

CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA & PUBLIC NOTICE
Monday, January 26, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 320 1ST AVE WEST

NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the Cascade City Council will hold a meeting at *6:00 PM on Monday, January 26, 2026 at City Hall*. Any visually or hearing-impaired person with special accessibility needs should contact the City Clerk at 563-852-3114.

Meetings are live streamed at www.cityofcascade.org and Facebook Live

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approve Agenda**
- 5. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes per person-Agenda Items and Local Government Issues)**
- 6. Consent Agenda – Review and approve the following:**
 - 1. City Council Minutes 1/12/26**
 - 2. FEH Design 11 Month Post-Occupancy Library Walk Through 1/12/26**
 - 3. Cascade Public Library Minutes 1/12/26**
 - 4. Cascade Economic Development Corporation Minutes 12/17/25**
 - 5. VISA Invoice \$2,153.14**
 - 6. January 26, 2026 Claims**
- 7. Hayes St SW Reconstruction Sidewalk Discussion**
- 8. BerganKDV to Present FY25 Audit Report**
- 9. Consideration to Approve Resolution #04-26 – Resolution Accepting BerganKDV's Financial Audit of the City of Cascade's 2025 Fiscal Year Which Began July 1, 2024 and Ended June 30, 2025**
- 10. Consideration to Approve Resolution #03-26 – Resolution Amending EMS Volunteer Stipends Beginning February 1, 2026 for the City of Cascade, Iowa**
- 11. Discussion to Allow St. Aquinas Food Pantry to Relocate Temporarily to the Old Library During Their Construction**
- 12. Discussion on the Request From CEDC and Allocated Funds in FY26 (tabled)**
- 13. Reports – Police Chief and City Administrator**
- 14. FY27 Budget Workshop – Police, Fire, EMS and Library Present Budget Requests**
- 15. Adjournment**

January 12, 2026
City Council Meeting Minutes

The January 12, 2026 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Steve Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Delaney, Gehl, Hosch, Weber, and Recker answered roll call.

Motion Hosch, second Weber to approve the agenda. Five Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Weber, second Delaney to approve the consent agenda items: City Council Minutes 12/15/25, Cascade Park Board Minutes 1/05/26, Cascade Public Library Minutes 1/06/26, Cascade Economic Development Corporation Minutes 11/19/25, Liquor License for The Corner Taproom DBA Fern & Folio/The Cave, Liquor License Renewal for Dollar General, January 12, 2026 Claims. Five Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Hosch, second Gehl to move Agenda Item 8 Before Agenda Item 7.

Mayor Steve Knepper proclaimed January as National Modern-Day Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, at the request of Sr. Mary Lechtenberg, OSF, from Dubuque, Iowa.

Jake Deaver from MSA presented to council regarding 3rd Ave SW & Hayes St SW Reconstruction Project.

Motion Delaney, second Hosch to approve Resolution #01-26 – Resolution Approving Annual Appointments for the City of Cascade, Iowa For the Calendar Year of 2026. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Weber to approve Resolution #02-26 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Cascade, Iowa Designating the Cascade Pioneer as the City's Official Newspaper with the Dubuque Telegraph Herald as the Official Alternate Newspaper for the Term January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 for Publication as Required by Law Of Ordinances and Official Notices. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Delaney, second Gehl to approve Ordinance #05-25 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa By Amending Title VI Physical Environment, Chapter 5 Utilities – Billing Charges, Section 8 Water Rates of Service (Third and Final Reading). Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Hosch, second Weber to approve Ordinance #06-25 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa By Amending Title VI Physical Environment, Chapter 5 Utilities – Billing Charges, Section 11 Rate of Sewer Rent and Manner of Payment (Third and Final Reading). Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police Chief and City Administrator provided updates to council and staff.

Motion Hosch, second Weber to adjourn at 6:40pm. All Ayes.



