

January 25, 2021  
City Council Meeting Minutes

The January 25, 2021 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. Delaney attended via Zoom.

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

No speakers addressed the Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 01/11/21, City Council Budget Workshop minutes 01/11/21 & 01/18/21, Library Board minutes 01/05/21, Planning & Zoning minutes 01/07/21, Cascade Municipal Utilities minutes 01/13/21 and Cascade Economic Development Corporation minutes 12/16/20. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a Property Tax Reimbursement application from Beck Construction. Mr. Beck attended the meeting via the phone. Mr. Beck plans on constructing a 20,250 sq. ft. building and is asking for our normal property tax reimbursement. The estimate based on numbers today, the City would reimburse him \$89,000. Mr. Beck wants to keep the business in Cascade even though he is selling part of it to his nephew. This also opens up his existing shop to be purchased or leased to another company. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve the proposed Property Tax Reimbursement to Beck Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #05-21**, Resolution Approving a Final Plat of Survey of Oak Hill No. 15 in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This plat covers Beechnut Dr. SE. This had to be reapproved due to a numbering issue from the engineering company. Stormwater runoff was discussed. It will run to the street down to Jack Oak Dr. and then down to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE and to the culvert and down to the river. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #05-21**. Motion carried 3-2, with Hosch and Knepper voting no.

Council reviewed **Resolution #06-21**, Resolution Approving a Final Plat of Survey of Oak Hill No. 16 in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This plat covers the extension of Redwood Dr. Stormwater was discussed for this section. There is a retention pond to the East of Redwood Dr. Additionally, the stormwater will run to the street and then is piped to the retention pond. The back of some of the properties will see roof runoff exit to the back of the lots and get absorbed by the lawn. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #06-21**. Motion fails 3-2 with Hosch, Knepper and Rausch voting no. Motion by Rausch, second by Hosch to table until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the stormwater management plan that was prepared in 2004 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Council reviewed **Resolution #04-21**, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date for February 8, 2021 for a Resolution Relating to the Total Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY22. This is a requirement as part of the budget process each year. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #04-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed an updated Police Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement form. We will be sending Officer Staner to the Police Academy in March and wanted to make some minor amendments to this reimbursement form. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the updated Police Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement form. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #07-21**, Resolution Endorsing an Application for an All-Star Community Award. This is an annual contest that the Iowa League of Cities does. We would apply for our new pool project. Motion by Rausch, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #07-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed an amended Downtown Façade Renovation Reimbursement Program application and program. Some wording was removed from the program information including: vinyl siding or steel siding will be eligible and business owner. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the application and program with those two changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief informed the Council that Brad Staner started last week and has been busy getting testing done. He is signed up for the Police Academy, which starts March 15. The City Administrator provided information regarding an electric assessment being done on the library by McAllister Electric. A report will be coming soon. Also, Kenny Kurt has looked at the office floor and will be coming to fix any areas that creak.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Knepper seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:35p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor