

## Nashua City Council Meeting

City Hall Chambers

May 22, 2017 7:00PM

The Nashua City Council met in regular session May 22, 2017 at Nashua City Hall at 7:04pm. Mayor Angelina Dietz presided with Council members Rolland Cagley, Tom Johnson, Ryan Jung and Kyle Lane present. Brenda Roberts was absent.

The following employees were in attendance: City Attorney David Skilton, Sewer Operator Nick Henningsen, Chief of Police Paul Bechthold, Utility Clerk Beth Henningsen, Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Street Superintendent Dan Zwanziger and Library Director Heather Hackman. 9 guests were in attendance.

Motion by Lane, seconded by Jung to approve the agenda. Ayes:4, Nays:0, Absent:1

Motion by Jung, seconded by Lane to approve bills for May 15, 2017 and minutes for May 1, 2017 meeting-attached in a separate file-with a change in minutes wording exited instead of walked out. Ayes:4, Nays:0, Absent:1

Motion Jung, seconded by Lane to open the public hearing for the Amendment of FY2016-2017 City Budget. Ayes:4, Nays:0, Absent:1

Temporary Clerk, Becky Neal spoke saying she anticipated there will be about \$623,000 in transfers needing to happen. Neal said Public works didn't budget for the garbage and recycling totes. Neal was not sure the new City plow trucks were budgeted for either. Neal said she would be transferring money into debt service to make the fund account look better as transfers had not been done in three years. Neal also stated the interest in bank accounts had not been accounted for in the past few years and so she was taking bank statements as of May 1st 2017 and plugging them into the system. Neal said Nashua is not able to raise property taxes as we are already at the 8-10 levy. Neal said we need to raise water and sewer rates but are waiting for a survey to take place.

Motion Jung, seconded by Cagley to close public hearing. Ayes:4, Nays:0, Absent:1

Motion Jung, seconded Lane to approve Resolution 17-11, amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Roll Call: Cagley: Yes, Johnson: Yes, Jung: Yes, Lane: Yes, Roberts: Absent

Motion Cagley, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 17-10 to temporarily make Utility Clerk Henningsen fulltime with \$1.00 an hour raise until July 1, 2017. Rolland: Yes, Johnson: Yes, Jung: Yes, Lane: No, Roberts: Absent. Before Resolution passed Henningsen apologized to Council and the public for exiting the meeting of May 1, 2017 stating she acted on emotion rather than being professional. Henningsen stated that she did not want to be known to give the council an ultimatum and rather wants to be a team player. Henningsen stated that even though it has been stressful she is thankful for the opportunity to grow in her position and that she enjoys her job.

City Attorney, Skilton told the Council he would be looking into the new laws about the sale of fireworks.

Sewer Operator, N Henningsen said he was called out to Pagel residence on a sewer back up in the home, Henningsen stated that the City mains are fine as there was not an increase in flows but it did end up draining the residence home. Henningsen also stated he cleaned six sewer lines and would be giving Council an updated map on all the ones he has and will be cleaning. Henningsen said he had

found a resident on Bayou draining water spouts into the sewer which is illegal, also the neighbor was doing it. Harrington fixed his issue and Henningsen will be notifying the neighbor. Henningsen also mentioned to Council that Nashua has a lot of six inch lines and the only way to fix them would be to dig them up and fix the entire line however with a new product he had found it would fill in the cracks and the product also has root killer in it. Henningsen is to get quotes.

Chief of Police, Becthold said that STEPP would be happening soon until June 4th. Becthold mentioned he was contacted by Ionia and they would like his officers to help with Ragbrai. Ionia would be paying for their worked hours. Becthold said citations for nuisance letters would be going out.

Fire Chief, Johnson thanked the public for the Fireman's Dance donations. The Fireman had 24 calls that month. Johnson said the new fire truck was in service and was working well. They received the new vehicle through a grant.

Street Superintendent, Zwanziger said he would be working on cleaning the streets and also painting lines on Main Street, hopefully by the end of the week. Zwanziger also stated he would be fixing potholes if the weather stays nice.

