

April 8, 2019
City Council Meeting Minutes

The April 8, 2019 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Hosch, Kelchen, Rausch, Knepper and Delaney answered roll call.

A motion was made by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

No speakers addressed the City Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 03/25/19, Park Board minutes 04/01/19, P&Z minutes 04/04/19, Library Board minutes 04/02/19, Liquor License renewal for American Legion Post 528, Liquor License for Need Pizza for wing fest, MSA Project Update, April claims for payment, March Financial Reports, Fund Balances and Revenues by Fund as follows: General \$67,122.98, Special Revenues \$41,850.74, Debt Service \$1,663.23, Debt Service \$0, Enterprise \$125,407.94. Motion by Kelchen second by Delaney to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received an agenda request from Jacob Tharp from 309 1st Ave E. Mr. Tharp wanted to discuss storm water runoff from 1st Ave. His sidewalk is lower than the curb so water is getting into his yard and between him and his neighbors all the way from Tyler Street. He is seeking assistance with fill and breaking up the old sidewalk and with compaction. This would get the job done quicker than if he does it all himself. The City Superintendent suggested putting a hump at the end of the driveway to cause the water to run by his driveway. This would have to be done at the neighbors also so the water would run to the nearest outlet. The Council would like to see proposed costs of fill and machine hours and to know if the other property owners are on board. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to table till this is discussed with the other neighbors and to get us cost proposals. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beck wanted to discuss street excavation for water and sewer service lines. Mr. Beck was not at the meeting yet, so motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to move this discussion to the end of the meeting or when Mike gets here. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor announced it was time for the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Cascade Urban Renewal Area. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to open the public hearing at 6:22pm. Motion carried. Shirley McDermott Keyron addressed the Council on the urban renewal and the necessity of doing this. She was concerned that the City was diverting tax money from the schools and the county. She wants to better understand this process. She was under the impression once a district reached its sunset date it was done. The Mayor tried to explain to her we are doing this since we have development occurring and they are seeking incentives and these are funded through TIF. The City Administrator invited her to come down to discuss in more detail. With no more comments from the public, motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to close the public hearing at 6:32pm. Motion carried.

Council reviewed **Resolution #23-19**, Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Cascade Urban Renewal Area. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #23-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #04-19**, An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the April 2019 Addition to the Cascade Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. This will add specific parcels back into the urban renewal area and create a new TIF district. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #04-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Boy Scouts are seeking permission to connect to the City water and sewer at the chicken coop property down on 3rd Ave SW. Water and sewer are both stubbed into the property already. It would be nice to have a bathroom and a sink on site. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve connecting to the water and sewer and to waive the hookup fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Beck arrived at the meeting. He is constructing a new condo on the corner of Fox Street SE and 2nd Ave SE. There is solid rock under the ground in this area. Also, when tearing up a street for service connections it will never be returned to the original condition. He is proposing a “Y” for water and sewer at the street and then running separate service lines to each side of the condo. There would be a water shutoff and a backflow preventer for each side. Since this isn’t about the cost to repair the street, Mike would give the City the \$4,000 it would cost to make the street repairs. There was a little discussion on this. Motion by Delaney, second by Knepper to table until next meeting so the council can review the code. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #19-19**, Resolution Approving Final Plat Parkridge No. 2 in Dubuque County. This will open up lots for building down on 8th Ave SE. Motion by Knepper, second by Kelchen to approve **Resolution #19-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #20-19**, Resolution approving a Final Plat of Survey of Lots 1-4 of CMU Place in Dubuque County. This is to add zero lot lines and to provide a way to sell the lots individually. Motion by Kelchen, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #20-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #21-19**, Resolution Adopting the Dubuque County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. This will adopt the plan that was worked on last year by all the agencies and cities in Dubuque County. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #21-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #22-19**, Resolution to Approve Small Cell Guidelines. This puts control on placement of small cell towers back on the City. The Federal Government passed the net neutrality last year and the cell companies have jumped at the chance to install small cell towers everywhere. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #22-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussed moving forward with a new website using SOCS as administrators. They will also put the new website together. This website allows for the city to make updates ourselves. It also allows for a new website design every three years with no additional charge. It is mobile friendly. We can also get the Chambers page updated. The Council agrees we need a new website, but thinks a committee should discuss in more detail. They would also like some references to view of websites already in place by SOCS. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to table until we meet with the other groups using a committee and review this company. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the street sweeper. It is 23 years old and is broken down. It needs new belts, elevator items and a hydraulic leak fixed. It was discussed how much money to stick into a piece of equipment this old. It was just briefly touched on to outsource street sweeping. The downside is we need the street sweeper when we seal coat. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to allow the City Superintendent to fix the street sweeper. Motion carried. When prices are received, the City Administrator will email out to the council so they know.

Council briefly discussed extending the Coohy trail from the existing trail to the bridge. We are going to be having some repairs done to the levee due to erosion from the past flooding. Since this hasn’t been budgeted for, motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to table and discuss at a later date. Motion carried.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. A Council Member asked the Police Chief if people selling vaping products to underage kids can be charged. He said they can be if it is known. The problem is kids aren’t telling where they got it. The City Administrator’s report contained information that all

the contractors for the tennis court improvement project will honor their quotes until the 1st meeting in May. Also, the City office at City Hall will be closed Wednesday, April 10th through Friday, April 12th since both the City Clerk and City Administrator will be attending conferences. The Army Corps was here on Friday, March 29th to inspect the erosion on the levee from the last two flood events. They will put together a scope of repair. The cost will be large enough that the City will meet the 80-20 cost share. Once the scope of repair is complete, an agreement will need to be signed. Also, the City needs to make sure that we have rights to all the land needed for the repair. The quarry outside of town is on the Army Corps list of certified quarries so we can get fill from there.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Rausch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:44p.m. Motion carried.