

June 8, 2026
City Council Meeting Minutes

The June 8th City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Steve Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Hosch, Recker and Gehl answered roll call. Weber and Delaney were excused.

Motion Gehl, second Recker to approve the agenda. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comments: Ken McDermott, President of the CEDC, addressed the City Council with updated information regarding the 15 acres that they sold last year. The purchaser is updating the plans for the parcel, which includes construction of a 50,000-75,000 sq. ft. building to house a data center. The building will have a closed loop system so there will be very little water usage; similar to a factory restroom. It could potentially employ 20-30 jobs since it will be running three shifts. Once he has his plans updated, he will hold a community meeting. CEDC will not do anything that will affect Cascade negatively.

Motion Hosch, second Recker to approve the consent agenda items: City Council Minutes 5/26/26, Personnel Committee minutes 05/26/26 and 05/28/26, Cascade Public Library minutes 06/02/26, Liquor License renewal for BILOANI, LLC dba The Bent Rim, VISA Invoice \$2,288.03 and June 8, 2026 Claims. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Recker to approve **Resolution #35-26** – A Resolution Approving Wages for Library Employees for the FY27 Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027. Roll Call vote. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Hosch to approve **Resolution #36-26** – A Resolution Approving Wages for City Employees for the FY27 Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027. Roll Call vote. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Hosch to approve **Resolution #37-26** – A Resolution Approving Library Board of Trustees Reappointment of Bret Funke to Fill Another Three-Year Term as Listed Below For the City of Cascade, Iowa. Roll Call vote. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Recker, second Gehl to approve **Resolution #40-26** – A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Transfer Funds For Fiscal Year 2026 for the Debt Levy and Other Internal Transfers for the City of Cascade, Iowa. Roll Call vote. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Recker to approve **Resolution #41-26** – A Resolution Approving Entering into An Agreement With Northland Securities, Inc. to Perform the Required Rate Studies Which is Mandated By Our SRF Loan. Roll Call vote. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Police Chief provided updates to council and staff.

Motion Gehl, second Hosch approved to adjourn into Closed Session Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and

irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session at 6:15 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Three Ayes. Motion carried. No action will be taken related to closed session. City Clerk Appointment.

Motion Gehl, second Recker to reconvene into Open Session at 6:19 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Hosch to approve **Resolution #39-26** – Resolution Appointment of City Clerk. Roll Call Vote. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Recker to approve **Resolution #38-26** – Resolution Approval of Bank Signature Names. Roll Call Vote. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Gehl, second Hosch to adjourn at 6:21pm. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Steven J. Knepper, Mayor