CASCADE PUBLIC LIBRARY WARRANTY ITEMS

DATE	12 January 2026
DESCRIPTION	11 Month Post-Occupancy Walk Through
PROJECT NAME	Cascade Public Library
FEH PROJECT NUMBER	20213102
PROJECT ADDRESS	108 Second Ave SW Cascade, IA
THOSE PRESENT	Christy Monk - FEH Design Melissa Kane - Cascade Public Library Director Deanna McCusker - City of Cascade Administrator Steve Knepper - City of Cascade Mayor Monica Recker - Construction Committee Cascade Library Board - Mitch, Tom, Kathryn Michael Svatosch - Garling Construction
COMPANY	Garling Construction, Inc.
ATTENTION	Michael Svatosch
ADDRESS	5607 4th Street Ct SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

COMMENTS

Below is a list of post-occupancy warranty items documented within the one-year warranty period that the general contractor is responsible for resolving:

Location	Description with Photo (if taken)
General	The book drop approach for vehicles is an issue. Patrons need to exit vehicle to use the book drops. This will require further investigation into a solution with the Civil Engineer. There are various locations of wall patching around the building that were not final painted.
Main Level Room	
Vestibule 100	Drywall is cracking in the corners of the vestibule and in the corners of the recessed, exterior door and window openings. Corner beads are popping at exterior wall openings.





Corridor 101	<p>The display case glass has separated such that the joint between the two panes is almost 1-inch wide.</p> <p>The glass is scratched near the top track.</p>	
Meeting Room 102	<p>Temperatures are unpredictable and difficult to control in Meeting Room 102. Additional balancing may be required. The room is cold & humid in the summer.</p> <p>Corner bead pops at windows, cracking at windowsills.</p>	
Restroom 104	<p>The north wall, above the vanity, appears to have a different paint sheen.</p>	
Corridor 107	<p>Water intrusion was visible under the threshold of door 107.1 during temperature changes</p>	
Work Area 111	<p>Workroom cabinet door fell off south of sink base cabinet.</p>	

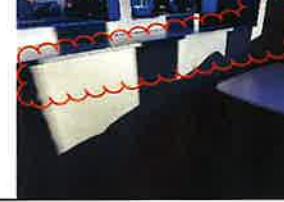


	<p>Undercabinet light fixture flickers on west wall (second fixture from north)</p>	
Director Office 113	<p>Paint in need of touch ups.</p>	
	<p>Visible screw pops at window</p>	
Tech 114	<p>Crack in wall above monitor, at ceiling.</p>	
	<p>Corner bead is popping off wall at ceiling above coffee area</p>	
Study 115	<p>Temperatures are unpredictable and difficult to control (especially with the doors shut) in Meeting Room 102, Study 115 and Study 116. Additional balancing may be required.</p>	
Study 116	<p>Temperatures are unpredictable and difficult to control (especially with the doors shut) in Meeting Room 102, Study 115 and Study 116. Additional balancing may be required.</p>	



Teen 118	Touch up needed at paint at window	
Sitting Area 119	Inactive lighting control at column at gridline 7-E.	
	Patching needed at ceiling at fireplace	
	Exterior door has corner bead pop.	



Adult 120	Paint touch up needed at south window	
Adult Tower Seating 121	Smudging of blue paint on east window. Corner Bead pops at jamb and sill of window.	 
Children's 123	Exterior door jamb wall joint is cracking. Light Fixture is missing a support.	 



Restroom 124	Corner bead pop at ceiling.	
New Arrivals 125	Window jamb needs paint touch up	

WRITTEN BY

Christy Monk

ATTACHMENTS

None

Cascade Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2026 (3:00pm)

Cascade Public Library Conference Room

108 2nd Avenue SW, Cascade Iowa

Present: Kane, Knief, Balster, Gleason, Funke

1. Call to Order: Balster called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda: Gleason motioned to approve the agenda. Knief seconded. All approved.
3. Building Walk Through: The final walk through of the building was completed.
4. Adjournment: Funke moved to adjourn, Knief seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Bret Funke, Cascade Public Library Board Secretary

MINUTES – CASCADE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

DATE: December 17, 2025

TIME: 12:00 P.M.

