**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on March 1, 2021 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Alex Anthofer, Scott Cerwinske, Thomas Johnson, Hal Kelleher, and Charles Shelby. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was present along with Barb Lumley from the Welcome Center, Sheriff Martin Hemann and Deputy Gaede as well as Jon Lutz and John Berns from IIW Engineering. There was also one guest in attendance.

Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration approving the agenda. Anthofer/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C. Mayor Betsinger asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Jon Lutz and John Berns reviewed an Agreement for Engineering Services for Greeley St. which included the paving, drainage, and utility improvements with the council. This agreement would have to be approved if the city was going to utilize the CDBG grant for design and construction for sanitary sewer and water main replacement which includes sewer main, manholes, and services and also water main, hydrants, and services. Cerwinske motioned to approve the contract and Johnson seconded. M/C. Roll Call: All Ayes. The engineers also discussed the need for the city to approve televising the sewer system as a requirement, as they would utilize the report from the televising in performing their services, but they stressed that televising the sewer will need to be completed in March in order to have enough time to hit the application deadline. Johnson motioned to approve televising the sewer and Anthofer seconded. M/C. Roll Call: All Ayes. The engineers will contact Nick Henningsen Water/Waste Water Superintendent to make sure that the televising is completed prior to the end of March.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the FY’22 Budget. Anthofer/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C. the public hearing was opened at 7:10PM. After discussion on the budget proposal Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Cerwinske/M, Johnson/S, M/C. The public hearing was closed at 7:14PM.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to pass the following resolutions:

Resolution 21-14 Approving the FY’22 Budget. Kelleher/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Resolution 21-15 Setting Wages and Compensation for FY’22. Cerwinske/M, Johson/S, M/C. Roll Call: Ayes – Cerwinske, Johnson and Kelleher. Nays – Anthofer and Shelby. The resolution passed on a 3-2 vote.

Resolution 21-16 Approving FY’22 Transfers. Cerwinske/M, Kelleher/S, M/C. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for February 15, 2021. Johnson/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to approve the consent calendar payment of claims. Payment of Claims (see claims report): Total claims to be paid: $82,741.44+$7,099.62 (Wages)

1. General Fund: $26,979.92
2. Urban Revit: $28,225.00
3. Road Use: $4,290.51
4. Employee Benefit: $3,868.55
5. Water: $11,388.44
6. Sewer: $15,088.64
7. Total Funds: $89,841.06

Anthofer/M, Shelby/S, M/C.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the building permit for 111 Somerset Ct. Anthofer/M, Johnson/S, M/C.

Business of the Mayor: The Mayor had no business to discuss.

Department Reports:

City Clerk asked the council to set a public hearing for the CDBG Covid 19 Food Relief Grant for March 15th. Johnson/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. He also asked the council for approval to attend the IMFOA Spring Conference on April 22nd and 23rd. The cost of the conference is $125 plus hotel/travel expenses. Cerwinske/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. He also stated that the February financial reports and bank reconciliation will be presented at the March 15th meeting.

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Kelleher reviewed some of the topics that they have been working on at the Park Board meetings. He stated that Christie Hannemann is going to help with some grants. The Park Board is looking at promoting the park events through social media. The campground is tentatively set to open on April 16th, but the opening of the Splash Pad has not been set. Shelby mentioned that in addition to the $5,000 CDBG grant for Covid 19 relief he has procured some extra donations.

Sheriff Martin Hemann presented the monthly Sheriff’s report for February. He also discussed a citation system that is utilized in Fredericksburg that has been successful in keeping cars off the street during snow days, which could help Nashua in getting the cars off the streets during snow days. This would assist the city workers in getting the streets cleaned. The Sheriff’s Department were in the City of Nashua 249.5 hours and they are contracted for 240 hours.

Barb Lumley presented the February report for the Welcome Center. They are working on getting some advertising out at the parks to inform people of the gift shop and display the items that are available for sale out there. She also talked about having some volunteers help with washing the outside windows, but first the building needs to be power washed.

Johnson reviewed estimates that he has received for replacing windows and replacing the furnace/AC. After discussion of the estimates, the council decided to table the estimates on the windows until Johnson can find out if the windows are under warranty. The council did approve the estimate to replace the furnace/ac unit. Anthofer made a motion to approve the Bockhaus Plumbing and Heating estimate for furnace and AC replacement. Shelby seconded. M/C.

City Clerk Ott discussed a Financial Services Agreement presented by Speer Financial. This contract is to allow Speer Financial to present actual numbers for the financing of the Greeley St. project at our next council meeting on March 15, 2021. The agreement does not lock the city into anything. Council member Cerwinske asked if the consultation would be free or if there would be a charge and if it is a requirement to have a financial advisor for the project. Jon Lutz from IIW Engineering stated that he thought it was a requirement to have a financial services representative, but that the city should check with Brian Schoon from INRCOG. City Clerk Ott stated that he thought the initial consultation would be free, but he would verify prior to the meeting. Johnson motioned to approve the FSA if there were no charge for that first meeting. Shelby seconded. M/C.

The council discussed selling city property to the county to put up an emergency communication tower. Cerwinske suggested giving the land to the county in exchange for tax forgiveness on the buildings that the city took possession of that were tax delinquent as well as other properties in the future that the city takes possession of that are tax delinquent as well as some maintenance items that the city can’t get go like mowing some of the road ditches. Anthofer suggested leasing the property and using the revenues to do the same stuff that Cerwinske stated. Johnson made a motion to commit to selling the property if the county wanted to buy it as he stated that it would be a good project for the community and county and the city doesn’t use the property for anything currently. Anthofer seconded. M/C.

