

July 13, 2026
City Council Meeting Minutes

The July 13th City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Steve Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Hosch, Recker, Weber, Delaney and Gehl answered roll call.

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

Public comments: a few people representing the concerned citizens group addressed the council. They are asking when an open forum will be held or a Q&A session regarding the data centers. A petition has been circulated, and 600 people have registered to sign the petition. The main concerns are electric usage, water consumption, traffic, and noise. They are requesting that Council listen to the constituents and respect their time spent doing research. Ken McDermott, CEDC President was also present and again stressed that the CEDC will not approve anything that is negative for the community or Oak Hill subdivision.

Motion Delaney, second Recker to approve the consent agenda items: City Council Minutes 06/22/26, Park Board minutes 07/6/26, Cascade Public Library minutes 7/7/26, Personnel Committee minutes 6/22/26, City/CEDC meeting minutes 6/23/26 and July 13, 2026 Claims. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Marty Gadiant submitted an agenda request. A nuisance letter was drafted and sent to Marty via certified mail in May. In June when the property owner did not contact the City, the City hired MJR Mulching to abate the nuisance. Marty addressed the council stating he did not receive notification of the nuisance, and the company should not have been on his private property. Council received a packet of letters sent over several years for the same nuisance, copy of the certified letter, and an envelope which clearly shows the 3 times the Post Office attempted to deliver the certified letter.

Motion Gehl, second Weber to approve **Resolution #63-26** – A Resolution Approving Payment to the Joint County Emergency Response Team for FY27 for \$2,000. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Hosch, second Recker to approve **Resolution #61-26** –Resolution Approving the Final Payment in the Amount of \$40,000 to Three B Properties, LLC From the Community Catalyst Remediation Grant Program. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Weber, second Gehl to approve **Resolution #62-26** – Resolution Approving FY27 Social Service Agreements Between the City of Cascade, Iowa and Eleven Non-Profit Organizations Receiving Public Funding. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Hosch, second Weber to table **Resolution #64-26** – Resolution Approving a Quote From Kluesner Construction, Inc for Thomas and DeLong Street Drainage for Cascade, Iowa. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Weber to approve **Resolution #65-26** – Resolution Authorizing a Façade Grant for McAllister Real Estate for 244 1st Avenue West in the amount of \$11,212.08. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Delaney to adjourn into closed session at 7:19 p.m. Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) allows governmental bodies to hold closed sessions to discuss the purchase or sale of real estate. This is only permitted when premature disclosure could reasonably be expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for the property – Old Library. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Recker to reconvene into open session at 7:29 p.m. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Delaney, second Recker to move forward with the Intent to Purchase offer. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Police Chief and City Administrator provided updates to council and staff. Included in the City Administrator report included information about a data center built similarly to the possibly proposed one for Cascade located at 2995 W. Hickman Rd Waukee, Iowa.

Motion Hosch, second Delaney to adjourn at 7:32pm. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Steven J. Knepper, Mayor