PLACE: Cascade Library

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken McDermott, Nick Callahan, Bill Hosch, Pat Recker, Nicki Leytem, Chris Summeral, Ben McCarthy, Jim Conlin,

STAFF PRESENT: Holly McPherson

OTHERS PRESENT: Christie Remley

CALL TO ORDER

President McDermott called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Callahan, second by Leytem to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2025, meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Recker discussed the treasurers report.

Outstanding bills:

- ECIA Contract payment in the amount of \$1,666 and Prosperity Eastern Iowa annual dues \$365.58.
- Make a payment of \$298.74 to Drake Law Firm for attorney fees.
- Make a payment in the amount of \$600 for Chamber dues.

Motion by Conlin, second by Leytem to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

GDDC UPDATE

Not present

JONES COUNTY ED UPDATE

Deanna McCusker will be appointed from the City to the Jones County ED board.

CHAMBER UPDATE/REPORT

No update.

MAQUOKETA VALLEY REC

Wrapping up projects before the weather turns cold. Also, looking for an energy advisor as a position is open as the result of a retirement.

SCHOOL UPDATE/REPORT

Not present.

CITY UPDATE/REPORT

McDermott indicated that he has been in contact with Deanna at the City regarding Adam from Simple Mining contacting him about the City of Cascade's attorney contacting him regarding the development agreement between Simple Minding and CEDC. McDermott indicated that parts of the development agreement will be public, however, some parts of it will be redacted for confidentiality reasons.

Hosch indicated that the city is currently working on the budget and staff are working on a software conversion.

WEBSITE DISCUSSION

No new update

ECIA UPDATE/REPORT

ECIA finished up the business calls for the year and will provide a report at an upcoming meeting.

AVAILABLE LAND & BUILDINGS

Conlin talked to a property owner regarding additional industrial land. Discussion on if the property was in the flood plain or not. Conlin and Ludwig will be meeting with the landowner.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Conlin, second by McCarthy to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Callahan, Secretary

Visa Bill

Dec-25

Library

001-4100-6512	\$33.50	Edible Xmas Trees - Friday Morning Story Time
001-4100-6511	\$35.87	VHS Cases to hold new hotspots
001-6200-6230	\$140.00	MLA Training - Recker
001-6200-6506	\$88.00	NESC Code Book (CMU reimbursed)
001-6200-6506	\$72.75	2025 W2 Forms
001-6200-6508	\$488.50	Stamped Envelopes
110-2500-6350	\$75.20	Snowblower Parts
610-8150-6310	\$1,084.35	Gas Furnace Sewer Plant
110-2500-6507	\$134.97	Mailboxes
	\$2,153.14	



