

December 28, 2010
City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Merlin “Whiskers” McDermott asked if the dog kennel is still at the City’s yard waste site. McDermott questioned why a dog that had been lost for 2 hours was taken to the Humane Society rather than to the kennel and an attempt made to locate the owner. McDermott also questioned who’s responsibility it was to acquire a permit. Administrator Lansing answered that either the property owner or a property owner’s contractor can obtain a permit prior to construction. McDermott asked if the City needed a permit prior to construction and Lansing replied that the City does issue itself permits when necessary. McDermott pointed out that he received a copy of the list of permits granted in 2010 and the City of Cascade did not obtain any permits for sidewalks that had recently been installed. Lansing indicated that he didn’t feel it necessary for the City to take out permits for those sidewalks. Mayor Pro-Tem Henry indicated that the City has not taken out permits for sidewalks and will most likely not in the future.

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

The presentation from Steve Thompson with MSA will be postponed until the next Council meeting.

Council discussed software purchase for a used laptop for the police car. Council member Soppe expressed concern for spending \$1,410 if this laptop should need to be replaced in the future. Chief Heim informed Council that having this laptop would relieve dispatch of call overload since now everything gets run through dispatch via radio. Heim reported that all other cities have laptops in their cars and this laptop would transfer to a new car. Heim estimated the cost for installing the laptop between \$900-\$1,200 with possibly \$200 more for docking and brackets. Soppe clarified that the total for software and installation would be around \$2,800 now plus \$215 each year for software maintenance. Soppe asked if there was money in the Police budget for this purchase. Heim answered that there should be money left. Motion Soppe, 2nd Moriarity to approve the purchase of software for a laptop computer per the quote received – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2nd Soppe to approve Resolution 93-10 a contract between the City of Cascade and ECIA for updating the City’s Comprehensive/Land Use Plan with Smart Planning principals. The City’s cost will be \$1,000. Boffeli, Henry, Moriarity and Soppe – all ayes.

Council discussed changing the City’s snow parking ordinance to alternating odd/even side on odd/even days of the month. Council members will study options and bring them to the next meeting. Council member Boffeli questioned cars not being moved on 3rd Ave SW near the apartment buildings. Chief Heim reported that he is aware of the cars and they are being moved.

Council discussed the fees the City will ask from townships within the City’s ambulance district. Administrator Lansing met with 4 of the 7 boards and so far 3 of those 4 are willing to pay the \$0.2025/\$1,000 of assessed property value, but Washington Township is only willing to pay the \$0.16998/\$1,000 it was paying Reiffs. Council member Henry asked the ages of the ambulances. Lansing thought that one is a 2006 and the other a 2002. Council member Soppe thought that the rotation was to replace the oldest unit every 4 years. Motion Boffeli, 2nd Soppe to go back to Washington and ask for a split of the difference between \$0.2025 and \$0.16998 – all ayes. Council also asked Lansing to research what other townships outside of Cascade’s district levy and pay for service.

Motion Boffeli, 2nd Moriarity to approve Resolution 94-10 an agreement between the City and Steve Meyer for writing and submitting a Homeland Security Nonaffiliated EMS Firefighters Grant for the purchase of ambulances and ambulance equipment. Boffeli, Henry, Moriarity, Soppe – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Boffeli to re-appoint Dale Mescher to the JCEDC as Cascade’s representative – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Moriarity to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 17-10 vacating the east 8 feet of Polk St NE along the west half of Lots 86 through 90, East Cascade. Henry, Moriarity, Soppe, Boffeli – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2nd Moriarity to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 18-10 amending Section 15.03.02 of the Cascade Code of Ordinances by requiring City Council approval of the Mayor’s appointment/hire or termination of the Police Chief, Library Board of Trustees and the Utility Board of Trustees. Moriarity, Soppe, Boffeli, Henry – all ayes.

Motion Moriarity, 2nd Boffeli to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 19-10 amending Section 30.6 of the Cascade Code of Ordinances by requiring City Council approval of the Police Chief’s appointment/hire or termination of police officers and other members of the department. Soppe, Boffeli, Henry, Moriarity – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Boffeli to approve pay requests of: \$14,855 final to Schueller & Sons for 401 1st Ave E, \$10,268 partial to Schueller & Sons for 705 1st Ave W, \$15,642 final to Schueller & Sons for 705 1st Ave W and \$3,660 partial to C&R Construction for 710 2nd Ave NW – all ayes.
Motion Boffeli, 2nd Moriarity to approve renewal of a Class E Liquor License for Brothers Market Inc., 105 Nixon St SE – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Moriarity to approve the 12/13/10 Council meeting minutes – all ayes.

Motion Boffeli, 2nd Moriarity to file correspondence – all ayes.

Administrator Lansing reported that all of the snow events have been taking a majority of everyone’s time. Streets are getting more and more narrow and plow drivers are trying to be conscious of pushing snow onto sidewalks. Merlin “Whiskers” McDermott thanked the workers for their long hours in clearing the streets.

Motion Moriarity, 2nd Boffeli to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. – all ayes.

Shelley Annis, City Clerk