

March 8, 2010
Cascade City Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Staner, Council members Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity and Soppe answered roll call. Motion Boffeli, 2nd Knepper move item #11 on agenda up to between item #5 & #6 and to approve the agenda with this change – all ayes. There were no speakers from the floor.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Moriarity to file meeting minutes of the Park Board – all ayes.

Brad Miller with Solar Pixel demonstrated the final version of the City's new website which features the City, the Cascade Economic Development Corp, the Cascade Chamber and the Tri-County Historical Society. Mayor Staner indicated it will be the responsibility of the four entities to get any changes or new information to whomever will be updating the site. Solar Pixel would do this maintenance for \$30 per hour and approximates 1 to 1-1/2 hours per month. Motion Henry, 2nd Moriarity to approve the final version of the City's new website and approve a maintenance agreement with Solar Pixel for 1 hour per month at \$30 per hour – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Knepper to open and hold the public hearing on the City of Cascade's FY11 Operating Budget – all ayes. With no one speaking for or against the Budget, motion Boffeli, 2nd Henry to return to regular session – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2nd Boffeli to approve Resolution 14-10 adopting the City of Cascade's FY11 Operating Budget which runs from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Henry, Soppe, Knepper, Boffeli and Moriarity – all ayes.

Administrator Lansing explained that Joel Callahan with Callahan Construction made a request for reimbursement of \$7,416.36 that was withheld from the reimbursement of the 1st half of the 2008 property tax payment. The City found that it was receiving less tax from Dubuque County than what it was reimbursing to Callahan due to the Riverbend Retirement Community property being grouped with several other properties that had a negative increment value and because the Dubuque County Treasurer had not followed the Iowa Department of Management's guidelines for creating a sub-fund for reimbursements with developers. Those properties creating negative value have been removed from the TIF district and placed into the Urban Renewal Area so that future reimbursements to Callahan Construction will be calculated correctly. Motion by Henry, 2nd Soppe to approve the \$7,416.36 reimbursement to Callahan Construction – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2nd Moriarity to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2-10 amending the Cascade Zoning Ordinance by increasing violation penalties to \$150, changing the Board of Adjustment hearing fee to \$150 and changing a rezoning application fee to \$150. Soppe, Boffeli, Knepper, Moriarity and Henry – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2nd Soppe to approve Resolution 15-10 adopting Supplement Number 14 to the Cascade Code of Ordinances codifying ordinances passed in 2009. Moriarity, Henry, Boffeli, Soppe and Knepper – all ayes.

Council discussed expanding the City's Downtown TIF Loan Program to include existing commercial buildings in the City's Urban Renewal Area and increasing the dollar amount maximum for improvements to \$50,000. Council member Moriarity recommended not setting a specific dollar amount maximum but using a percentage of the value of the property. Council member Boffeli gave a reminder that a previous participant in this program defaulted on their

loan. Council member Knepper stated that in the event a participant defaults, the City is more than likely not going to get any money returned since a bank would be the first in line as the primary lienholder. Council directed Administrator Lansing to come up with a formula for loaning money through this program.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Knepper to approve the renewal of a Class C Liquor License for the Cascade Columbus Club – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2nd Henry to approve the March 2010 bill list, the February 22, 2010 Council meeting minutes and the February 2010 Treasurer's Report and Fund Balance Reports – all ayes.

Chief Heim gave the Police Report.

Administrator Lansing reported that the looping of the water service to the Demmer Development would be better going to the water tower rather than to 2nd Ave SE due to rock. Utility Manager Benke reported a problem at one of the substations was the reason for the power outage on Saturday. The City was running on generators until the power was restored. The City workers are changing out water meters and fixing potholes.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Knepper to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. – all ayes.

Shelley Annis, Deputy Clerk