Cascade, IA

Expense Approval Report

By Vendor Name

Post Dates 1/27/2026 - 1/27/2026

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
Vendor: 0000000772 - ACCESS GRANTED SYSTEMS					
ACCESS GRANTED SYSTEMS	6312	01/27/2026	AGS Subscription	001-4600-6507	410.00
			Vendor 0000000772 - ACCESS GRANTED SYSTEMS Total:		410.00
Vendor: 0000000087 - ACCESS SYSTEMS					
ACCESS SYSTEMS	5036523967	01/27/2026	Nov 25 Dec 25 Copy Machine ...	001-4100-6490	307.27
			Vendor 0000000087 - ACCESS SYSTEMS Total:		307.27
Vendor: 0000000410 - AIRGAS USA LLC					
AIRGAS USA LLC	9168355048	01/27/2026	Oxygen	001-1600-6507	432.32
			Vendor 0000000410 - AIRGAS USA LLC Total:		432.32
Vendor: 0000000727 - AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING					
AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING	48472	01/27/2026	Internet Renewal 2026-2027	001-6200-6419	495.00
			Vendor 0000000727 - AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING Total:		495.00
Vendor: 0000000019 - AT&T					
AT&T	2181007911	01/27/2026	AT&T Phone Charges	001-1100-6373	1.38
AT&T	2181007911	01/27/2026	AT&T Phone Charges	001-1500-6373	0.81
AT&T	2181007911	01/27/2026	AT&T Phone Charges	001-6500-6373	17.81
AT&T	2181007911	01/27/2026	AT&T Phone Charges	610-8150-6373	0.81
AT&T	287362502982x01082026	01/27/2026	New Hotspots	001-4100-6373	350.10
			Vendor 0000000019 - AT&T Total:		370.91
Vendor: 0000000470 - BFI WASTE SERVICES LLC					
BFI WASTE SERVICES LLC	0897-001074647	01/27/2026	Monthly Republic Services	001-2900-6499	26,627.56
BFI WASTE SERVICES LLC	0897-001074647	01/27/2026	Monthly Republic Services	001-2900-6499	28,212.28
			Vendor 0000000470 - BFI WASTE SERVICES LLC Total:		54,839.84
Vendor: 0000000020 - CASCADE PIONEER					
CASCADE PIONEER	122569706	01/27/2026	Publication fees	001-6200-6402	163.76
			Vendor 0000000020 - CASCADE PIONEER Total:		163.76
Vendor: 0000000380 - CINTAS CORPORATION					
CINTAS CORPORATION	5312572505	01/27/2026	Servicing	001-2100-6507	7.53
CINTAS CORPORATION	5312572505	01/27/2026	Servicing	001-6500-6507	7.53
CINTAS CORPORATION	5312572505	01/27/2026	Servicing	610-8150-6507	7.53
			Vendor 0000000380 - CINTAS CORPORATION Total:		22.59
Vendor: 0000000230 - CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES					
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES	308747	01/27/2026	Random Select G. Schmidt	001-2100-6490	55.00
			Vendor 0000000230 - CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES Total:		55.00
Vendor: 0000000112 - CLH REPAIR					
CLH REPAIR	9480	01/27/2026	Dumptruck	110-2100-6350	2.31
CLH REPAIR	9480	01/27/2026	Dumptruck	110-2100-6350	314.96
CLH REPAIR	9480	01/27/2026	Dumptruck	110-2500-6350	2.58
CLH REPAIR	9480	01/27/2026	Dumptruck	110-2500-6350	15.95
CLH REPAIR	9480	01/27/2026	Dumptruck	110-2500-6350	30.80
CLH REPAIR	9480	01/27/2026	Dumptruck	110-2500-6350	173.69
			Vendor 0000000112 - CLH REPAIR Total:		540.29
Vendor: 0000000301 - COMELEC SERVICES INC					
COMELEC SERVICES INC	2127	01/27/2026	New Library Camera Install	001-4100-6310	1,343.01
			Vendor 0000000301 - COMELEC SERVICES INC Total:		1,343.01
Vendor: 0000000698 - FIRST NET-AT&T MOBILITY					
FIRST NET-AT&T MOBILITY	287309338483x12272025	01/27/2026	January 2025	001-1100-6373	150.60
FIRST NET-AT&T MOBILITY	287309338483x12272025	01/27/2026	January 2025	001-1600-6373	147.59
FIRST NET-AT&T MOBILITY	287309338483x12272025	01/27/2026	January 2025	001-2100-6373	65.54
FIRST NET-AT&T MOBILITY	287309338483x12272025	01/27/2026	January 2025	600-8100-6373	65.54

