

November 11, 2019
City Council Meeting Minutes

The November 11, 2019 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Hosch, Kelchen, Delaney, Rausch and Knepper answered roll call.

In recognition of Veterans Day, the Mayor wanted to thank all the veterans for their service in providing all of the rights we appreciate.

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

No speakers addressed the Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 10/28/19, Planning & Zoning minutes 10/24/19, Water & Sewer Committee minutes 10/29/19, Library Building Committee minutes 11/6/19, Personnel Committee minutes 11/4/19, Park Board minutes 11/4/19, Building Committee minutes 11/7/19, November claims for payment and October financial reports, fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$335,226.71, Special Revenues \$120,877.19, Debt Service \$25,569.18 and Enterprise \$103,960.05. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #58-19**, Resolution Approving Pay Application No. 4 for the Cascade Municipal Swimming Pool Project with Ricchio, Inc. in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This pay application is for \$142,861. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve **Resolution #58-19**. Motion passes unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #61-19A**, Resolution Approving Pay Application No. 2 for the Cascade Swimming Pool Project with Beck Construction, Inc. in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This pay application is for \$148,456.50. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #61-19A**. Motion passes unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed a quote from Dubuque Overhead Doors for 3 new overhead doors for the City shop. These were discussed during budget workshops last year and are in the budget. Council wants to see an additional quote. Motion by Knepper, second by Rausch to table and get additional quotes. Motion carries unanimously.

Council reviewed Health Insurance renewal quotes for City employees. The renewal on the current plan is increasing 20.24%. A very comparable plan would result in a 14.40% increase. The personnel committee met last week to review and make a recommendation to the City Council. Since the alternative plan only has a couple of changes compared to the renewal plan, they are recommending that the City Council approve that plan. The monthly premiums would be \$8,912.68 with the alternative plan compared to \$9,367.89 on the renewal of the current plan. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approval renewing with the alternative plan for health insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a recommendation from the Park Board to reappoint Daren Manternach to the board for another 5-year term. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve the reappointment of Daren Manternach to the Park Board for another 5-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #61-19**, Resolution Setting a Date of Meeting to Approve Development Agreement with Premium Plant Services, Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments. The public hearing will be Monday, November 25th at 6:00pm. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #61-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #15-19**, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa by Amending Provisions Concerning Private Wells. There was an underground diesel tank removed near the school and annually there are monitoring wells that have to be tested. With the passage of this ordinance, the site would go from “low risk” to “no action required” and the school wouldn’t have the annual fees. The annual fee to the school is close to \$2,000. There is still some confusion about this ordinance compared to our current code that states anyone in the city limits must connect to the city water system and no private wells are allowed. Motion by Knepper, second by Hosch to table and see if the gentleman can come and better explain. Motion carried.

Council reviewed **Resolution #59-19**, Disbursement of annual business incentive to Smart Communications for 2020 Fiscal Year. The amount annually is \$3,981. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #59-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #60-19**, Obligating and Appropriating Urban Renewal Tax Revenue Funds for the Reimbursement of Incremental Property Taxes Which Shall Come Due in the 2021 Fiscal Year. This is necessary to certify these obligations on a TIF debt report that is due December 1. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #60-19**. Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed the three altered logos based on the original submission by Peyton Lehman. There was a lot of discussion on how each of these will look on letterhead or t-shirts or whatever may come up that we want to promote with our city logo. After a good discussion, motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the logo that provided 3 alternatives, including blue and gold and black and white. Motion carries unanimously.

Council reviewed the information regarding the Rural Innovation Lab Initiative. This initiative will provide a place in Cascade downtown where entrepreneurs can work, meet with clients and network. It will also provide area businesses a place to hold trainings or meetings. This initiative is big into technology including offering a way to hold webinars and teleconferencing. This is for a three commitment and includes a \$5,000 pledge from the City. The Cascade Economic Development Group and Chamber of Commerce are on board with doing this so the fee may be split among the groups. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve moving forward with the Rural Innovation Lab Initiative. Motion passes 4-1, with Rausch abstaining since Dupaco Credit Union is a partner with the endeavor.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #16-19**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa, by amending the Fee for Extra Garbage and Recycling Totes in the City of Cascade, Iowa. It costs households \$4.00 for an extra garbage or recycling tote. This just updates the Code. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve the *1st reading* of **Ordinance #16-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The City Administer mentioned holding a workshop with public works on Monday, November 18th at 5:30pm to discuss budget requests for the next fiscal year. Also, an update on the levee project was provided. The project is awaiting approval and once that is provided, they will seek funds to begin the design phase of the project.

Council member Kelchen mentioned about reviewing the UTV/ATV ordinance since the first 2 years are expiring and it would be nice to review both Jones and Dubuque County ordinances and make some changes to our current code. A meeting will be held prior to the budget meeting on November 18th at 4:30pm.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Rausch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:54p.m. Motion carried.