

May 10, 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 Henry, 2nd Knepper to approve the agenda – all ayes. There were no speakers from the floor.

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

Dave Kleitsch, representing the Tri-County Car Cruisers Club requested 1st Avenue parking be blocked from Buchanan St to Pierce St, allow parking on the 1st Avenue bridge and the vacant lot between the old Cascade Pioneer building and the old locker building on July 30th during the Rockin' on the River Must Fest. Motion Moriarity, 2nd Henry to approve the request – all ayes.

Cascade Dance Team members requested permission to hold their annual Duck Regatta at Riverview Park on July 4th. Motion by Henry, 2nd Soppe to approve the request – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2nd Moriarity to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 4-10 amending the Cascade Zoning Ordinance by reducing the minimum lot width for zero lot line dwellings in the R2 zoning district from 60' to 45'. Henry, Knepper, Soppe, Moriarity and Boffeli – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2nd Boffeli to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 5-10 rezoning 43 residential properties from R2 mixed residential to R1 single family. Knepper, Soppe, Boffeli, Moriarity and Henry – all ayes.

Council reviewed bids as follows for inspecting the City's water towers: Preferred Tank & Tower, Inc., Evansville, IN \$2000.00 using a robotic camera; Liquid Engineering, Billings, MT \$2790.00 using a diver; H₂O Solutions, LLC, Bellevue, WA \$5500.00 Motion Henry, 2nd Boffeli to approve Resolution 25-10 awarding a contract for the inspections to Liquid Engineering, Billings, MT for \$2790.00. Moriarity, Boffeli, Henry, Soppe and Knepper – all ayes.

Motion Henry, 2nd Moriarity to approve Resolution 26-10 authorizing submission of an EMS Vehicle Acquisition Grant application and an EMS Equipment Acquisition Grant application to the Department of Home Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and appropriating \$14,500 in local matching funds. Council member Soppe suggested using a professional grant writer. Soppe, Boffeli, Knepper, Moriarity and Henry – all ayes.

Motion Knepper, 2nd Henry to approve Resolution 27-10 a lease agreement between the City and Jason Rauen to place and maintain stairs on a 4' x 50' easement on city property for a side entrance to his building at 300 1st Avenue W. Boffeli, Soppe, Knepper, Henry and Moriarity – all ayes.

Streets & Alley Committee members Boffeli and Knepper recommended that tile be placed behind the curb at Ray Noonan's property and then continue past John Gerken's property rather than taking out the curb-n-gutter. The front three feet of Gerken's driveway would be replaced to meet with the curb, crack seal the line between the gutters and the streets in the hill areas to prevent water from penetrating the curb apron and replacing curbs where they are sinking in the area. The Committee recommends applying a slurry seal to 1st Avenue rather than milling and resurfacing, replacing the lights in the stop lights with LED lights and check to see if stimulus money is available from the DOT. The Committee suggested the Council consider moving garbage and recycling collection from alleys to the street in front of properties since the truck

traffic is causing major damage to several alleys. Once the street collection is implemented, the Committee will address repairing the alleys in need.

Motion Boffeli, 2nd Soppe to approve a TIF Loan program to assist property owners with major renovations to existing commercial buildings in the City's Urban Renewal Area – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2nd Moriarity to set a public hearing date for Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for amending the City's FY10 Budget – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Knepper to approve a Class C Liquor License with Sunday sales and outdoor service area for the Bent Rim, 1017 2nd Ave SE, owned by Bill Brus & Joan Mausser – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2nd Henry to approve the City's May bills, the April 26th Council meeting minutes and the April Treasurer's Report and Fund Balance Reports – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2nd Henry to file correspondence and add to the Joint Council & Utility Board agenda discussion of the City becoming a demand user with a special rate for electric and gas usage at all of the City facilities – all ayes.

Chief Heim gave the Police report. Administrator Lansing reported that he would work on the grants for the Ambulance this week. Reminded Council of the June 7th Goal Setting Session. Reported that for sale signs have been placed in the old grocery store building and the old Pioneer building. Matt Menster gave his two-week notice and his last day is this Friday. The Personnel Committee consisting of Council members Henry and Moriarity and Administrator Lansing met before the Council meeting and recommends offering the position to Ben Frasher with an extra \$1.00 per hour starting wage compared to the recent hires and offer a 50 cent raise after 90 days rather than 6 months. Several Council members questioned the fairness of these increases in comparison to current employees. Personnel Committee member Henry felt that the starting wage should increase with inflation. Council member Knepper pointed out that the people applied knowing what the starting wage would begin at, so why would you immediately offer an extra \$1.00 per hour. Henry responded that an employee that started at \$14.00 per hour would not move very far with raises after 10 years of employment. Council member Soppe agreed to go along with the Personnel Committee's recommendation, but feels a "can of worms" will be opened with current employees. Lansing passed out a packet of papers regarding the City's health insurance renewal for Council to review for the Wednesday meeting with the Utility Board. Council member Soppe had made a request of documents from Lansing a couple of weeks ago and hadn't received anything. Lansing said he would address that after the meeting.

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

Shelley Annis, Deputy Clerk