Expense Approval Report

Post Dates: 1/27/2026 - 1/27/2026

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
FIRST NET-AT&T MOBILITY	287309338483x12272025	01/27/2026	January 2025	610-8150-6373	65.54
			Vendor 0000000698 - FIRST NET-AT&T MOBILITY Total:		494.81
Vendor: 0000000235 - GLOBAL ONE MANUFACTURING					
GLOBAL ONE MANUFACTURI...	8231	01/27/2026	Shop Parts	001-2100-6507	10.27
			Vendor 0000000235 - GLOBAL ONE MANUFACTURING Total:		10.27
Vendor: 0000000155 - HAWKINS INC					
HAWKINS INC	7256593	01/27/2026	Chlorine Cylinders	600-8100-6507	30.00
HAWKINS INC	7307273	01/27/2026	Chlorine Cylinders	600-8100-6507	20.00
HAWKINS INC	7307904	01/27/2026	Chlorine Cylinders	600-8100-6507	40.00
HAWKINS INC	7314149	01/27/2026	Chlorine Cylinders	600-8100-6507	705.98
			Vendor 0000000155 - HAWKINS INC Total:		795.98
Vendor: 0000000404 - LINK HYDRAULIC INC					
LINK HYDRAULIC INC	LH-26236	01/27/2026	Dumptruck - Winter	110-2500-6350	405.33
LINK HYDRAULIC INC	LH-26379	01/27/2026	Dumptruck - Winter	110-2500-6350	397.08
			Vendor 0000000404 - LINK HYDRAULIC INC Total:		802.41
Vendor: 0000000384 - LYNCH DALLAS P.C.					
LYNCH DALLAS P.C.	226494	01/27/2026	Legal Correspondence	001-6400-6411	160.00
LYNCH DALLAS P.C.	226495	01/27/2026	Legal Correspondence	001-6400-6411	160.00
			Vendor 0000000384 - LYNCH DALLAS P.C. Total:		320.00
Vendor: 0000000179 - MAQUOKETA VALLEY COOP					
MAQUOKETA VALLEY COOP	01082026	01/27/2026	Street Lights	110-2300-6376	165.95
MAQUOKETA VALLEY COOP	010826	01/27/2026	Hwy 151 & Reiter Rd	110-2300-6376	42.25
MAQUOKETA VALLEY COOP	Jan82026	01/27/2026	Oak Hill Park Lights	001-4300-6507	43.90
			Vendor 0000000179 - MAQUOKETA VALLEY COOP Total:		252.10
Vendor: 0010 - Mark Faust					
Mark Faust	Refund	01/27/2026	Meeting Refund	001-9500-4120	200.00
			Vendor 0010 - Mark Faust Total:		200.00
Vendor: 000000044 - MARTIN EQUIPMENT					
MARTIN EQUIPMENT	948072	01/27/2026	Cutting Edge - Snow	110-2500-6350	465.00
			Vendor 000000044 - MARTIN EQUIPMENT Total:		465.00
Vendor: 0000000246 - MERCY FAMILY PHARMACY					
MERCY FAMILY PHARMACY	01012026	01/27/2026	GNP Tue Metrix, EPINEPHRINE	001-1600-6507	608.89
			Vendor 0000000246 - MERCY FAMILY PHARMACY Total:		608.89
Vendor: 0000000496 - MICHAEL DELANEY					
MICHAEL DELANEY	3780	01/27/2026	Recker Laptop, Virus Protecti...	001-1100-6490	143.10
MICHAEL DELANEY	3780	01/27/2026	Recker Laptop, Virus Protecti...	001-4100-6490	533.10
MICHAEL DELANEY	3780	01/27/2026	Recker Laptop, Virus Protecti...	001-6500-6490	505.60
			Vendor 0000000496 - MICHAEL DELANEY Total:		1,181.80
Vendor: 0000000777 - STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY					
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	313796	01/27/2026	coliform e.coli	600-8100-6490	31.00
			Vendor 0000000777 - STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY Total:		31.00
Vendor: 0000000183 - TYLER TECHNOLOGIES					
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	025-539907	01/27/2026	Software Conversion	001-6200-6419	3,240.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	025-540303	01/27/2026	Software Conversion	001-6200-6419	1,860.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	025-540832	01/27/2026	Software Conversion	001-6200-6419	300.00
			Vendor 0000000183 - TYLER TECHNOLOGIES Total:		5,400.00
Vendor: 0000000742 - UNITYPOINT HEALTH					
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	2020IN7332	01/27/2026	EMS Drug Boxes	001-1600-6507	125.00
			Vendor 0000000742 - UNITYPOINT HEALTH Total:		125.00
Vendor: 0000000279 - USA BLUE BOOK					
USA BLUE BOOK	INV00914805	01/27/2026	Water Supplies	600-8100-6507	1,750.94
USA BLUE BOOK	INV00914805	01/27/2026	Sewer Supplies	610-8150-6507	308.35
			Vendor 0000000279 - USA BLUE BOOK Total:		2,059.29
			Grand Total:		71,726.54

