**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on April 1, 2019 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:58PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Rolland Cagley, Scott Cerwinske, Angela Dietz-Robinson, Thomas Johnson, and Harold Kelleher III. City employee John Ott and Chickasaw County Sheriff Martin Hemann were in attendance as well as 5 guests.

Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration to approve the agenda. Cerwinske moved to approve the agenda. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried

The Mayor called for public comments. There was a citizen inquiry on if 110 St. Lawrence St. had been condemned and Mayor Betsinger stated that it was condemned. The citizen than asked if there were any plans of tearing it down and Mayor Betsinger stated that we need to find funding in order to take any action. There were also a few questions about the Splash Pad (water recycled and/or heated). The Splash Pad will not use recycled or heated water, but council member Kelleher responded that this has not been an issue in the past with other cities that have put in a Splash Pad. A citizen also inquired about street sweeping and black top repairs in which council member Cerwinske stated that it isn’t warm enough for the patch work. Mayor Betsinger stated that he has not talked to Dan (Streets Department Supervisor) about his schedule for street sweeping. Shelly Johnson from the Splash Pad Committee talked about two additional features that were added to the Splash Pad without consent of the council. Shelly expressed that the Splash Pad Committee had raised enough funds to pay for the additions and so they thought it would be OK to not approve it through council. She also stated that the additions would be a lot cheaper to add them to the project from the beginning than try to add them later. She apologized on behalf of the Splash Pad Committee for not getting the changes approved through the council and asked if they needed to have the additional features cancelled. The mayor expressed concern because even though the Splash Pad Committee has raised almost $80,000 there are still a lot more expenses that will be incurred prior to project completion including cement work, fencing, electrical, water/waste water lines etc. The city agreed to allow the additional features totaling $6,400 and wanted to state that they support the Splash Pad project and appreciate the efforts that the Splash Pad has done raising money for the Splash Pad project, but any changes in the future need to be approved by the City Council.

Dietz-Robinson moved to approve the minutes from the regular city council meeting held on March 18, 2019. Cagley seconded. Motion Carried.

The first hearing of a Public Hearing regarding approving an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nashua, 2017 by Amending the Rates for Collection of Solid Waste was held.

Cerwinske moved to Open the Public Hearing. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried

Betsinger stated that the reason for the rate increase is because Jendro Sanitation is raising their rates.

Dietz-Robinson motioned to close the Public Hearing. Cagley Seconded. Motion Carried

Mayor Betsinger asked if anyone wanted to forego the 2nd reading of the Public Hearing. Council Member Cerwinske stated that they should have at least one more reading before passing the ordinance. The 2nd reading will be held on Monday, April 15th.

Cerwinske moved to approve the consent calendar with claims totaling $67,061.24 + $7,849.87 (Wages). Johnson seconded. Motion Carried.

Payment of Claims (see claims report): Total claims to be paid: $67,061.24 + $7,849.87

1. General Fund: $22,833.32
2. Road Use: $9,171.16
3. Water: $18,686.49
4. Sewer: $14,643.99
5. Employee Benefit Fund: $1,726.28

Permits – None

Business of the Mayor:

A citizen asked how much the garbage and sewer would increase and the mayor said the proposed rates will be $13.50 – 35 Gallon, $17.00 – 65 Gallon, and $22 – 95 Gallon. These prices include the recycling costs.

Mayor Betsinger asked the council if they wanted to set a Public Hearing for the Oudekerk property located on 721 Jay St. After the public hearing is set Attorney Skilton’s process server will take the hearing notice along with the quick claim deed to see if the property owner will sign it. If the owner does not sign, than the city can proceed with further action but first there will have to be a Public Hearing. Kelleher motioned to set the Public Hearing. Dietz –Robinson seconded. Motion Carried. A Public Hearing is set for April 15th.

Mayor Betsinger stated that the Demro Project requires that they obtain a permit from the city with diagrams of the sewer project as stated in the code book, this will be in addition to the permit they received through the DNR.

He also mentioned the meeting for the Greeley St. project that he attended last week. The funds available are significantly less ($2,500,000) than what was asked for by projects from Nashua and other communities ($7,206,000); therefore, we reduced our grant asking from $651,000 to $500,000. He has since talked to Jon Lutz from IIW Engineering to see if they are going to have another meeting or if anything had been decided, but at this point in time nothing has been decided.

Mayor Betsinger called the engineer on the dam project to check on its progress and they are waiting on FEMA to OK a change order on how they want to do the skirting of the dam to reduce the cost. The hope is that within two weeks we will be able to let bids.

Department Reports

John Ott City Clerk asked the council if they would approve him attending the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Meeting which is scheduled for April 10th-12th. The hotel cost is $90/night and the cost of the class is $175. The council approved.

There is an Iowa One Call Meeting scheduled for April 18th that he was informing the council of in case anyone wanted to participate. Ott talked about the Codification for the City of Nashua. The city started the Codification process last year, but because Ott is stepping in midstream he does not know where the city is at in the process. He has been in communication with the organization that the city contracted to do the Codification to find out where they are in the process and what the next steps will be. He is hoping to find out more information prior to the next meeting. The Welcome Center had its annual Fire Inspection. Ott also discussed a webinar he attended which addressed the importance of protecting Personally Identifiable Information and he is working with other communities in the area to determine any best practices that could be utilized for the city to help protect it against a data breach. Stacy Lentz has given her signed letter noting that she will have her business moved to her new location no later than April 30th. Ott also reviewed the Library report and noted all of the awesome activities that the Nashua Library has coming up over the next several months.

