

Nashua City Council Meeting
Welcome Center
October 16, 2017 at 7 p.m.

The Nashua City Council met in regular session October 16, 2017 at Nashua City Hall at 7:03 p.m. Mayor Angelina Dietz presided and Council members Rolland Cagley, Tom Johnson, and Ryan Jung were present. Brenda Roberts and Kyle Lane were absent.

The following employees were in attendance: City Attorney David Skilton, Police Chief Travis Marvin, Part time Officer Ben Scholl, Streets Superintendent Dan Zwanziger and Library Director Heather Hackman. Peopleservice employee Nick Henningsen also attended. 39 guests were in attendance.

Motion by Jung to approve amended agenda by moving health insurance quotes up to item 6, add resignation of Kyle Lane, strike out a & b of waiving golf cart readings, strike approval to adopt golf cart ordinance and add in approval of Halloween hours, seconded by Johnson. M/S/C

Motion Jung, seconded by Cagley to approve bills for October 16, 2017-attached in a separate file and minutes from September 18 & October 2, 2017. M/S/C

Discussion/approval of extension for Stephen vacation 4 hours/ 24 personal hours. Chief Marvin stated Stephen did take them so no further discussion needed.

Discussion/approval of health insurance quotes from Jeff Beck, Beck Financial Services. Jeff reviewed the current plan and the increase of 15.6%. National General also has a plan that could reduce our percentage of payout for health insurance. The City employees would need to fill out applications to see what that percentage would be. Deadline to change plans is Nov. 15th. Jung made a motion to have employees complete National General applications, Cagley seconded. M/S/C

Discussion/approval of Resolution 17-24, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RESIGNATION OF AN EMPLOYEE EFFECTIVE 10-15-2017. Kyle Lane submitted his resignation as Council Member. Johnson made a motion to approve, Cagley seconded. Roll call: Cagley – yes, Johnson – yes, Jung- yes.
Department Reports:

Sewer Operator N. Henningsen: Nick gave an example of the sump pump reports that Paul Bechthold had completed. He said it is not in a good format. Mayor Dietz said she would call Paul. He also talked about the jet truck and where to keep it housed. He needs radiant heat to keep the truck 40 – 42 degrees. He will email to all Council members and Mayor the cost estimates to make room for truck. There was a plug on Lexington due to flushable wipes.

Fire Department Chief Johnson: Tom thanked everyone for coming to open house. Flint Hills provided the meat. The department had 3 calls: tractor fire, water rescue, structure fire.

Street Superintendent Zwanziger: Dan is working on edging, cleaning streets, got driveway drainage done on Greeley and is working on painting this week.

Library Director Hackman: Heather has the Honey Bee Queen coming soon. Dec. 9th is the Holiday Open House with Laurie K's students playing that day. Nov. 18th Ken Bloom is arriving and he has had two books published. A portion of the State aid has come through. Come visit as lots of fun things planned. Furnace will be replaced this week.

Park Board: Jung stated the Halloween at the Park was rescheduled to Oct. 21st. There will be crafts, chili cook-off and soup along with trick or treating, pony rides and hayrides. Pumpkin carving contest as well. Campgrounds open 2 more weeks until 10/30/17. Portable toilets are being moved closer to campgrounds until closure on Nov. 13th. Holiday light are back & looking for businesses to sponsor a display.

Mayor Dietz: This weekend is the Halloween at the Park – come join the fun! Trunk or Treat is coming up on Oct. 29th at 3 p.m. on Main St. Safe for kids to dress up and get treats. Halloween hours will be set later in meeting – normally 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Council Members: Jung stated the Council didn't get the financial report for the City like they are supposed to. He also had prepared a two-page letter describing what Nashua has done and financial information from his calculations.

Discussion/approval of termination of an employee. Skilton said we need to table until next meeting as it should note to go into a closed session.

Discussion/approval of hiring third officer. Chief Marvin stated it is difficult to have just two officers and provide good coverage. He would like to advertise for a third officer. Jung was in support of hiring a third officer. Johnson asked if we could use the Sheriff's office services – have a deputy over here for some hours. Chief Marvin noted it would cost \$46.97 per hour approximately for the Sheriff's Deputy to patrol. Sheriff Martin Hemann was present and the Mayor asked for their capacity. He said it would depend on how much time we wanted for coverage. Jung made a motion to advertise for third officer and to have the Mayor and Police Chief work on soliciting proposals from other law enforcement agencies, Rolland seconded. M/S/C

Discussion/approval of Police Officer wages. Chief Marvin handed out a comprehensive sheet of wages from departments of similar size. He would recommend the Chief position move to salary. The

police officers would have a step up in wage when certified, at three years and at ten years. He doesn't want the wages to go into effect now – just researched the amount. He will bring it up at budget time.