Report Summary**Fund Summary**

Fund	Expense Amount
001 - GENERAL	66,684.95
110 - ROAD USE TAX	2,015.90
600 - WATER	2,643.46
610 - SEWER	382.23
Grand Total:	71,726.54

Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount
001-1100-6373	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	151.98
001-1100-6490	PROFESSIONAL FEES	143.10
001-1500-6373	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	0.81
001-1600-6373	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	147.59
001-1600-6507	OPER SUPPLIES/MATERI...	1,166.21
001-2100-6373	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	65.54
001-2100-6490	PROFESSIONAL FEES	55.00
001-2100-6507	OPERATING SUPPLIES	17.80
001-2900-6499	GARBAGE/RECYCLING F...	54,839.84
001-4100-6310	BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT	1,343.01
001-4100-6373	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	350.10
001-4100-6490	PROFESSIONAL FEES	840.37
001-4300-6507	MISC OPERATING SUPPL...	43.90
001-4600-6507	MISC OPERATING SUPPL...	410.00
001-6200-6402	ADVERTISING AND PUBL...	163.76
001-6200-6419	SOFTWARE	5,895.00
001-6400-6411	LEGAL FEES	320.00
001-6500-6373	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	17.81
001-6500-6490	PROFESSIONAL FEES	505.60
001-6500-6507	OPER SUPPLIES/MATERI...	7.53
001-9500-4120	BUILDING PERMITS & Z...	200.00
110-2100-6350	REPAIR & MAINT EQUIP...	317.27
110-2300-6376	STREET LIGHTING	208.20
110-2500-6350	REPAIR & MAINT EQUIP	1,490.43
600-8100-6373	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	65.54
600-8100-6490	PROFESSIONAL FEES	31.00
600-8100-6507	OPER SUPPLIES/MATERI...	2,546.92
610-8150-6373	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	66.35
610-8150-6507	OPER SUPPLIES/MATERI...	315.88
Grand Total:	71,726.54	

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Expense Amount
None	71,726.54
Grand Total:	71,726.54



January 26, 2026 Agenda

Date: January 22, 2026
To: Mayor, City Council and Staff
RE: Hayes St SW Sidewalks
From: Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

A meeting with the property owners affected by the sidewalks along the planned construction along Hayes Street SW was held Wednesday, January 21st at 5pm at City Hall. Jake Deaver, engineer for MSA and the City Administrator conducted the meeting.

There are seven properties that have sidewalks that are impacted by the project. Six of the property owners attended the meeting. Jake Deaver explained that half of the existing sidewalk is on private property and the other half in the ROW. He went through the options for putting the sidewalks back in:

- Property owners sign a permanent easement.
- Property owners sell 2' of property to the City for ROW
- Sidewalk doesn't get replaced during the project.

At the end of the meeting, it was the consensus of the property owners that they do NOT want the sidewalk replaced once it is removed.

The property owners are encouraged to attend the council meeting on Monday for the continued discussion with council members.

Council will need to consider the property owner's decision when making their final decision. If Council elects to not replace the sidewalk, we are not directly setting precedence since this is a very unique situation.



January 26, 2026 Agenda

Date: January 22, 2026
To: Mayor, City Council and Staff
RE: Audit Acceptance
From: Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

While we were going through our software GO LIVE week in November, we also had our annual audit completed. On Tuesday, January 20th we had our phone call meeting to discuss the audit results. Overall, the FY25 audit was a very good audit with only 2 findings; one of which will always be included in our audit report, Lack of Segregation of Duties. The other one was Questionable Disbursement which was related to the amount of vacation that was paid out for a former employee. This remained questionable since neither Samie, nor I was here when certain vacation hours were approved to be kept and not lost.

The auditors will be attending the meeting virtually and will briefly go over the audit report. If Council accepts the audit as presented, there is Resolution #04-26 to approve formally accepting the audit.

