

May 22, 2017  
City Council Meeting Minutes

The May 22, 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, Kearney, Knepper and Staner answered roll call.

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

Leo Soppe addressed the City Council about the school warning signals. He drove through Epworth and Farley and didn't see any. Council members Recker and Kearney told Mr. Soppe exactly where the signs are located in Epworth. He asked why the City police are patrolling Highway 151 and that the cops speed past him to his house.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 05/08/17, Library Board minutes 05/04/17, MSA Weekly Report for WWTF Project for April 30 and May 7, and liquor license renewal for Bent Rim. Motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Behnken announced it was time to hold the public hearing on the General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement. Motion by Recker, second by Kearney to enter into the public hearing at 6:08pm. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor asked for any comments from the public. With no one speaking from the public, motion by Kearney, second by Hosch to close the public hearing at 6:09pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Council then reviewed **Resolution #42-17**, Resolution Authorizing a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement Anticipation Project Note in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$700,000. Motion by Kearney, second by Recker to approve **Resolution #42-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Behnken announced it was time to hold the public hearing on the FY17 Budget Amendment. Motion by Hosch, second by Staner to enter into public hearing at 6:10pm. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor asked if there were any comments from the public. With no comments, motion by Recker, second by Kearney to close the public hearing at 6:11pm. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #41-17**, Adopting the City of Cascade's FY17 Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year that Begins July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017. Motion by Knepper, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #41-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #38-17**, Resolution Adopting a Business Incentive Program by the City of Cascade, Iowa. The business incentive program had been reviewed at the previous meeting. The program is for any new business or any existing business making substantial expansions to their business. To be eligible the business must be zoned M-1 or M-2 and be located in or near the Industrial Park and along Industrial Street. The business must agree to start with 5 employees and add 5 more jobs over the next 3 years and maintain those jobs for 2 years. The business has to commit to stay in Cascade for a minimum of 5 years. The incentive consists of \$10,000 per \$100,000 of assessed value to be given over 5 years. After a lengthy discussion on this, including that the lots in the Industrial Park should be given away, are we being competitive with this incentive, and maybe we should amend our current TIF rebate process. Motion by Recker, second by Kearney to approve **Resolution #38—17**. Motion carries 3-2, with Hosch and Knepper voting No.

Council again reviewed purchasing garbage receptacles for the downtown district. The ones being considered would be purchased from Iowa Prison Industries for \$474.00 each and we would need 4 of them. It was

discussed placing a barrier between the sidewalk and the receptacle. Motion by Hosch, second by Kearney to purchase 4 garbage receptacles and liners from Iowa Prison. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the idea of adding a storm water fee to utility bills. The funds generated from this would pay for any improvements needed for the storm water system. This includes manholes, waterways, etc. The fee would be as little as \$3.00 per residential customer and the commercial and industrial would be based on the impervious area at each business. After some discussion, it was decided to wait on this with the sewer rates increasing this month for the final time.

Council discussed changes to Lincoln Street NE during the construction on Johnson Street. The street will be 2 way instead of 1 way to the North and no parking on the street. Also, some parking spots will be restricted on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W to allow for semis to enter and exit Lincoln Street. Motion by Kearney, second by Hosch to approve the changes to Lincoln Street, have Horsfield Construction place a truck traffic sign and revisit with Dick Koppes about taking his trailers out of town for a short time. Motion passes 4-1, with Staner voting no.

Council received a report from the City Administrator. The City Administrator's report included information that the pool committee is planning on presenting their information and recommendation to the Council on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The repair to the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Bridge will begin the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The pool will be opening Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for the season. Construction on Johnson Street (Highway 136) will begin May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Knepper seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25p.m. Motion carried.