

June 14, 2010  
Cascade City Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Staner, Council members Boffeli, Knepper, Moriarity and Soppe answered roll call. Henry was absent. Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knepper to approve the agenda – all ayes.

Council member Soppe requested the City's noise ordinance be amended to add loud music from car stereos. Dyersville just adopted a similar ordinance so we could use as a guide.

Motion Soppe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to file the meeting minutes of the Park Board, the Library Board and the Planning & Zoning Commission – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to approve a request by Ivan Kurt to close a portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW between Buchanan St & Pierce St on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm for an auction – all ayes.

Motion Knepper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to approve a request from the Lions Club to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon and request the closing of Van Buren St NE, Jackson St NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE & a 1 block portion of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W near Merritt Chiropractic as well as no parking on these streets – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Soppe to approve a request by Tom Holmes, resident in the Oak Hill Subdivision for installing 4 more street lights to the Oak Hill Subdivision – all ayes.

Council discussed selling an unopened portion of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE to abutting property owners. Council member Moriarity questioned the sale of this property in the event the City may need to add water or sewer lines across the river. Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to approve setting a price of \$.15 per square foot for the sale of a 50' x 120' portion of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and recommend to the Planning & Zoning Commission placing a 20' wide easement on the property – all ayes. Terri Wollenberg, 500 Polk St SE questioned the abutting property owner's request to purchase this property within 4-6 weeks of Wollenberg's purchase of her property. Wollenberg also questioned the quickness of the sale of this property and when public hearings would be held.

Motion Moriarity, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 8-10 amending the Code of Ordinances by enacting new charges for water and sewer service by increasing them 2.51% for FY11. Knepper, Boffeli, Moriarity and Soppe – all ayes. Council member Soppe asked what the projected revenues to the water & sewer fund will be for the next four years of increases. Lansing will have for the next meeting.

Motion Moriarity, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knepper to approve Resolution 36-10 transferring \$12,100 in General Funds, \$3,025 in RUT Funds, \$1,512 in Water Funds and \$3,025 in Sewer Funds to the Partial-Self-Funding Reserve Fund as budgeted for FY10. Boffeli, Moriarity, Knepper and Soppe – all ayes. Council member Soppe asked how funds could be transferred from the RUT fund when that fund has a negative balance. Lansing explained that the other fund balances are covering the RUT fund until additional revenues are received.

Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Soppe to approve Resolution 37-10 transferring \$60,500 in General Funds, \$5,000 in RUT Funds, \$5,000 in Water Funds and \$5,000 in Sewer Funds to various reserve funds as budgeted in FY10. Boffeli, Soppe, Knepper and Moriarity – all ayes.

Motion Moriarity, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to approve Resolution 38-10 a partial pay request from Midwest General & Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$73,193.42 for materials and work completed to date on the Polk Street Lift Station Project. Moriarity, Knepper, Soppe and Boffeli – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to approve observing Christmas Day on Monday, December 27, 2010 and observing New Years Day on Monday, January 3, 2011 – all ayes.

Motion Moriarity, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to table approving a change to the City's Sick Leave policy until employees can be present to discuss – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to appoint Amy Speed to the Library Board – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to approve the City's June bills with the exception of a bill for \$926.52 to Ed Roehr for the purchase of a new taser gun for the police department, approve the May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> minutes and the May Treasurer's Report and Fund Balance Reports – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knepper to approve correspondence and nominate Council member Soppe to the Dubuque County Empowerment Committee – all ayes.

In Chief Heim's absence, Mayor Staner reported that the Police Department is making changes to patrolling, switching hours around and adding part-time officers in lieu of the recent break-ins and vandalisms.

Administrator Lansing reported that all of the materials are here for the Polk Street Lift Station Project and that once Midwest General begins on the project it should only take about 5-7 days to complete. The steel shed that housed the Polk Street Lift Station is for sale and bids will be accepted. The City hauled about 80 loads of material to the Polk St project and will need to bring more in later. A special Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss several items regarding the City's take-over of the Ambulance Service. River City is ready to pave Tyler Street as weather allows. The City re-used the millings taken from Tyler Street on three alleys. The Streets & Alleys Committee is getting prices on a slurry seal application for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. New lenses were ordered & installed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue streetlights since the IDOT did not have a grant available for replacing the lights with LED lights. Speed limit signs were placed on Jack Oak Drive in the Oak Hill Subdivision at the request of the developer. The Mrs. Bernadette Kurt family donated an AED to the City and was placed in the maintenance shed at the Community Park. A representative from the company will come to demonstrate the equipment to the Youth League Board and coaches. The Board of Adjustment will be considering a front-yard set back variance for Delbert & Nancy Pfab and the Planning & Zoning Commission will hear rezoning requests for Marilyn's Café owned by Ken McDermott and a request for Dreams to Reality from Tom Schwager. The City crew finished work at the sewer plant so that the holding tank can be pumped out. Lansing will be conducting employee evaluations and recommending wage increases to the Personnel Committee at a meeting scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> prior to the Council meeting. An incident occurred over the weekend where a citizen tripped on a sidewalk hazard. This will be reported to the City's insurance company.

Council member Soppe questioned when Van Buren Street would be fixed. Lansing explained that River City will repair along it with the Tyler Street Project. Soppe also questioned where You Squared is providing internet service. Lansing explained that it is at the maintenance shop for DNR reports to be sent electronically. Soppe also suggested all of the City's computers be placed on one server.

Motion Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. – all ayes.

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Shelley Annis, Deputy Clerk