City of Nashua
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on April 15, 2024, at Council Chambers in City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Kelleher presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Ernie Willsher, and Dan Zwanziger. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott and Water/Wastewater Operator Chad McCleary of Ion Environmental Solutions were present along with 2 guests.

Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to approve the regular agenda. J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting April 1, 2024;Permits: Building: 406 Sample St.,515 Sample St., and 802 Woodbridge St.; Cigarette/Tobacco License: Casey’s License Renewal; and the Consent Calendar: Payment of Claims (March 29-April 8, 2024) $79,369.29 + $9,330.63 (Wages). Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher called for public comments: There were none.

Hearings/Resolutions

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to open the public hearing for adoption of the FY’25 budget. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 7:02PM. After a brief discussion, S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to close the public hearing. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 7:03PM.

Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to approve the following resolutions: 24-26 Resolution to Adopt FY’24/25 Budget. S. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. 24-27 Resolution Approving FY’24/25 Transfers. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. 24-28 Resolution Allocating Use of ARPA Funds. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Business of the Mayor:

Mayor Kelleher mentioned that he had gone to the Iowa Rural Development Summit and has brought back a lot of valuable information to help move the community forward. He stated that the city isn’t going to continue to go backwards, we are going to move forward no matter how small the step is. He talked about the importance of the city getting a comprehensive plan. He didn’t have all the information compiled from the meeting but informed the council there would be more to come.

City Clerk Ott reviewed the March financial reports and informed the council that March’s bank reconciliation has been completed and is available for review. He reviewed several items from the Deputy Clerk. Hall/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the service fee waiver request for 424 Brasher if the bill is paid in 60 days or an agreement is set up with the city for payment, if the bill isn’t paid or an agreement is not set up than the service fee waiver request will not be accepted. The council discussed fixing the curb stop at 1020 Greeley St. The council decided to hold off for now.

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Hall wanted to give a shout out to the city workers for their work along the walking trail.

Street Supervisor Zade McCall gave his monthly report. He talked about different projects that they are working on from fixing a ditch, replacing a sidewalk, filling potholes, and having Heartland complete some patchwork from digs and main breaks.

Heather Hackman Library Director gave her monthly report to the council to review.

Park Board President Nate Sinnwell was not present, but the council discussed a few park items.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S to allow the camp host to utilize whatever campsite they wanted, as long as they followed all of the rules. RC: all ayes.

Chad McCleary from Ion Environmental Solutions was present and informed the council that they won’t be renewing their contract with the city. McCleary stated that the requirements from Field Office #1 are going to be too prohibitive. He noted that the city has been great to work with. He told the council that he will work with the city during the transition. The current contract with Ion will end on June 30, 2024.

Discussion/Action

The council discussed and/or acted on several items.

The council discussed the dog at large from 1400 Greeley St. The owner Beth Henningsen was at the council meeting and talked with the council. The council allowed Beth to share her side of the story. She stated that the dog that had been getting away is now being tied up because the shock collar wasn’t keeping it home. It would run through the shock. They had another dog who also got away and she explained that the other dog, which usually doesn’t run away must have realized that it didn’t have her collar on and so it got away. J. Johnson stated that he didn’t want to have another public hearing as he didn’t want them to have to get rid of another dog. S. Johnson stated that there haven’t been any issues lately and J. Johnson confirmed. City Clerk Ott stated that there haven’t been any reported incidences since April 2nd. Willsher stated that they should maybe give it a trial period of 30 to 60 days. Beth stated that she understands and would be super upset if she was her neighbor. She also stated that she is praying that this issue is resolved and if it isn’t she will get rid of them herself. The Mayor reiterated Beth’s comment that the dog they have been having issues with is physically restrained, Beth confirmed that yes the runner is restrained. The council discussed setting a 30-day probation and if there are any issues they would have to set a public hearing. Mayor Kelleher asked Beth (dog owner) if that would be fair. Beth agreed that it would be fair. Willsher/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to allow a 30-day probation, but if the dogs were out again within 30 days from April 15th the council would have to set a public hearing. RC: all ayes.

After discussion, J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to table discussion on Code of Ordinance Chapter 65 Stop or Yield. RC: all ayes.

