

June 22, 2026
City Council Meeting Minutes

The June 22nd 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 Gehl, second Hosch to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comments: Four residents addressed city council with their opposition to the proposed data center. They requested a 12-month moratorium and council to do research. Another citizen requested the City Council to pass a moratorium and do our research. Ken McDermott, President of the CEDC informed everyone that the change in scope of project just occurred in early May. The data center will have a closed loop water system. They will need to put as much power that they use back on the grid. CEDC will not approve anything that will negatively affect Cascade.

Motion Hosch, second Recker to approve the consent agenda items: City Council Minutes 06/08/26, Park Board minutes 06/8/26, Cascade Economic Development Corporation minutes 05/20/26, Tobacco License Renewals for McDermott Oil Co, Lyons Service Center, Dollar General, Casey's, May month-end financial reports and June 22, 2026 Claims. All Ayes. Motion carried.

George Davis, Dubuque County Conservation Board, presented the plans for the Locher Lake Recreation area. The board is working with RDG engineering on plans for the area. The plans include a 30-acre pond, recreation area, walking trail around the lake, pavilion and fishing pier. They are also reviewing plans to extend Coohy Trail to the lake. The Dubuque Conservation Board plans to add a \$18M bond to the ballot in November.

Motion Delaney, second Hosch to approve **Resolution #57-26** – A Resolution to Approve a 12-Month Moratorium on the Construction of Data Centers Within the City Limits of the City of Cascade, Iowa. Include 60–90-day benchmarks. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes, Nay Weber. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Delaney to approve **Resolution #54-26** – A Resolution Approving the Library Board of Trustees Reappointment of Jacob Brindle to Fill Another Three-Year Term as Listed Below For the City of Cascade, Iowa. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Recker, second Delaney to approve **Resolution #55-26** – A Resolution Approving the Board of Adjustment Reappointment of Linda Hoffmann to Fill Another Five-Year Term as Listed Below for the City of Cascade, Iowa. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Hosch to approve **Resolution #56-26** – A Resolution Approving the Board of Adjustment Reappointment of Phil Kauder to Fill Another Five-Year Term as Listed Below for the City of Cascade, Iowa. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Hosch, second Gehl to approve **Resolution #42-26** – Resolution Approving the Hiring of a Temporary Summer Library Employee for the City of Cascade, Iowa. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Delaney, second Gehl to approve **Resolution #43-26** – Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue Rebates for Callahan Construction for River Bend Retirement Community for 2026 Fiscal Year for \$40,000. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Delaney, second Weber to approve **Resolution #44-26 through Resolution #53-26**. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Resolutions Included–

- **Resolution #44-26** - Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue Rebates for Premium Plant Services for 2026 Fiscal Year \$14668.52.
- **Resolution #45-26** – Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue for Cheryl’s Flour Garden and Coffee Shop \$3,654.21
- **Resolution #46-26** – Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue for AHECO Holdings LLC for 2026 Fiscal Year \$3,078.19.
- **Resolution #47-26** – Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue for Centro Inc for 2026 Fiscal Year \$16,937.01.
- **Resolution #48-26** – Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue for Iowa Main Street Investments LLC \$135.46.
- **Resolution #49-26** – Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue for Cascade Storage Facility LLC \$6,000.00.
- **Resolution #50-26** – Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue for Beck Construction Inc \$13,000.00.
- **Resolution #51-26** – Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue for ROSO Properties LLC \$1,185.00.
- **Resolution #52-26** – Fiscal Year 2026 Semi-Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue for NJCallahan LLC \$2,500.00
- **Resolution #53-26** – Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue for R&D Vaske, LLC \$2914.53

Motion Recker, second Gehl to approve **Resolution #58-26** – Resolution Approving a Quote from Prairie Road Builders for Chip and Seal Services for the City of Cascade, Iowa. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Delaney, second Gehl to approve **Resolution #59-26** – Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Transfer Funds from the Bicentennial Fund to the General Fund for the City of Cascade, Iowa. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Hosch, second Delaney to approve **Resolution #60-26** – Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Transfer Funds from the TIF Fund to the General Fund for the City of Cascade, Iowa. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Police Chief provided updates to council and staff.

Motion Hosch, second Weber to adjourn at 7:00pm. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Steven J. Knepper, Mayor