Discuss/approval of possible 4-to-3 lane conversion of IA Hwy 346 (Sample St.) in Nashua. Materials were in the packets of changing the 4 lanes from Chestnut St. to Wabash into two outside lanes and a turn lane in the center. A note from David Little of Iowa DOT stated it is a good alternative for this area and one that Iowa DOT would recommend. There have been 6 crashes during 5-year period of 2012-2016, resulting in one injury and total of \$90,000 in property damage loss. It would involve removing existing pavement markings, repainting in one-day work time. Estimated cost is \$40,000. There is a federal safety program that can fund this project, but a resolution by the City Council needs to happen by Nov. 15th. The Iowa DOT would seek to fund, design and construct the project at no cost to the City during the 2018 construction season. Jung made a motion to approve this project with the DOT, Johnson seconded. M/S/C

First meeting setting, 2nd meeting approval notice to enter General Obligation loan in the amount of \$300,000 due to accounting errors. This loan would be to cover, if needed, expenses for the City. Jung did not like the amount of the loan, but Skilton and Dietz noted it is only if money is needed. Dietz stated this topic is to set a public hearing on the matter as it takes 2 months to get any money. Johnson motioned to set the public hearing for Nov. 6th, Cagley seconded. M/S/C

Public hearing ordinance on an Ordinance regarding amendment to Chapter 15 and Chapter 17 for Council Members and Mayor pay increase. Jung made a motion to open the public hearing, Johnson seconded. Motion passed. M/S/C

Comments heard related to wage freezes for City employees so Council and Mayor should not get a pay increase. Stacy Lentz said the elected officials shouldn't be in it for the money; it's to help our community. Alma Wilder asked for each Council members opinion and the Mayors opinion. Jung motioned to close the public hearing, Johnson seconded. Motion carried. M/S/C

Consideration/approval of second reading of Ordinance: An Ordinance regarding amendment to Chapter 15 and Chapter 17 for Council members and Mayor pay increase. With lack of motion, the ordinance amendment fails.

Public hearing ordinance: An Ordinance regulating the use of golf carts within the City of Nashua, IA. Jung made a motion to open the public hearing, Cagley seconded. M/S/C

Mayor Dietz noted the changes in the ordinance were to include March and November and no golf carts on Main St for first five blocks. No comments from the public. Jung motioned to close the public hearing, Cagley seconded. M/S/C

Discussion/approval of first reading of Ordinance: An Ordinance regulating the use of golf carts within the City of Nashua, IA. Mayor Dietz read through the changes again. Jung motioned to approve the use of golf carts ordinance, Johnson seconded. M/S/C

Discussion/approval of city entrance enhancement project. Councilman Jung reported on Steve Gustafson's request to use the grant money to help with drainage issues and landscaping design for the Nashua sign area of town. Jung made a motion to approve looking into the design and provide a recommendation to Council, Johnson seconded. M/S/C

Discussion/approval of digging up curb stops. Tabled until next meeting for more research.

Discussion/approval of Park Board merchandise of sales at Welcome Center. Skilton commented that he had researched subject and the commission is up to Council to decide. He did suggest getting logo copyrighted. Tabled until next meeting for a Resolution.

Discussion/approval of City Clerk & Police Department offices. Jung reported \$1000 was saved by volunteer work on computers. Phone work is still left to do. Carpet quote is \$3,746.18 and \$1800 for office furniture including a desk and file cabinets. We can get high school students in to paint for silver chord hours. Some citizens volunteered file cabinets. Roof also needs repaired. Jung made a motion to paint the offices, order carpet, desk, two file cabinets, and get a roof quote, Johnson seconded. M/S/C

Jung motioned to have PT Officer Ben Scholl to temporarily work up to 40 hours per week as scheduled by the Police Chief, Johnson seconded. M/S/C

Discussion/approval of Halloween hours for Nashua. Jung made a motion to set the Halloween trick or treating hours for 5 – 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 31st, Cagley seconded. M/S/C

Discussion/ approval to approve consent agenda regarding the following building permits:

- 616 Woodbridge St. – Re-roof
 - 53 Bayou Dr. – Build deck, pour cement
 - 716 Cedar St. – New workshop & storage area
 - 220 Main St. – Repair west wall
 - 100 Amherst – Additional paving for diesel fuel stations and related work, canopy
- 220 Main St. was one where the building inspector commented that work needs to be done by contractor that is very familiar with brickwork, neighbor needs to agree and eaves need to be away from building. Motion to approve building permits by Johnson, seconded by Jung. M/S/C

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Cagley, seconded by Jung at 9:15 p.m. M/S/C

Mayor

Attest: Beth Henningsen
Utility Clerk

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