

January 27, 2010
Cascade City Council Special Meeting Minutes

The January 27, 2010 special meeting of the Cascade City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Staner in the City Hall Chambers. Council members Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity and Soppe answered roll call.

Motion by Boffeli, 2nd Henry to approve the agenda – all ayes.

Brad Ludwig with the Cascade Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) reported on the activity the CEDC has had in 2009 with company prospects visiting Cascade for consideration of locating to Cascade's Industrial Park. Ludwig also reported on the CEDC's 2009 financial standings and 2010 budget.

Chad Demmer of Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, Cascade proposed to the Council a development of 7 acres of the old Takes Livestock property. Demmer would keep the 3 acres on the north side for expansion of his business and parcel off the 4 acres on the south side into 1 acre lots to sell. Demmer stated there is already one party that wants to purchase one of the 1 acre lots and another that wants to purchase two of the 1 acre lots to place commercial buildings on. Demmer is asking that the City supply materials to run sewer to the 1 acre lots and Demmer would supply the labor for installation. Demmer also would install the water lines for the City at a cost of \$34,500 if the City supplies all materials. Council discussed the need to loop the water main that dead-ends on Nixon St as it could cut about 100' of labor & materials from the cost. Administrator Lansing received separate estimates from TeKippe for the water project and the sewer project if each were to be done at different times. The total for both was estimated at \$208,550. If both projects were done at one time with Demmer contributing to the labor, the estimate is \$103,600. Motion Henry, 2nd Boffeli to approve the development proposal from Chad Demmer, Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete for the development of 7 acres of the old Takes Livestock property, but consider the cost savings with looping the Nixon St water main to the water tower rather than to Garryowen Rd. Motion passed 4-1 with Knepper voting nay.

Administrator Lansing reviewed the changes to the FY11 Budget as requested by Council at the January 20th budget meeting. Council member Boffeli questioned the Prep League's \$1,000 request for funding as he had reports and confirmation that the Prep League would be dissolving in the next few months. Council member Boffeli questioned the need for a \$56,100 sidewalk from the Casey's store to Brothers Market Grocery Store as some of the property owners along there are not in favor of the sidewalk. Council member Moriarity felt that there would not be many people that would be willing to walk and carry their groceries back to their house from the grocery store. Moriarity also didn't feel there is enough room on the north side of 1st Avenue in many places for a sidewalk to fit with the steep ditches. Moriarity also questioned if Dubuque County would be installing a bike path along Farley Rd when the road is improved and where the bike path will come into Cascade. Mayor Staner explained that any of these expenses that are budgeted are not necessarily going to be completed. Council member Soppe questioned if TIF Funds that are not spent due to some of the budgeted projects not being completed could be used to pay off or pay down some of the TIF debt that the City has. Soppe explained that the City could save on interest by eliminating debt. Administrator Lansing replied that the City could pay off the debt, as there are no pre-payment penalties. Soppe also questioned the \$2,000 contribution in the Police budget for the Jones County Emergency Response Team (JCERT). Since Dubuque County already has a similar unit that would aide the City of Cascade in an emergency situation, Soppe questioned if the \$2,000 to the JCERT is necessary. Mayor Staner would have Chief Heim explain what the JCERT does and what cities make it up. Motion by Boffeli, 2nd Henry to authorize the placement of the budget figures into the State Budget forms by City staff – all ayes.

Motion by Soppe, 2nd Boffeli to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. – all ayes.

Shelley Annis, Deputy Clerk