

December 11, 2017
City Council Meeting Minutes

The December 11, 2017 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Behnken. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Knepper, Hosch, Kelchen, Recker and Staner answered roll call.

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

There were no speakers.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 11/27/17, liquor license renewal for Dollar General Store and McDermott Oil Co, Re-Appointment of Brad Boffeli to the Park Board for another 5 year term, December claims for payment and November financial reports and fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$61,952.67; Special Revenues \$56,891.77; Debt Service \$2,204.17; Capital Projects \$135,925.77; Enterprise \$102,672.85. Motion by Recker, second by Staner to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Casey, owner of Casey Building Solutions was present to discuss the interior gym roof. Even with the replacement of the exterior roof, there is still leaking. At first it was thought to be a condensation problem, but with further investigation it might be a problem with rain water getting in under the flashing on the East side of the building and between the 1st and 2nd panels of steel. Scott recommends that we track when it leaks, what the temperature and humidity level is and if it follows a rain event. He further recommends the purchase of a humidity gauge to track the humidity in the gym. When a leak is detected, Scott could come and open up the steel and see what is happening at the time to get a better understanding of the problem. Another idea is to open up a section then when it does rain it would be easy to see the problem. The gym floor will need to be looked at daily and inspected for leaks.

The Council again discussed what to do with the 2013 Ford Taurus. They reviewed the amount the City pays out in mileage reimbursement to see if it is beneficial to keep the car. The Police Chief will see what the car is valued at and then the City will advertise the car for sale and make sure we put in a stipulation that the City may reject any and all bids. Until the car is sold, it may be used by City employees. We will need to add liability only insurance on the car.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief wanted to thank all the agencies who responded to the event in Cascade, include our local Fire and EMS service. Included in the City Administrator's report was information that there will be no 2nd council meeting in December due to the holidays, budget workshops will begin in January, the Iowa Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution are working on getting a memorial for the Military trail and Lyman Dillon and the City needs to provide a letter stating we authorize the location. Additionally, there is a grant opportunity that may assist the owner of the bank building, but the City needs to apply for it. The pre-application form will be completed and then the City can see if they get invited to submit an actual application. The City Administrator extended a Thank You to Marcus Behnken and Ed Recker for their years of service to the City of Cascade.

In other discussion, it would be beneficial to hold an initial budget workshop following the 1st meeting in January and to invite the department heads to discuss their budget requests. Also, the public will be encouraged to attend if they have concerns that the City needs to address with the new budget. We need to get the meetings on the Internet since many people do not have the local access channel. The City Administrator will continue to work with Brad Miller on this.

With no other business, Recker moved and Staner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:40p.m. Motion carried.