

March 22, 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 Moriarity, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to approve the agenda – all ayes.

Merlin “Whiskers” McDermott asked who decides which sidewalks will be repaired or replaced now that the City is taking this over. Council member Henry responded that the City has a five year plan put together but no repairs or replacements will be performed until July 2010 so that the expense is placed in FY11. Mayor Staner added that if there are sidewalks in need of repair or replacement now, the City could take a look at doing those.

Matt Lux indicated that he wished to purchase the roadway easement that sets on the lot he purchased in the Industrial Park. Lux plans to construct a building and could use this extra land for parking. Lux would pay for the surveying. Mayor Staner informed Lux that this would need to be placed on the next Council meeting agenda for consideration.

Council member Henry questioned the Utility Board minutes where it says the Utility Manager would ask the City Administrator if the City would be interested in joint ownership of a used vacuum excavator. Administrator Lansing explained that the City would not be interested in joint ownership because the unit would not be large enough for the purpose the City would need it for and a larger unit would not work for what the Utilities would use it for. Motion by Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry to file the meeting minutes of the Utility Board, the Library Board and the Planning & Zoning Commission – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2-10 increasing Zoning Ordinance violations to \$150, changing Board of Adjustment hearing fees to \$150, changing a Planning & Zoning Commission reference from Chapter 164 to Chapter 23, and changing rezoning application fees to \$150. Henry, Knepper, Moriarity, Soppe and Boffeli – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to approve Resolution 16-10 changing zoning fees not set by ordinance. Knepper, Moriarity, Soppe, Boffeli and Henry – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to open and hold a scheduled public hearing on amending the Cascade Subdivision Ordinance to require underground electric and telecommunication lines – all ayes. With no one speaking during the public hearing, motion by Soppe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knepper to return to regular session – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 3-10 amending the Cascade Subdivision Ordinance to require underground electric and telecommunication lines. Moriarity, Soppe, Boffeli, Henry and Knepper – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to open and hold a scheduled public hearing on amending the Cascade Zoning Ordinance to reduce the minimum lot width of zero lot line single family attached dwellings in the R2 zoning district from 60 feet to 45 feet – all ayes. Council member Soppe asked how the building permit was approved. Administrator Lansing explained that Maryville Partnership was issued a building permit because the structure met all of the setbacks. Lansing explained that the Board of Adjustment had a split decision on Maryville’s request for a variance to the 60 foot minimum frontage, therefore the request was not granted. Lansing stated that Council member Henry placed this amendment onto the Council’s agenda for the Planning and Zoning Commission’s consideration and the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a recommendation to the Council for the same. Motion Soppe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to return to regular session – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knepper to table approving the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 4-10 . Council member Henry asked why this should be tabled and why the Council would not act on the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation. Council member Soppe replied that he had heard from property owners in the R2 zoning district that were not in favor of the amendment and he would like more time to review the information that the Council was just given tonight and he would like to see the Planning and Zoning meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-1 with Henry voting nay.

Shirley McDermott requested that the Council consider three items be placed into the City's Code of Ordinances. 1) A limitation on the percentage of a city lot that can be covered with a non-permeable hard surface; 2) Restrict the pesticide/herbicide use in fields adjacent to city neighborhoods; 3) Establish a deadline to develop a given area. Council discussed McDermott's suggestions, no action was taken.

Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry to approve Resolution 17-10 a one year extension of the curbside recycling contract with Allied Waste Service. Knepper, Boffeli, Henry, Moriarity and Soppe – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to approve the recommendation from Dennis Waugh, IIW Engineers for the City to construct a 2 foot high earthen berm on the north side of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue W where it intersects with Industrial Street to prevent storm water from flowing over 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue which will remove downstream properties from the floodplain – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to approve a request from Oak Hill LLP, Mike Beck and Dan Conrad to share the cost of extending the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE water main 900 feet to the east from Industrial Street – all ayes.

Motion Moriarity, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knepper to table revising the Downtown TIF Loan Program to include existing commercial buildings in the City's Urban Renewal Area until Administrator Lansing can put together a draft for Council review – all ayes.

Administrator Lansing explained that the City could purchase the remaining 195 ton of salt it ordered for this past snow season at a cost of \$52.75 per ton for a total of \$10,286, but must purchase it in the next 30 days. Council member Knepper asked how much salt the City uses in a snow season and how much salt is currently in the shed. Lansing thought the City used approximately 185 ton of salt and that there is approximately 160 ton in the shed. Council member Henry didn't feel that purchasing the salt at the same price as this past season was a good deal for the City. Henry feels that City should wait to see if the price per ton drops. No action was taken.

Insurance Committee members Soppe and Henry reported that the two comparable proposals received for the City's liability, auto, property and workers compensation insurance were from EMC at a cost of \$83,634 and ICAP at a cost of \$84,311. EMC is the City's current insurance provider and has given good service to the City. The Insurance Committee recommends renewing the City's insurance with EMC. Motion Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Soppe to approve renewing the City's liability, auto, property and workers compensation insurance with EMC Insurance Company – all ayes.

Mayor Staner read the only letter for consideration to a 6 year term on the Cascade Municipal Utility Board received from Alan Reiter. Motion Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to re-appoint Alan Reiter to another 6 year term on the Cascade Municipal Utility Board – all ayes.

Council discussed the purchase of a fireproof/waterproof filing cabinet to store the City's minute books dating back to the 1800's. Prices received were from Welter Storage for a used fireproof

cabinet at \$800 and from Fire Safe Store for a new waterproof & fireproof cabinet for \$1,424. Council member Knepper suggested calling the City of Dubuque to see if they have any like cabinets they will be disposing of.

Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry to approve the March 8, 2010 Council meeting minutes – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knepper to file correspondence – all ayes.

Administrator Lansing reported that the City now has a Grade II Wastewater operator on staff. City workers have been filling in potholes and replacing water meters. Kluesner Construction has a new process for patching that they will use in Cascade. Clean up days is the scheduled to begin the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion Soppe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. – all ayes.

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Shelley Annis, Deputy Clerk