J. Johnson/M/, Hall/S, M/C to table action/discussion about the questions pertaining to recodifying the Code of Ordinances. RC: all ayes

S. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to look into the process for adding the hotel/motel tax to the November ballot. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed some of the projects that it had approved using ARPA funds for at the previous meeting. S. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve the bid from Inspired Connection Agency to update the city’s website and using up to $5,000 of ARPA funds. RC: all ayes.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the bid from Bockhaus Plumbing and Heating and utilizing up to $16,000 for 2 - 96% Efficiency RUUD 70,000 BTU 2 Stage furnaces and 2 - 14 Seer ½ ton A/C units. RC: all ayes

The bid amount was $16,400.

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve using up to $15,000 of ARPA funds for the fire rings for the campground. RC: all ayes. The bid amount was $14,804, with the labor being provided by the city workers.

Other Business:

Galen and Sandy Franzen wanted to thank the council for amending Chapter #65 Ordinance Stop or Yield.

City Clerk Ott informed the council that there was a packet of information about dredging the impoundment if anyone wanted to review it.

There was no other business:

S. Johnson/M to adjourn, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.

Pending Approval by Council

John Ott

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| CLAIMS REPORT (MARCH 29-APRIL 8, 2024) |  |
| VENDOR | REFERENCE  | AMOUNT |
| LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK  | HSA  | $1,200.00 |
| U.S. POST OFFICE  | WA-BILLING APR'24  | $252.53 |
| JOSH CASTER  | AMB-DRIVER 3/3  | $75.00 |
| SCOTT CERWINSKE  | AMB DRIVER 3/3  | $95.00 |
| DETTMER, CHERYL  | AMB-EMT 3/28  | $30.00 |
| FISHER, KARAGAN  | AMB-ASSISTANT CREW CHIEF  | $125.00 |
| GERBER, BROOKELYNN  | AMB-EMT 3/15  | $60.00 |
| GERBER, SHEA  | AMB-DRIVER 3/14  | $25.00 |
| KARELS, ABRAM  | AMB-EMT 3/3  | $70.00 |
| MOHS, DANNON  | AMB-CREW CHIEF  | $95.00 |
| NELSON, TONI  | AMB-EMT 3/3  | $60.00 |
| PAHNISCH, ANDREW  | AMB-DRIVER 3/28  | $25.00 |
| SCROGGINS, DEBORAH  | AMB-EMT 3/16  | $30.00 |
| SEIDLE, JONATHAN  | AMB-DRIVER 3/15  | $25.00 |
| SUDOL, MELISSA  | AMB-EMT 3/20  | $30.00 |
| ZENDA VIKTUREK  | AMB-DIRECTOR  | $180.00 |
| BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS  | WC-PHONE EXP APR'24  | $304.40 |
| CEDAR LAKE EZ DOCK  | 16-COUPLER SET W/ COMPOSIT ROD  | $1,816.00 |
| CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF OFFIC | PD-QTR4FY'24 APR-JUN  | $39,616.25 |
| HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION/FANDEL  | WC-BATTERY FOR FIRE ALRM PANEL  | $105.80 |
| IOWA DOT  | ST-REFLECTOR BEADS FOR PAINT  | $27.04 |
| IOWA MUN FINANCE OFF ASSOC  | CH-IMFOA DUES 24/25 BENEFITTED  | $50.00 |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL  | PARK-8'LOGGER ST TOE  | $420.88 |
| MICK GAGE PLBG & HTG, INC  | SE-JET 809-901 MAIN  | $775.00 |
| MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO.  | SE-JET/CAMERA DAWN/GREELEY/  | $13,090.00 |
| ENTERPRISE MEDIA INC  | CH-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS MAR'24  | $798.85 |
| RAPID PRINTERS  | CH-3 BOXES #9 WINDOW ENVELOPE  | $135.00 |
| RILEY'S INC.  | CH-COPY FEES MAR'24  | $191.82 |
| S & T COLLISION  | WA-RED PICK UP  | $2,498.16 |