RESOLUTION #04-26

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BERGANKDV'S FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE CITY
OF CASCADE'S 2025 FISCAL YEAR WHICH BEGAN JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDED
JUNE 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, Chapter 11 of the Iowa Code requires the examination of the financial condition and transaction of all cities by a Certified Public Accountant in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, Government Auditing Standards, and applicable Federal Requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Cascade has contracted with BerganKDV, 220 Park Ave S., St. Cloud, MN 56301 to perform the required financial audit; and,

WHEREAS, BerganKDV has completed its financial audit of the City of Cascade's 2025 fiscal year, which began July 1, 2024 and ended June 30, 2025 to the above cited standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Cascade, Iowa, that the BerganKDV financial audit of the City of Cascade's 2025 fiscal year is hereby accepted.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2026.

Steve Knepper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Samie Simon, City Clerk



January 26, 2026 Agenda

Date: January 22, 2026
To: Mayor, City Council and Staff
RE: EMS Volunteer Stipend Update
From: Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Back on March 25, 2024, Council approved Resolution #03-26 authorizing hourly compensation EMS members when responding to calls for service. It was set at \$19 per hour for drivers, \$22 per hour for EMT's and \$25 per hour for an RN or Paramedic. Nothing was established by Council for EMT students who go on calls for training purposes to complete their EMT or Paramedic certification.

The EMT Director and I discussed this and feel that \$10 per hour for students is fair and adequate.

If Council is agreeable to amend the pay structure for the EMS service to include a \$10 per hour compensation for students, Resolution #03-26 would need to be approved.

RESOLUTION #03-26

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING EMS VOLUNTEER STIPENDS BEGINNING
FEBRUARY 1, 2026 FOR THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA**

WHEREAS, City Council approved EMS to receive an hourly compensation when responding to calls for service by approving Resolution #33-24 on March 25, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the compensation is paid quarterly and includes \$19 per hour for drivers, \$22 per hour for EMTs and \$25 per hour for RN or Paramedics; and,

WHEREAS, there are those individuals who are currently enrolled in an EMT course and getting hands-on experience by going on calls and currently there is no specific stipend provided for these individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Cascade, Iowa, approves the allocation for current EMT students to receive a stipend of \$10 per hour when responding to calls beginning February 1, 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2026.

Steve Knepper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Samie Simon, City Clerk



January 26, 2026 Agenda

Date: January 22, 2026
To: Mayor, City Council and Staff
RE: Food Pantry Temporary Location
From: Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

The church office is remodeling their basement for the food pantry. They need a place for the food pantry for the month of February while construction is occurring. They reached out about the possibility of using the old library for that month. The space is not being used currently and it is located downtown so prime location.

I did ask if they could add us to their insurance for a month or until the remodel is done as an additional insured. They will use the shelving that is still at the library and bring tables.

If council is agreeable with the food pantry using the old library for a month or so, a motion and 2nd would just need to be made.



November 10, 2025 Agenda

Date: November 7, 2025

To: Mayor, City Council and Staff

RE: Request from CEDC for their annual \$20,000 contribution

From: Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

In the FY26 budget, \$20,000 is budgeted to be given to CEDC. Since they sold real estate in the Industrial Park, they would like to request that the \$20,000 be reallocated to the fundraising efforts of the pickleball courts project in Oak Hill.

The pickleball courts project is a great amenity in Cascade and they are working hard to secure the final dollars for the shade pavilion at the courts. This \$20,000 would complete the money needed.

Council needs to decide if they are agreeable to this reallocation of budgeted dollars.



October 14, 2025

City of Cascade
Attn: Deanna McCusker
320 1st Ave W
PO Box 400
Cascade, IA 52033

RE: City Funds Budgeted for Cascade Economic Development Corporation

I'm writing to follow up on the email I sent on September 30, 2025, on behalf of the Cascade Economic Development Corporation (CEDC).

First and foremost, I'd like to extend our sincere appreciation to the City for its continued partnership and financial support of the CEDC. We are especially grateful for the \$20,000 contribution approved earlier this year, which reflects the City's commitment to economic development and community growth.

In light of the recent progress made by the CEDC regarding the sale of real estate in the Industrial Park, we would like to respectfully request that the \$20,000 contribution budgeted for the CEDC this year be reallocated to support the group that has led the fundraising efforts for the pickleball courts at Oak Hill Park for them to use toward the construction of a shelter and/or pavilion near the courts as well as any other expenses that they may have for their project to add these pickleball courts and improvements.