Council Member Reports

Angie Dietz- Robinson inquired about the potholes and inquired on when the city will start working on getting some of them filled. Mayor Betsinger stated that he had not talked to Dan (Street Supervisor) to see if there is a scheduled time frame to start. Kelleher has been working on Cannon Park. This is the oldest park in town established in 1916. The project is really starting to look nice, but there is still a lot of work to be done. The park board is trying to keep all the vendors local, which they have been able to do so far. They are also looking for some volunteers for the numerous projects that still need to be completed. They have already scheduled a few events for the summer to take place in the park. The Park Board has their next Park Board meeting scheduled for April 4th at 6:00 at Shelby’s Restaurant. One of the citizens mentioned how well Ken Babcock has been doing with the clean up. The goal is for the park to be open a week prior to Over the Dam Days.

Sheriff Martin Hemann gave his March Report and noted that there was a lot of activity in March including several Dog at Large incidents. There are ordinances in Nashua against having dogs running loose and the City of Nashua Police Department as well as the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Department will be issuing tickets to the owners. There has been quite a bit of activity with juveniles and they have had to refer at least one individual to the Juvenile System. He also wanted to state that even though their contract is 160 hours and they were here 183.5 hours there is no additional expense to the City of Nashua.

Nick Henningsen Water/Sewer Superintendent is putting together some criteria for sewer digs in the City of Nashua that will be discussed at our next council meeting.

City Laundering has priced the dispensers at $10/dispenser if we elect to purchase them. The council asked how much they would charge if we purchased the air fresheners and floor mats from them. City Clerk Ott will be checking into those prices and reporting back to the council to see if they want to purchase those items as well.

City Clerk Ott also inquired about the remaining terms of the current council for his records.

There was no other business. Cerwinske moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. Cagley Seconded. Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Pending approval by council

John Ott

City Clerk

Claims Report

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| BLAZEK CORPORATION | WATER - LEAK REPAIR SAMPLE ST | 3,166.83 |
| BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN | WATER - ROAD ROCK DIG ON SAMPL | 63.01 |
| BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC. | WATER - COMPRESSION COUPLING | 408 |
| CENTURYLINK | WC - FIRE ALARM PHONE | 143.16 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO. | WC - CUSTODIAL CONTRACT FEB | 165.84 |
| CLEMENT, JAN | WC - FEB2019CRAFTERCOMMISSIONS | 39.38 |
| CORRPRO COMPANIES, INC. | Annual Water Tower Inspection | 945 |
| CROELL REDI-MIX, INC. | STREETS - FILL SAND FOR DIGS | 73.13 |
| DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA | DENTAL INS | 411.62 |
| DORMAN, SHERYL | WC - FEB2019 CRAFTER PMTS | 133.09 |
| FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE | STREETS - POWER WASHER | 19.95 |
| GIS BENEFITS | WATER - LIFE AD/D DISABILITY | 153.6 |
| IIW ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS | GREELEY ST. STORMWATER STUDY | 829 |
| IPERS | REGULAR IPERS | 3,664.87 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT | 4TH QTR TAX PENALTY | 3,345.66 |
| JACOBS DOZER SERVICE | WATER MAIN BREAK - BAILEY ST | 1,035.00 |
| JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE | CITY CONTRACT | 9,237.43 |
| LEERHOF, SHARON | WC - FEB2019CRAFTERPMTS | 122.25 |
| LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK | HSA | 1,750.00 |
| MEHMEN, MARYLEE | WC - FEB2019 CRAFTER PMTS | 28.88 |
| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY | MARCH '19 - GAS/ELEC | 7,625.36 |
| PEOPLESERVICE INC. | water waste water contract | 18,315.00 |
| PLAINFIELD WELD & RPR | CITY FD - VEHICLE REPAIR | 160 |
| RILEY'S INC. | CH - MARCH COPY FEE | 68.52 |
| S & T COLLISION | RUAL FD - FILTER AND BATTERY | 158.24 |
| SCHERER, NANCY | WC - FEB2019CRAFTERPMTS | 35.59 |
| STAPLES ADVANTAGE | CH - COPY PAPER | 120.34 |
| T & K TRACTOR REPAIR | FD -CITY - BUILD MAINT/REPAIR | 111.31 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | STATE TAX | 363 |
| WELLMARK, BLUE CROSS | STREETS - HEALTH INSURANCE | 5,395.27 |
| SPREE FAMILY HONEY FARMS | WC - WHOLESALE HONEY | 86.4 |
| AVESIS | VISION INS | 21.54 |
| GWORKS | CH - TRAINING BANKING/GEN. LED | 641.25 |
| CHICKASAW COUNTY COURT | PD - DOG AT LARGE FINE PRE-PMT | 170 |
| OTT, JOHN | CH - TRAINING | 203.85 |
| PAYROLL CHECKS | TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS | 7,849.87 |
|  | CLAIMS TOTAL | 67,061.24 |
|  | GENERAL FUND FUND | 22,833.32 |
|  | ROAD USE FUND | 9,171.16 |
|  | EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND | 1,726.28 |
|  | WATER FUND | 18,686.49 |
|  | SEWER FUND | 14,643.99 |

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