| T & K TRACTOR REPAIR  | TANK STRAPS X3  | $1,079.34 |
| U.S. POST OFFICE  | CH/WA/SE/GAR-STAMPS  | $378.00 |
| USCELLULAR  | AMB-TABLET & PHONE 2/23-3/22  | $42.24 |
| BAKER & TAYLOR  | LIB-BOOKS  | $177.57 |
| BOOK LOOK  | LIB-BOOKS  | $678.64 |
| BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS  | LIB-PHONE APR'24  | $38.05 |
| CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT  | LIB-BOOKS  | $72.00 |
| DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLIES  | LIB-SUPPLIES  | $114.93 |
| GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC GFC  | LIB-OFFICE SUPPLIES  | $393.00 |
| HEATHER M. HACKMAN  | LIB-TRAVEL/EDUCATION/MILEAGE  | $233.64 |
| ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOC  | LIB-DUES  | $323.34 |
| INGRAM  | LIB-BOOKS  | $364.61 |
| NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY  | LIB-PETTY CASH (POSTAGE)  | $37.38 |
| THE FAMILY HANDYMAN  | LIB-SUB 1 YR  | $24.61 |
| WAVERLY NEWSPAPERS  | LIB-PAPER SUB 1 YR  | $80.00 |
| BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC  | AMB-GEL PAKS/MANOMETER FILTERS  | $254.29 |
| OTT, JOHN  | CC-WATERLOO  | $68.34 |
| QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL  | 5 HR LABOR  | $1,256.00 |
| DON BOSS  | FEB  | $7.50 |
| CALICO MEADOW SOAP LLC  | FEB  | $15.00 |
| CAPTIVATING CRAFTS LLC  | MAR  | $54.61 |
| KAREN CARR  | WC-VENDOR SALES Q1  | $15.00 |
| JAN CLEMENT  | MAR  | $48.00 |
| DEBBIE L FINNEGAN  | MAR  | $9.00 |
| DEUTH, BRENDA  | MAR  | $22.50 |
| DORMAN, JOLYNN  | WC-VENDOR SALES Q1  | $18.75 |
| SHERYL DORMAN  | MAR  | $76.49 |
| FRISKY FOX VINEYARD LLP  | MAR  | $108.87 |
| KATHLEEN HENRY  | MAR  | $7.50 |
| ANDREA KING  | JAN  | $25.88 |
| LAVENDER AND LEMON  | FEB  | $2.25 |
| SHARON LEERHOFF  | MAR  | $124.53 |
| LINDA LENZ  | MAR  | $36.00 |
| MARY LITTERER  | FEB  | $16.50 |
| MAAS, ROBERTA C.  |   | $91.04 |
| MARYLEE MEHMEN  | MAR  | $4.50 |
| MILLER, TRISHA  | MAR  | $15.00 |
| OLD BRADFORD PIONEER VILLAGE  | JAN  | $3.00 |
| JANET PETEFISH  | MAR  | $40.50 |
| DANIELLE SCHELL  | FEB  | $56.63 |
| NANCY SCHERER  | MAR  | $39.91 |
| SCHUKNECHT, SANDY  | FEB  | $42.00 |
| SENNER, ANN L  | MAR  | $184.88 |
| SLADEK, CATHERINE  | FEB  | $11.25 |
| SNELLING, MARLENE  | MAR  | $76.50 |
| TERESA STAUDT  | MAR  | $38.25 |
| LISA STEINLAGE  | MAR  | $54.75 |
| SHIRLEY STEVENSON  | MAR  | $15.00 |
| CURTIS SWINTON  | MAR  | $22.50 |
| GLADICE TIDEMANSON  | MAR  | $29.25 |
| SANDRA VANCE  | MAR  | $15.38 |
| WEINBERG, GREGG  | MAR  | $9.75 |
| WORDES CYNTHIA A  | MAR  | $187.20 |
| IPERS  | REGULAR IPERS  | $5,585.64 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT  | FED/FICA TAX  | $2,497.33 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA  | STATE TAX  | $348.96 |
| IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  | SWR-SALES TAX MAR'24  | $301.74 |
| IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  | WET-SALES TAX MAR'24  | $1,176.22 |
| IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  | WC-SALES TAX MAR'24  | $111.02 |
| Accounts Payable Total  |   | $79,369.29 |
| Payroll Checks  |   | $9,330.63 |
| \*\*\*\*\* REPORT TOTAL \*\*\*\*\*  |   | $88,699.92 |
| GENERAL FUND  |   | $57,565.96 |
| ROAD USE  |   | $1,090.09 |
| PERM FUNDS-LIB WATSON  |   | $1,066.94 |
| PERM FUNDS-LIBRARY-BERRIE  |   | $225.88 |
| WATER  |   | $8,841.18 |
| SEWER  |   | $19,909.87 |
| TOTAL FUNDS  |   | $88,699.92 |