

August 24, 2020
City Council Meeting Minutes

The August 24, 2020 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Delaney, Rausch, Hosch, Kelchen and Knepper answered roll call.

A motion was made by Rausch, second by Knepper to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No speakers addressed the Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 08/10/20 and Board of Adjustment minutes 08/18/20. Motion by Knepper, second by Kelchen to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Marty Knapp and the Boy Scouts were present to discuss the possibility of adding a canoe access north of the downtown bridge. They are hoping that when the levee project gets awarded this could be discussed with the contractor and done simultaneously. They are proposing using concrete slats for this. The levee project plans will be reviewed to see if this is the area and can discuss with the contractor once that is known.

Council reviewed **Resolution #48-20**, Resolution Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund. This is a program offered through the State with CARES funds from the Federal Government to reimburse cities for COVID related expenses. The City of Cascade will apply for reimbursement. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #48-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #05-20**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa, by Vacating Lot 1A Block 2 of Oak Hill in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This is a requirement since Mike Beck wants to change the way the street will get done, which will require approval of a new plat for this area by City Council. There will be a cul-de-sac at the west end of Beechnut Dr. Mike has agreed to make the cul-de-sac larger to meet SUDAS requirements, he is also looping the water and sewer, and putting standard curb & gutter in the street and drive over curb in just the cul-de-sac area. A cul-de-sac is preferred since Mike has received requests to have a street that ends and is not a through street. It was discussed instead of the cul-de-sac; Beechnut could continue into the area that has been designated for a park area. During the discussion, Mike's additional future plans were mentioned. There was a question concerning the storm water. The storm water from Beechnut Dr. will run down to Jack Oak and then south to an outlet. Due to some unanswered questions, motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to table until the next Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the *2nd Reading* of **Ordinance #03-20**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 55, Animal Protection and Control of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa. There was some discussion regarding the change. Additional breeds of pit bulls are being added to the Code so there is clarity with what exactly is prohibited in the City of Cascade. One change to this ordinance is that American Bull Dog will be removed and American Bully will be added. American Bull Dog is not part of the Pit Bull family. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve the *2nd Reading* of **Ordinance #03-20**. Motion passed 4-1 by roll call vote, with Hosch voting no.

Council reviewed **Resolution #45-20**, Resolution Deleting Property from Cascade Urban Renewal Area. This would remove two parcels from the current downtown district and add back in therefore starting the 20-year window again. This will include the corner tap and the old bank building parcels. It doesn't make fiscal sense to remove all of the parcels since we are receiving roughly \$56,000 from the district. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #45-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #04-20**, An Ordinance Deleting Property from the Tax Increment Financing District for the Cascade Urban Renewal Area of the City of Cascade, Iowa, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #04-20** until next meeting. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #46-20**, Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the Expanded Cascade Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. The public hearing will be held September 28th at 6:00pm at City Hall. Motion by Rausch, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #46-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A resident on Fillmore Street is putting in a concrete driveway to park vehicles on in the winter time and it was discovered her water shutoff didn't work. With more investigation it was found that her water service line connects to the main at 2nd Ave SE & Taylor Street SE. Additionally, it was found that the house next door has service lines that are connected to the other house's service line instead of running directly to the main. The service line and shut off is old galvanized piping, which could fail at any time. There are 3 businesses at the north end of Fillmore Street that a similar situation exists. The City could run pipe from the main at 2nd Ave & Taylor street to Fillmore Street in the ROW for these 2 homeowners to connect their service lines separately. After some discussion, motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to proceed with directional boring and placing pipe for these two properties. Motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed the possibility of refinancing our 2012A water bond. Interest rates have decreased a little since original financing. The City could lower the interest rate by 1% and we could keep our maturity date the same, but lower our payments. If we select this option it does give the City the flexibility for lower payments, but the option to set aside funds to pay off a year or two early if the budget allows. The 2nd option would allow the City to pay the bond off possibly 2 years early if we set aside \$15,300 to be payable on June 1, 2030, but our payments would remain close to what they are now. After some discussion, motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to refinance with keeping the same term of June 1, 2032, but lower payments. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the alley behind City Hall again. The pipe size is 48" RCP and we will need to place an elliptical storm sewer pipe also. We received two quotes for labor only. The City can purchase the pipe and finish the alley and Lincoln Street once the project is done. After some discussion, motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to table till we find out that this project can be done this way and a special meeting will be held Wednesday night to proceed. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The City Administrator provided a report containing information that the levee project has not yet been awarded by the Army Corps, the berm at the end of Tyler Street to channel the storm water has been done, the swings at the pool playground are installed, Innovation Lab is holding a Facebook Live event Thursday, August 27th at 4:30pm., we will be having our annual audit conducted August 27th and 28th, the crosswalks at the main intersection will be painted once we receive authorization from the DOT. Also, the City was awarded the Community Catalyst Grant for \$100,000 for the Corner Tap building since funding that was awarded to two other cities was returned and we also received \$250 from Aureon for Hoopla for the library and \$200 from Aureon for flowers for the downtown planters for the Garden Club.

With no other business, Delaney moved and Hosch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:23p.m. Motion carried.