March 14, 2022

City Council Meeting Minutes

The March 14, 2022 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Delaney, Kelchen, Oliphant, Sue Knepper and Rausch answered roll call.

Motion Kelchen, second Rausch to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Mayor asked if anyone from the floor would like to address the council. S. Keyron McDerrmott wanted to discuss the City Administrator was evaluated. She stated city administrators in the past have made mistakes. McDerrmott stated the public should be able to vote every two years on whether they want to keep the city administrator. Dave Gibson from Cascade Communications spoke about the effort by Cascade Communications to assist in projects for the city including the mural. Cascade Communications assists in broadband for the city offices and the pool as well as donate time and resources to other city projects. Council person Delaney stated they were of great help fixing the local access broadcast. Council person Kelchen wanted to acknowledge their help with the Mural.

No further comments.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council Minutes 2/28/22, Library Board Minutes 3/1/22, Park Board Minutes 3/7/22, CMU board minutes 3/9/22, March Claims, Cascade Columbus Club Liquor License Renewal, Reappoint Greg VanderLugt to the Municipal Utilities Board, February 2022 reports, fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: Gen $46204.55, Spec Rev 44,984.48, Debt Svc 923.17, Water & Sewer 81,646.30. Motion Oliphant, Second Delaney. All aye.

Council reviewed **Resolution #11-22**, Resolution awarding the Buchanan St. NW Alley Project. Jake Deaver from MSA Consulting updated the council on the bid process and recommended to award to the lowest bidder, Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete for $146,901.20. Motion Delaney, second Oliphant to approve **Resolution #11-22**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #12-22**, Resolution to amend the contract with MSA for the Buchanan St. Reconstruction Project. Deaver stated the contract amendment would be for construction observation and management. The cost for this amendment would be $16,500. Typically, this is what the city has done in the past for construction contracts. Motion Delaney, second Rausch to approve **Resolution #12-22.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council was presented with quotes for a new Shop Compressor for public works. Ball stated the current compressor is approximately 28 years old and while repairing it is an option, there would be no guarantee we wouldn’t have more problems with it. Motion by Kelchen, Second by Rausch to approve the purchase of a new compressor for public works from EMS Industrial for $2,600. All aye. Motion carried.

Ball presented a recommendation from the park board for new pool pass rates for this season. Ball stated the park board researched several pools in the area to come up with the new rates. Those recommended Rates are: $85-individual, $150-family, $175-family w/babysitter, and $5 individual daily pass. Council person Knepper stated she believed these were reasonable rates and were still on the low end of the other pools in the area. Rausch motion and Knepper Second to raise the pass rates to the level recommended by the Park Board. All aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Knepper asked to table the Offer of Employment for the City Administrator.

Mayor Knepper asked for the Police Report. Chief Heim stated he had nothing special to report at this time.

Mayor Knepper asked Ball for his report. Ball stated tree and stump quotes will go out to contractors this week with the hope of reporting back to the council on March 28th. There will be a Budget Hearing for the next meeting. Ball asked who will be attending the Chamber supper later this month.

With no other business, motion Kelchen, second Delaney to adjourn the meeting at 6:25p.m. Motion carried.

Chris Ball, City Administrator Steven Knepper, Mayor