe answered roll call. There were no speakers from the floor.

Motion Knepper, 2nd Moriarity to acknowledge and file the meeting minutes of the Utility Board and the Library Board – all ayes.

Fire Chief Dennis Green reported on the number of calls and hours of training the department participated in from 10/1/08 through 9/30/09. Green also reported that the department applied for a FEMA grant of \$56,864 for new protective gear and lockers. The department will need to match \$2,843 of the money received.

Council reviewed the cost of engineering proposals received from 8 firms for completing a flood study of 4 zone A areas in Cascade. Proposals range from \$15,193 to \$96,100. Council decided to ask the 5 lowest bidders to present their proposals to the Council for consideration. Those firms are; Ament Engineering, Inc., Cedar Rapids, Gibbs Engineering, Manchester, IIW Engineers, Dubuque, MSA Professional Services, Dubuque and TeKippe Engineering, Manchester.

Motion by Boffeli, 2nd Knepper to approve the sale of the 120' unopened portion of 2nd Ave NE to Shirley Keyron-McDermott for \$.15/square foot or \$1,200 – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2nd Moriarity to approve Resolution 3-10 authorizing and approving a \$145,000 Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and providing for the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds. Henry, Knepper, Moriarity, Soppe and Boffeli – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2nd Soppe to approve Resolution 4-10 authorizing and approving a \$36,000 Forgivable Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and providing for the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds. Knepper, Moriarity, Soppe, Boffeli and Henry – all ayes.

Motion Moriarity, 2nd Boffeli to approve Resolution 5-10 transferring \$28,327 from the Assessment Fund and \$188.55 from the General Fund to the 2008 Street Improvement Project Fund to close the project. Moriarity, Soppe, Boffeli, Henry and Knepper – all ayes.

Motion by Henry, 2nd Knepper to approve Resolution 6-10 transferring \$22,442.25 from the Well Pump Reserve fund the cover the repairs to well #5. Soppe, Boffeli, Henry, Knepper and Moriarity – all ayes.

Administrator Lansing explained the need for a temporary employment contract with a certified wastewater treatment plant operator for overseeing operations at the City's sewer treatment plant and signing off on the monthly reports to the DNR. Lansing informed the Council that his brother, Mike Lansing who works for the City of Dyersville and contracts to Worthington would contract with Cascade temporarily. Council member Knepper informed Lansing that Pat Simon, an employee with the City of Peosta also showed interest in doing the temporary work for the City and at a more reasonable rate. Motion by Henry, 2nd Moriarity to approve Resolution 7-10 a temporary employment contract between the City of Cascade and Mike Lansing for an Operator by Affidavit for the Cascade Wastewater Treatment Plant. Lansing is directed to contact the

other operator and if interested, compare the costs. Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity and Soppe – all ayes.

Administrator Lansing explained the reason for proposing an amendment to the minimum frontage for zero lot line developments is so that Maryville Family Partnership could separately sell the townhouses being constructed in Claddagh Court. Currently the ordinance requires a minimum of 60 feet but the amendment is proposing a 45 foot minimum frontage. Motion by Henry, 2nd Soppe to begin the process of amending the Cascade Zoning Ordinance reducing the minimum frontage for zero lot line developments in the R-2 zoning district – all ayes.

Motion by Henry, 2nd Boffeli to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 1-10 amending the Cascade Code of Ordinances by creating Chapter 117 “Underground Utilities”. Knepper, Boffeli, Moriarity, Soppe and Henry – all ayes.

Council discussed adopting a “Buy Local” policy for the City of Cascade’s purchases of materials and supplies and implementing a local bidder preference on construction projects. The policy would give preference to local businesses when making purchases for the City and to local contractors’ bids of projects. The policy would give preference to a local contractor on a bid under \$10,000 if within 5% of the lowest bid or a maximum of \$500, within 2% or maximum of \$20,000 if the bid is under \$1,000,000 and if over \$1,000,000 if the bid is within a maximum of \$20,000 of the lowest bid. Council member Henry feels a “Buy Local” policy would keep a majority of taxpayer money spent on projects within the City and help to keep City residents employed. Council member Moriarity would like to include a 2 local employee minimum in the definition of a local business. Council member Knepper is hesitant to see such a policy adopted because it can come to hurt a small City such as Cascade when no outside contractors bid on projects because of the local contractor preference. Knepper said when no outside contractors bid, you may see increases in price by local bidders.

Motion by Boffeli, 2nd Henry to approve the January 11th Council meeting minutes and the January 13th Budget meeting minutes – all ayes.

Motion by Boffeli, 2nd Henry to file correspondence – all ayes.

Administrator Lansing reported that Tim Crabb with ECIA has begun inspecting homes of property owners that qualified for the Housing Rehab Grant. The City crew is working on repairing potholes on City streets and replacing water meters in homes. Next budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Boffeli, 2nd Henry to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. – all ayes.

Shelley Annis, Deputy Clerk