Library Director, Hackman said there will be a movie playing at the Library on June 28th. This Saturday May 27th, 2017 from 10:30-11:30 they will be having Lego's in the Library. Hackman also stated the Library is 85% complete with the automated system.

Parks- Jung stated they would be honoring loved ones by selling Chinese Lanterns starting at 8:00pm on Sunday May 28th, 2017 in the park.

Council member, Roberts entered the meeting at 7:35pm

Mayor Dietz said she attended the Human Trafficking seminar at the Welcome Center and it hit close to home as there have been arrests in Waterloo. Dietz also mentioned she will be contacting other insurance agencies to compare rates. Dietz to meet with Tim Fox and Realtor for GMT site along with perspective buyer to tour the facility.

Council members : Johnson inquired to see if Reserves carry weapons.

Jung asked if we could clean up the barricades and tape on Main Street. Skilton said as long as the City posts notice on all entrances of the building stating it was unsafe. Also to board it up. Jung also mentioned some are afraid of change and unknown economic development has been missed. Regular, consecutive job descriptions are not in place. If Nashua is going to be great then we need a plan.

Lane would like to see residents informed of Nashua's mowing ordinance and to get the word out.

Discussion was held about a Small City work shop in New Hampton on June 8th for Council members to attend. Jung mentioned he would like to attend, Lane and Roberts stated they were already registered and Johnson wanted to go as well. Cagley did not want to attend. Dietz will also attend and pay for it herself.

Motion Johnson, seconded by Roberts to approve a new PBT system in the police vehicle. Becthold stated it is a \$500.00 system and would be reimbursed \$450.00. Ayes:5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0

Motion Lane, seconded Jung to approve City to become an Authorized Provider/Licensed Training provider through the American Red Cross with Officer Benjamin Scholl as the current certified trainer. Ayes:5, Nays:0, Absent:0

Becthold explained that Scholl would be able to recertify registered daycares, babysitting courses, girl scouts, boy scouts. Becthold explained that the City would not be liable for insurance and no cost to the City since Scholl is a reserve.

Discussion was held for the security fencing of the Water Facility. Jung asked where we were with the project. It was explained to Jung that it was put on hold as the cost was \$25,000-\$30,000 and the project would take a huge chunk of money. It was also stated the City may have to borrow money to keep afloat and that money needed to be conserved. Jung stated that the Council is the highest authority and who stopped it. The topic was tabled until Water Superintendant Smith could be on the next agenda to talk about it.

Motion Jung, seconded by Roberts to move Police Station over to council chambers, City Administrator to Police Department and Council meetings to the Welcome Center. Ayes:3, Nays:2, Absent:0

Motion Jung, seconded by Lane for the Employment contract with Rachel Leitz and authorization for the Mayor to sign said Employment contract. Ayes:3, Nays:2, Absent:0

Motion Lane, seconded Jung to open public hearing for the ordinance regarding City Administrator for the city of Nashua, Iowa consideration/approval of the first reading of ordinance Ayes:5, Nays:0, Absent:0

Motion Lane, seconded by Roberts to close public hearing Ayes:5, Nays:0, Absent:0

Motion Lane, seconded by Roberts to approve the first reading of Ordinance: An ordinance regarding City Administrator for the city of Nashua, Iowa. Roll call: Cagley: No, Roberts: Yes, Johnson: No, Jung: Yes, Lane: Yes.

Motion Roberts, seconded by Cagley to approve the following building permits: 304 Maple St-Shingle house, 414 Lexington Ave-Putting in Egress window, 300 Lakeshore Drive-New metal roof, replace sheeting as necessary and replace soffit as necessary, 100 Maple Street-Put deck on the front of the house and re shingle the utility shed, 148 Mill Street-Pour cement in Morton building, 104 Park Street-Replace cement in front of patio, 216 Madison Street-Replace windows. Ayes:5, Nays:0, Absent:0

Motion Roberts, seconded by Jung to adjourn meeting at 8:55pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Angelina Dietz  
Mayor

Attest: Beth Henningsen  
Utility Clerk

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