

August 9, 2011
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 Soppe to approve the agenda – all ayes. There were no speakers from the floor.

Motion Henry, 2nd Soppe to approve consent agenda items ‘a – d’, all ayes. Soppe questioned the Park Board minutes that the Park Board is seeking an architectural design for a splash pad. Administrator Lansing explained that the two wading pools must meet ADA requirements for accessibility and therefore may be eliminated.

Motion Boffeli, 2nd Knepper to approve Resolution 46-11 transferring \$11,525 from the General Fund to the Library Reserve Fund, which is unspent money, budgeted for the Library for FY10 and FY11. Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity, Soppe – all ayes.

Bids were received for construction of new ADA ramps per the IDOT specifications at the corners of Tyler St NE & 1st Ave E as follows: McCabe Construction \$3,450 and McDermott Concrete \$3,565. Motion Boffeli, 2nd Moriarity to approve Resolution 47-11 awarding a construction contract to McCabe Construction for \$3,450. Henry, Knepper, Boffeli, Moriarity, Soppe – all ayes.

Bids were received for engineering the 1st Ave Resurfacing Project as follows: Buesing & Associates \$96,900, IIW Engineers \$113,000, MSA Professional Services \$108,000 and TeKippe Engineering \$120,000. Motion Soppe, 2nd Henry to approve Resolution 48-11 awarding an engineering contract to Buesing & Associates for \$96,900. Knepper, Boffeli, Moriarity, Soppe, Henry – all ayes.

Council discussed extending the south levee. Administrator Lansing reviewed the proposal, which would extend the south levee along the east side of Buchanan St SW to Riverview Rd at a cost estimated at \$50,000. Lansing explained that the un-opened portions of Plum St and Cedar St could be swapped for the land needed to extend the levee. Council member Knepper asked if there is any FEMA money available. Lansing explained that in order to be eligible for FEMA money, the value of the properties being protected must be worth double the cost of the project. Council member Moriarity questioned the placement and several of the elevations of the proposed berm. Leo Moriarity wanted to know how much money he would receive for the 2,200 square feet of land he would be losing and wants to see permanent stakes placed to show the elevations of the proposed berm. Bill Green, who resides on the east side of the river questioned how much more water would be diverted onto his property with the berm being built. Green also questioned if the Flood Manager of the Iowa DNR was contacted regarding the proposal. Council member Soppe asked if there were other options proposed. Lansing reminded the Council of the cement wall proposal from last year at a cost estimated around \$70,000 and reported a cost of \$8,000 each time the temporary sand levee is constructed which has been almost every year of the last 5 years. Leo Moriarity questioned the material being used to extend the levee and who would be liable if the levee failed and also questioned if Jones County had been informed of the proposal. Lansing also proposed extending the levee west across Buchanan St to what would be called 6th Ave SW and ending it at Johnson St. Mayor Staner indicated another option would be to drop the subject of extending the berm and if there are liability concerns then the City takes itself out of the equation by not constructing any more temporary levees in the future. Mike Beck suggested stopping the levee extension approximately ten feet short of the Moriarity driveway and leave the responsibility for protecting that property for the property owner. Motion Soppe,

2nd Knepper to table discussions until other options can be discussed and receive input from the County regarding the matter – all ayes.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Knepper to approve the Storm Water Management Plan for the south half of Industrial Park – all ayes.

Council member Soppe addressed Chief Heim regarding the Chief being at Drexler Middle School in Farley and asked how far can the squad car travel outside of city limits for non-emergency matters. Chief Heim responded that he was at Drexler giving a presentation to a drivers-ed class that involved Cascade kids and feels that these classes help area youth make wise decisions. Heim reported that The Dubuque Safe Youth Coalition sponsors several presentations given by the Cascade Police Dept and in the last 5 years the Dept has received payment for time spent giving the presentations as well as equipment donated, all of which totals approximately \$3,500. Mayor Staner added that he feels there can never be enough education regarding safe driving for youth. Soppe questioned the cost the citizens of Cascade have involved in it's Chief making presentations in neighboring towns and what happens in the event an emergency occurs in the City of Cascade. Heim noted that he would respond as quickly as possible if needed. Soppe was questioned by a citizen regarding how long non-registered vehicles are allowed to be parked on a city street. Chief Heim responded that he would be happy to assist the citizen with their complaint directly.

Mayor Staner addressed the Council regarding Officer Kelchen moving to Cascade and concerns Kelchen has in moving his family after hearing a Council member's remarks that "if Mitch keeps doing what he is, he will not have a job". Mayor Staner feels there is tension between certain Council members toward Chief Heim and Officer Kelchen. Mayor Staner heard of calls being made by a Council member inquiring of the Dubuque County Sheriffs Office regarding an investigation. Staner was informed by the Sheriffs Office that the investigation in question was handled in the appropriate manner. Staner feels if Council wants to talk about such items with the Police Dept then a meeting should be set.

Administrator Lansing reported that the floor leveling material was placed in the City Hall gym today and the heating & air units are installed. The electrician doing the wiring was stopped by the State Inspector today since the proposed installation was not to code, but adjustments will be made to be compliant. The doors will be here in about 3 weeks. The 4 year old cable laptop computer's monitor went out. Lansing ordered a new laptop and software for \$996. MSA is working on the Water System Improvement Project and should have a land deal put together soon. The FEMA Fire Grant was opened Monday and we should know by May 2012 if approved. The current line-of-credit will need to be extended until the grant money is received.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Moriarity to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. – all ayes.

Shelley Annis, City Clerk/Treasurer