

November 26, 2018  
City Council Meeting Minutes

The November 26, 2018 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 11/12/18, Joint City Council & Cascade Municipal Utility Board minutes 11/14/18, Library Board minutes 11/8/18, Planning & Zoning minutes 11/13/18, Personnel Committee minutes 11/13/18 and Garfield Street SW and Dillon Street SE Weekly Updates from November 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

It is the time of year to renew the insurance policy for the City employees. Susie Pickney from Mark Becker & Associates was present to discuss the information with the Council. This year's premium is increasing 21.20%. The City is not mandated yet to switch to an Affordable Care Act plan, which is good since these plans are more expensive yet. Over the past 15 years, the City has seen an average of 6.06% annual increase. Last year there was a 3.02% decrease in premiums. The City employees would also like to take advantage of group premiums for vision insurance. The employees will pay 100% of the premium for the vision insurance. The personnel committee met to discuss this information and they would recommend to renew with the current plan. Motion Kelchen, second by Rausch to renew with the current health insurance plan and to add vision insurance with the employees paying 100% of the vision premium. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the *1<sup>st</sup> Reading* of **Ordinance #10-18**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 69.12 Parking Limited During School Hours. This ordinance will reflect the changes that have previously happened with the parking near the school but will update the Code. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve the *1<sup>st</sup> Reading* of **Ordinance #10-18**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mike Gehl and Rick Kerper, members of the Planning & Zoning Commission are up for reappointment. They both have agreed to serve another 3 years on the commission. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to reappoint Mike Gehl and Rick Kerper to another 3-year term on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Administrator submitted the preapplication for the Community Catalyst Building Remediation grant for Cheryl's Flour Garden since they have experienced some unforeseen problems and added expenses with their building renovation. The State has asked for the City to submit a final formal application. The City Council has done this for another downtown building owner. The grant will ask for \$100,000 and is reimbursable. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to submit the final formal grant application for Cheryl's Flour Garden. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. Fred informed the Council that Josh stopped on his way home from Des Moines and assisted a stopped driver who had a flat tire. Again, showing us, we made the right decision in hiring him. The driver of the car sent a nice letter and a donation to the police department. Included in the City Administrator's report is information on the deposition on the lawsuit between Delaney and City is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> in Waterloo. The Army Corps conducted their annual levee inspection and the river bank erosion was discussed. The City should qualify for a cost share to get this repaired. The Council will be updated when information is received. Josh graduates from the Police Academy on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Fred and the City Administrator and City Clerk will be attending. The Wave of the Future received the Jones County Foundation for \$10,000. The awards presentation is December

3<sup>rd</sup> in Anamosa. The City Administrator and a couple other people from the committee will be attending. Two of the downtown garbage receptacles have been returned following getting sandblasted and repainted. The other two are getting fixed currently. The traffic warning signals are up.

In other business, the type of building for the bathhouse was discussed. This will be discussed in more detail with the contractors. With the addition of the bakery and coffee shop and if a new business goes into the bank building it might be a good idea to make some repairs to the lower parking lot and to the parking lot behind Callahan Insurance.

With no other business, Rausch moved and Kelchen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:32p.m. Motion carried.