Additionally, we kindly ask that the City continue to include the \$20,000 contribution to the CEDC as a line item in its annual budget moving forward. The CEDC is pleased to be in a position to support this exciting community project and remains committed to working collaboratively with the City to enhance public spaces and promote economic development in Cascade in the future.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this request. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with the City.

Sincerely,

Ken McDermott, CEDC President

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President
Cascade Economic Development Corp.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
1/26/26 City Council Meeting

- Submitted the annual gaming report for the Fire Department raffle
- Our audit report will be available at the January 26th meeting. The auditors will be presenting the audit report to Council that night virtually.
- On January 12th the 11 month walk through was held at the Library at 3pm. The notes from that meeting are included in the packet.
- The water and sewer rates were updated in the utility billing system and will be reflected on the bills that get mailed at the end of January.
- We are still working on an issue balancing the November bank statement with Tyler, our software company. We have a phone meeting scheduled later today, Thursday, January 21 to work through the issues. We think it may be that some data got duplicated during the data conversion. We will get this resolved and the November and December month end reports will be on the February 9th meeting.
- So the State Legislators are back at working on a property tax reform bill. It was introduced by Gov. Reynolds on January 14. I have included a copy of the proposed bill with my report.



Outlook

[grapevine] FW: [BULK] RELEASE: Gov. Reynolds introduces property tax reform bill projected to save taxpayers \$3B over six years

From grapevine@simplelists.com <grapevine@simplelists.com>
on behalf of
Andy Lent <ALent@altoona-iowa.com>

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Subject: [BULK] RELEASE: Gov. Reynolds introduces property tax reform bill projected to save taxpayers \$3B over six years

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Governor Kim Reynolds ★ Lt. Governor Chris Cournoyer

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

MEDIA CONTACT: Mason Mauro, (515) 745-2840, mason.mauro@governor.iowa.gov

Gov. Reynolds introduces property tax reform bill projected to save taxpayers \$3B over six years

DES MOINES— Governor Kim Reynolds has introduced a [comprehensive property tax reform bill](#) to the Iowa House and Senate that is projected to save Iowans \$3 billion over six years.

Over the last two years, Iowans' property taxes have gone up by an average of more than 10 percent, and are outpacing inflation, salaries, and the state's population growth.

In order to curb rising property taxes, Governor Reynolds is proposing to [cap local government revenue growth at two percent plus new construction on all taxing authorities except debt services and school funding](#).

"The rate at which property taxes are rising is unacceptable, and Iowans expect legislation that delivers meaningful relief to be passed this year," Gov. Reynolds said. ["Spending drives taxes, and because property taxes are driven by local government, the most reliable way to protect taxpayers is to limit local spending."](#)

Last fall, the governor hosted roundtable meetings with local officials and community leaders across the state to discuss ways to make local government more efficient. [Some local governments have formalized](#)

agreements to share the cost and operations of specific public services such as law enforcement, public health, or waste management.

To encourage more communities to do the same, Gov. Reynolds is standing up a \$10 million grant fund to assist local governments who choose to consolidate positions and pursue shared service agreements with neighboring cities and counties.

The bill also proposes to conduct property assessments every three years instead of every two years to protect families from sharp valuation increases and create more predictability and less volatility in the market. The governor's plan also shifts the burden of appealing large property tax increases from homeowners to assessors who will have to justify them.

The bill also reforms Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts to improve transparency and limit overuse, limiting TIF projects to public purposes for 20 years.

Additionally, Gov. Reynolds' bill creates a property tax freeze for Iowans ages 65 and older with homes valued at \$350,000 or less, improving affordability for seniors living on fixed incomes.

The bill also helps young Iowans who are hoping to buy a home for the first time. FirstHome Iowa Accounts, based on Iowa's 529 Plan, will empower families to begin saving for a home years in advance, preparing sons, daughters, and grandchildren for homeownership right here in Iowa.

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