

April 10, 2017
City Council Meeting Minutes

The April 10, 2017 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Behnken. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Hosch, Recker, Knepper and Kearney answered roll call. Staner was absent.

A motion was made by Hosch, second by Kearney to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Whiskers McDermott addressed the Council regarding the crosswalk button by Dollar General. This will get moved as soon as the contractor comes back to town. They are waiting until the asphalt plants open. Also, there have been some 4 wheelers running stop signs on the Southeast side of town. The police department will keep an eye out for this since it is illegal to even operate a 4 wheeler in town at this time. It was also mentioned by a Council member that there needs to be some sodding done at the Knights of Columbus building by trail crossing.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 03/27/17, City Council Workshop minutes 04/03/17, Personnel Committee minutes 04/04/17, Park Board minutes 03/28/17, MSA Weekly Report for WWTF Project for March 19 and 26th, Liquor License for Need Pizza for the Chamber's Wing and Brew Fest, April claims for payment, March financial reports and revenues by fund as follows: General \$43,637.48; Special Revenues \$54,717.51; Debt Service \$570.76; Capital Projects \$397,159.60; Enterprise \$89,262.12. Motion by Recker, second by Knepper to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received an Agenda Request from citizens in the community who are interested in allowing golf carts on city streets. Mayor Behnken read the Agenda Request for the public. Jackie McAllister addressed the City Council. Other communities in the area, including Farley, Epworth and Monticello allow golf carts. Her parents live in Farley and they drive the golf carts to ball games and to take care of flowers by the garden club. She contacted the Mayor of Farley and he said there have been no problems and people follow the rules. It brings communities together. There was discussion also on adding UTVs and ATVs and basically anything with a steering wheel. There will need to be specific regulations in place. There was discussion on Highway 136 and Business 151. There are some areas in town that need to be addressed with the usage of golf carts, like Oak Hill Subdivision, River Bend Subdivision. It was suggested that we form a committee of 2 council members and 4 or 5 people who are in favor and come up with regulations. The Mayor added some comments that safety is the 1st concern and then that the cost has to be fair to everyone. The State Code concerning driving these types of vehicles on State Highways and through roads needs to be reviewed. After some good discussion, motion by Kearney, second by Recker to form a committee, review other cities ordinances and come up with a proposed ordinance allowing golf carts and anything with a steering wheel on streets. Motion carried unanimously.

Jake Deaver from MSA gave the Council a quick update on the progress on the WWTF. Equipment, HVAC, electrical equipment is getting installed in the Headworks building. The influent and effluent piping is installed. The aero mod building is getting constructed this month.

Council reviewed **Resolution #32-17**, A Resolution Approving Pay Application No. 11 for the Waste Water Treatment Upgrades with Staab Construction in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This pay application represents 80% completion of the project. The substantial completion date is now July 13th. Motion by Kearney, second by Knepper to approve **Resolution #32-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #30-17**, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Certain Loan Agreement, Providing for the Issuance of \$1,110,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2017A and providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same. Motion by Kearney, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #30-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #27-17**, A Resolution Supporting Participating in the Grant Wood Loop and Keep Iowa Beautiful Home Town Pride Program Partnership Program. Motion by Recker, second by Kearney to approve **Resolution #27-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussed purchasing garbage receptacles for the downtown business district. A quote was received from Bohlmann's for \$425 per receptacle. The receptacles would match the planters that are placed throughout the downtown. Council discussed this and wondered if there would be a price break if 4 or more were purchased since 2 on each side is needed. It was suggested that we contact other cities and see what they do for garbage receptacles in their downtowns. Motion by Recker, second by Kearney to table until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed getting funding from a local bank to cover the DOT's portion of the Johnson Street NW PCC Pavement project. Both of the local banks have expressed an interest in borrowing funds to the City for this project. This loan will get paid off as soon as the City gets reimbursed for the project by the DOT. Motion by Recker, second by Kearney to authorize the City Administrator to contact the local banks for funding the DOT portion of the Johnson Street PCC Pavement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed again the idea of adding a 4th public works employee. The personnel committee, along with the Mayor met to review the reasons to hire the 4th employee. There were many reasons why another public works employee is necessary. The City will essentially be going from 3 ½ people to 4 people. The new person would be required to get either water or wastewater certifications. Before an employee can take the tests for the certification, they must be employed for at least 1 year. This 4th person will not be hired to just mow, but to learn every aspect of the City public works. There will be considerable cross training involved. The City has really grown over the past 20 years and there is much more for the public works employees to do. Motion by Recker, second by Kearney to advertise for an equipment operator for the public works department. After some more discussion, Recker and Kearney withdrew their previous motion. Motion by Recker, second by Kearney to table the discussion until next meeting when the full council will be present. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the bank building again. Part of the upper floor has collapsed into the lower level. The condition of the bank building is deteriorating. The person interested in developing the building was present and said time is of the essence. The City is in a waiting game with the current owners. The Council would like to see a firm demolition bid to compare demolition costs with rehabilitation. A concerned citizen was also present and he strongly believes that the City should preserve this historical building. This will be on an upcoming agenda again to discuss.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The City Administrator's report included information on the joint meeting with the Cascade Municipal Utilities to be held on April 12th at 5:15pm, bridge repair on 1st Ave E is set for the first week of May and work is being done currently on the gym roof. The Spring Annual Cleanup day is Saturday, April 29th, more information is available on our website and Cougar Pride Day is Wednesday, April 26th.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Kearney seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m. Motion carried.