

September 25, 2017
City Council Meeting Minutes

The September 25, 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 and Staner answered roll call. Recker was absent.

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

There were no speakers.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 09/11/17, Library Board minutes 09/07/17, Unapproved Cascade Municipal Utilities Board minutes 09/14/17, 2017 Annual Financial Report and Hometown Pride Committee minutes 09/18/17. Motion by Staner, second by Knepper to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council had published a notice to appoint to fill a vacancy and indicated at this meeting a new council member would be appointed. Following the last meeting, Council was requesting a one page written document from anyone interested in being appointed. Only one person who was interested in the appointment at the last meeting submitted a written document. Andy Kelchen did submit a written document indicating his interest in being appointed. Motion by Staner, second by Hosch to appoint Andy Kelchen to fill the vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #84-17**, A Resolution Appointing a Citizen to the Cascade City Council to Fill the Un-Expired Elected Term of Pat Kearney. Motion by Staner, second by Knepper to approve **Resolution #84-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The oath of office was then given to Andy Kelchen by Mayor Behnken and Andy Kelchen took his seat at the council table.

It was then time for the public hearing concerning the purchase agreement between the City of Cascade and Medical Associates/Mercy Family Care Network, L.L.C. Motion by Knepper, second by Staner to open the public hearing at 6:12pm. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor gave a brief overview of what this is all about. Mercy Family wants to expand their parking lot and they need more land to do so. The City is looking to vacate and sell to them part of our ROW along Buchanan St. SW. Mercy has also acquired some land further to the East. There were no comments from the public. Motion by Staner, second by Hosch to close the public hearing at 6:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #89-17**, A Resolution Approving a Real Estate Purchase Agreement Between the City of Cascade and Medical Associates/Mercy Family Care Network, L.L.C. Motion by Hosch, second by Staner to approve **Resolution #89-17**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Jeff Boge and Scott Casey were present from the Basketball Hall League to discuss purchasing a new scoreboard for the gym. The Basketball hall League is willing to donate half for the scoreboard. They have talked with Luke Kleitsch to install the board and run electric wires to the board. Luke will donate his labor for the project. The Basketball Hall League had first gone to the Park Board and they agreed with splitting the cost 50-50. The new scoreboard will cost \$2,880. Motion by Staner, second by Knepper to approve splitting the cost of the scoreboard 50-50. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received an engineer's opinion of probable cost for Industrial Park storm sewer improvements. Jake Deaver from MSA was present to review this with council. The probable cost came in at \$17,715. Jake has contacted a few contractors about submitting a bid on this. Bids are due Wednesday, October 4th at 4:00pm. Council will review the bids and award the project at the October 9th Council meeting.

Cascade Lumber would like to install a storm sewer inlet in the driveway connecting to our storm sewer at the retail shop to help with the ponding water. There was also some discussion on cost sharing this repair since the City overlaid the highway and added to the problem. Jake Deaver estimated the cost would be around \$4,000. Motion by Knepper to allow Cascade Lumber to tie into our storm sewer, but no financing by the City. There was more discussion, since the only item on the agenda was the permission to tie into our storm sewer. Knepper then withdrew his motion. Motion by Staner, second by Knepper to approve Cascade Lumber to tie into the City's storm sewer. It must be done to the City's specifications. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the library board were present. Jake Deaver from MSA discussed a very rough estimate for expansion at the library. The addition would add 1,600 SF to the back and a little expansion to the front. The expansion would increase their size by 70%. A rough estimate was \$550,000 for the back and another \$100,000 for the front. It was suggested by Council to contact Cascade Lumber to have them do a conceptual drawing of the addition and get a better cost estimate. They could also work on how to better utilize the interior of the library and give a timeframe.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading of Ordinance #12-17*, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa. This Ordinance will allow 2nd meters and outline very specific guidelines for them. During the discussion, it was mentioned that an annual inspection should be done to make sure homeowners aren't changing the way the meters are plumbed. Motion by Staner, second by Hosch to approve the *1st Reading of Ordinance #12-17* with the addition of the annual inspection and an annual inspection fee of \$30. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussed setting the date and time for trick or treating. After a little discussion, motion by Hosch, second by Kelchen to approve setting trick or treating for Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30-7:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Felton, the new public works hire had his 90 day performance evaluation and was told he would receive a pay increase at 90 days. Motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to approve a \$.50 hourly pay increase and to come up with non-certification raise step increases for new hires. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the City Administrator. Included in the report was information on the joint City Council Utility Board meeting to be held Wednesday, October 11th at 5:15pm. At this meeting also, there will be a public forum to discuss the public measure that will be on the election ballot in November. The fall cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th. The fence by the river will get replaced this week. Danielle and I, along with the Mayor will be attending the Iowa League's Annual conference this week.

With no other business, Staner moved and Hosch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:10p.m. Motion carried.