City Clerk Ott asked the council to approve a proposal to inspect bridge (FHWA#008484) on Charles City Road for the 2021 inspection cycle. The cost of the inspection is $500.00. Johnson/M, Kelleher/S, M/C.

The council reviewed the proposed Agreement between the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council and the Northeast Iowa, EMS d/b/a Chickasaw Ambulance Service. Cerwinske recommended not to approve the contract as the Chickasaw Ambulance Service and the Ambulance Council have met multiple times and Chickasaw Ambulance Service has been unwilling to negotiate many things that are in the contract. One of the big topics of importance was the refusal by Chickasaw Ambulance Service to do Medicaid transfers. He also doesn’t guarantee Paramedic service, but if he has the staff he will charge for Paramedic service. Cerwinske stated that the Ambulance Council believes that there are better options available and that the Ambulance Council did find out that they can negotiate ambulance service without an RFP (Request for Proposal). He is hoping that since an RFP isn’t needed that they will be able to research and find other options fairly quickly. Council member Shelby asked if after July 1st the current contract ends and also asked what will happen after the contract ends. Cerwinske stated yes, the contract will end, but we currently have Waverly as our back up and he is hoping to push them to our primary after this contract ends. Anthofer asked Cerwinske whether or not he thought the city should approve the contract. Cerwinske motioned to not approve the contract. Anthofer seconded. Motion Carried. All Ayes to not approve the contract. The contract failed unanimously.

The council discussed whether or not it should change its Peddler/Transient Merchant Contract/Fees. Council member Shelby proposed that he would utilize contracts from surrounding areas and put a new proposal together for the city that they could review at the next council meeting.

City Clerk Ott has been talking with Butler-Bremer about switching over the city’s phone service lines from Century Link to Butler-Bremer. He will be meeting with Butler-Bremer on Tuesday March 2nd to discuss costs and options. He wanted to know whether or not the council was in favor of switching service if it would save the city some money. Cerwinske motioned to go ahead and make the switchover if it was going to save the city money. Kelleher seconded. Motion Carried. All Ayes.

There was no other business. Cerwinske motioned to adjourn. Anthofer seconded. M/C. The meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

Pending Approval by City Council

John Ott City Clerk

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| CLAIMS REPORT (Feb 16-Mar 1, 2021) |  |  |
| VENDOR | REFERENCE | AMOUNT |
| LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK | HSA | $1,700.00 |
| CHICKASAW COUNTY | AMBULANCE - CITY SEED $ AMB SV | $3,393.49 |
| CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF OFFIC | PD-ADD HRS JAN 28E AGREEMENT | $4,369.60 |
| DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA | DENTAL INS - MARCH 2021 | $72.66 |
| JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE | REFUSE/RECYCYCLING - FEB 2021 | $10,798.99 |
| PEOPLESERVICE INC. | water waste water contract | $19,111.00 |
| STAPLES CREDIT PLAN | CH-TIME CLOCK RIBBON | $58.89 |
| BLUE CROSS WELLMARK | HEALTH INS - MAR 2021 | $6,382.99 |
| AVESIS | VISION - MARCH 2021 | $44.52 |
| DOLLAR GENERAL | WC-CLEANING SUPPLIES | $14.30 |
| GIS BENEFITS | LIFE/DISABILITY - MARCH 2021 | $110.50 |
| MURPHY, COE, AND SMITH | CH-TREASURER DEC 2020 | $150.00 |
| SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORP. | WC-ELLEVATOR ANNUAL CONTRACT | $1,312.68 |
| 20 20 FX LLC | WATER/SEWER-COMPTR REPAIR | $40.00 |
| BOCKHAUS PLUMBING & HEATING | WATER-SHUT OFFS#12 & 13TRLRPRK | $140.00 |
| CENTURYLINK | WC-PHONE EXP JAN 2020 | $74.82 |
| LEROY'S REPAIR | streeets - OIL | $28.75 |
| LYNCH DALLAS PC | CH-LEGAL EXP-EMP HANDBOOK REV. | $643.50 |
| NASHUA PLUMBING & HEATING | STREETS-OPERATING SUPPLIES | $134.91 |
| PLAINFIELD WELDING AND REPAIR | STREETS - REPAIR STREET SWEEP | $70.00 |
| SATERN BUILDERS | URB REVIT-315 PANAMA ST REPAIR | $28,225.00 |
| T & K TRACTOR REPAIR | STREETS-ALTERNATOR | $177.57 |
| U.S. POST OFFICE | WATER/SEWER/REC - PERMIT FEE | $245.00 |
| IPERS | REGULAR IPERS | $2,960.55 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT | FED/FICA TAX | $2,177.72 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | STATE TAX | $304.00 |
| Accounts Payable Total |  | $82,741.44 |
| Payroll Checks |  | $7,099.62 |
| \*\*\*\*\* REPORT TOTAL \*\*\*\*\* |  | $89,841.06 |
| GENERAL FUND |  | $26,979.92 |
| URBAN REVITAL (LOST ONLY) |  | $28,225.00 |
| ROAD USE |  | $4,290.51 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT |  | $3,868.55 |
| WATER |  | $11,388.44 |
| SEWER |  | $15,088.64 |
| TOTAL FUNDS |  | $89,841.06 |