

February 19, 2018
Special Meeting Minutes

The February 19, 2018, City Council special meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner with Rausch, Kelchen, Knepper, Hosch and Delaney answering roll call.

Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the agenda as presented.

Council reviewed a request from Cascade Economic Development Corporation to write a DRA grant to have a housing needs study done. The total cost of the study is \$6,000. The DRA grant will be written for \$3,000 and it requires a 50% match. CEDC is asking the City to pay the match amount. It is a good idea to have this housing needs study done. It will show the City if we are lacking in having enough housing to meet the needs of people wanting to live here. It is also required to apply for some grants. Motion by Kelchen, second by Knepper to approve the grant to be written for \$3,000 and the City will provide the 50% match for the grant or \$3,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council then started reviewing the FY19 budget again. The \$20,000 amount to Cascade Economic Development was discussed and approved to keep in the budget. The Council would like to see a quarterly workshop with CEDC, ECIA and Greater Dubuque. Council was informed that more there is more sludge than was originally planned for and a hoop building or some other building will need to be constructed. Other options for a sludge storage building were also discussed. A street assessment needs to be done and streets need to be prioritized. We should be seal coating more streets to keep them from deteriorating any further. It might also be a good idea to review the gallons of water we are pumping monthly and compare that to the gallons we are billing out to see if we having any major leaks. The pool concessions will be reviewed to see if we should be charging more for our concession items.

Also, during the course of the meeting, annexation was again discussed. There were some ideas offered up by some of the new council members. This will be discussed again in the next couple of months. A copy of the updated annexation study will be given to the new members. Council was brought up to speed with the pool project.

With nothing further, Hosch moved and Kelchen seconded to adjourn at 7:40p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor