

April 24, 2017  
City Council Meeting Minutes

The April 24, 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 Staner answered roll call. Kearney attended via phone.

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

There were no speakers.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 04/10/17, Joint Cascade City Council & Municipal Utility Board minutes 04/12/17, Library Board minutes 04/06/17, MSA Weekly Report for WWTF Project for April 2 & 9, Liquor License Refund for Corner Tap/Grandma's Kitchen. Motion by Recker, second by Hosch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a proposal from Terracon for Density Testing on the Granular Backfill and Concrete Plant Monitoring for the Johnson Street NW PCC Project. This is a requirement of the DOT on this project. The amount is \$6,046. Motion by Staner, second by Recker to approve the proposal from Terracon. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #35-17**, A Resolution Setting the Date for a Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement and to Borrow Money Thereunder in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$750,000 and Setting Date for the Sale of the Project Note. Motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to approve **Resolution #35-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #24-17**, A Resolution Approving Contract and Performance and/or Payment Bonds for the Johnson Street NW PCC Pavement – Grade and Replace Project. Motion by Recker, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #24-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Ken McDermott representing the Cascade Economic Development Corporation was present to provide Council with an update. CEDC has met with 1 prospect in the industrial park. No decision has been made yet, but they seem to be leaning to locating closer to Interstate 35. Twelve site visits have been done and all the businesses are showing the same problem, availability of workforce. Brad met with the principal about community outreach regarding getting students ready who enter the workforce directly out of high school. CEDC is going with Netsmart on website development and they are now listing the ground available for sale with a realtor and the realtor will be expanding on maps and potential design of lots.

Council reviewed a cost proposal from Kluesner Construction for Hayes Street. It would include removing the old asphalt, grading the street, compaction and placing 3" of asphalt over the area. Rock may be needed when coring out. The estimate is \$16,818.20. Council did discuss the estimate from MSA and the difference between the two. Motion by Staner, second by Knepper to approve the estimate and award the project to Kluesner. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #33-17**, Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Rural County Transportation Program (RCTP) Grant Application with the Dubuque County to assist with the Funding of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue School Crossing Safety Project. The grant will seek funding to place traffic warning signals at the Elementary school and also at Garfield St SW. Motion by Recker, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #33-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #34-17**, Semi-Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue Rebates for 2017. This is for Brothers Market. Motion by Staner, second by Recker to approve **Resolution #34-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #36-17**, Semi Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue Rebates for 2017. This is for McDermott Oil. Motion by Staner, second by Kearney to approve **Resolution #36-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussed again the idea of adding a 4<sup>th</sup> public works 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. This 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Council member Hosch proposed waiting until we know how much time Phil will be spending at the new waste water facility. Motion by Recker, second by Kearney to advertise for a full time public works employee. Motion carried 4-1, with Hosch voting no.

Council discussed the bank building again. Many concerned citizens were present who think the City should help preserve the building, including Dave Rhomberg, Jim Conlin, Rob McNally, Geoff Zoller and the contractor Jesse Loewen. We live in a unique community and our downtown needs to be valued by the Council. Council has never made a decision on a contractor's proposal to restore the bank building. Council received a good budget proposal number for demolition so they have the cost of that to compare to the cost requested by the contractor. After quite a lengthy discussion on the bank building, it was suggested that Council hold a workshop with our attorney on the options the city has with the bank building. At the next Council meeting, Council will make a decision on assisting the contractor.

Council received a report from the City Administrator. The City Administrator's report included information on the Small City 2017 workshops. There is one in Springville on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The pool committee is planning on presenting their information and recommendation to the Council on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The spring cleanup is April 29<sup>th</sup>.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Staner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.m. Motion carried.