**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on February 1, 2021 in Council Chambers at City Hall. Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.8. The meeting was also held electronically due to concerns of Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines put in place by Governor Kim Reynolds. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Alex Anthofer, Scott Cerwinske, Thomas Johnson and Hal Kelleher. Charles Shelby was absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was present along with Barb Lumley Welcome Center Board Member, Sheriff Martin Hemann, and Deputy Cole Tweeten.

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

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to open the public hearing for setting the max tax levy. Cerwinske/M, Kelleher/S, the public hearing was opened at 7:01PM. City Clerk Ott went over the max tax levy resolution. There were no public comments. Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Johnson/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C. The public hearing was closed at 7:02PM.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to pass resolution 21-10 Setting the Max Tax levy for FY’22 Budget. Johnson/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C. Roll Call:

Anthofer, Cerwinske, Johnson, and Kelleher – Aye and Shelby – Absent.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to open the public hearing for the State Contingent Loan. Cerwinske/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. The public hearing was opened at 7:04PM. City Clerk Ott reviewed the State Contingent Loan documents. There were no public comments. Mayor Betsinger asked

For a motion to close the public hearing. Cerwinske/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. The public hearing was closed at 7:07PM.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to pass resolution 21-11 Calling for the State Repayment of State Disaster Aid for Losses Incurred due to Severe Weather on September 21-October 3, 2016. Cerwinske/M, Johnson/S, M/C. Roll Call: Anthofer, Cerwinske, Johnson, and Kelleher – Aye and Shelby – Absent. Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to pass resolution 21-12 Taking Additional Action on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Refunding Loan Agreement, Combining Loan Agreements, Authorizing the Call of Outstanding Bonds, Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 and Providing for the Levy of taxes to Pay the Same. Johnson/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C. Roll Call: Anthofer, Cerwinske, Johnson, and Kelleher – Aye and Shelby – Absent .

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for January 18, 2021 and the Special Meeting January 25, 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: $49,783.64+$6,961.50 (Wages)

1. General Fund: $18,894.38
2. Urban Revit: $952.50
3. Road Use: $7,121.51
4. Employee Benefits: $3,361.51
5. Water: $11,032.55
6. Sewer: $15,382.69
7. Total Funds: $56,745.14

Johnson/M, Anthofer/S, M/C.

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

Department Reports:

City Clerk Ott requested that the council set a public hearing for FY’22 Budget. Mayor Betsinger called for a motion. Cerwinske/M, Kelleher/S, M/C. City Clerk Ott also informed the council that he had not completed the January Financial Reports, but they will be ready at the next council meeting.

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Kelleher mentioned that the park board will meet on February 2, 2021 to work on long term planning for the park board.

Johnson reviewed the opportunity to apply for a grant for the Fire Department. Johnson was asking for permission to modify the grant request on behalf of the grant writer. Anthofer asked if there was any way that he could get a copy of the grant. Johnson stated that the grant writer would be willing to sit down and review the grant with anyone, but he doesn’t like to give out his method for the grant writing especially the narratives since they feel it is some what proprietary, but he Johnson will check to see if he could get a copy with just the numbers. Johnson stated that he will talk to the grant writer and see what he can do.

Cerwinske mentioned a complaint that he had received about fireworks being set off any time of day/night and it was occurring between Wabash and Merrill St. He also stated that the cemetery is going to be closed off due to some issues that they have been having.

Barb Lumley reviewed the January monthly report for sales, rentals, etc. She also stated that Martha and Ivan’s Bakery, Hy-Vee Floral, and the Welcome Center will be set –up on February 13th for Valentine’s. She mentioned some issues with toilets. The council decided to replace the automatic flush valves with manual flushers as it would be a less expensive option. We will replace the 3 currently having issues and they will replace them as needed going forward. She mentioned that the Welcome Center Board had a discussion about the wages for the cleaning associate and the board recommended setting the wage @ $13/hour. The council will discuss the wage when setting the FY’22 budget.

Sheriff Martin Hemann presented his monthly report. He mentioned that the nuisance dog has been removed from the city limits, but he wasn’t sure if the dog had been chipped as decided by the council at a previous meeting. Sheriff Hemann stated that he will talk to the city attorney to see what recourse if any can be done if the dog was not chipped as required by the council. Sheriff Hemann also introduced Cole Tweeten a new Deputy.

The council discussed setting the budget for fireworks. Cerwinske motioned to budget a total of $10,000 and possibly having two events one in the summer and one in the winter and being paid for 50% out of General Fund and 50% out of Watson Estate which is to be used to benefit the citizens of Nashua. Kelleher seconded. M/C.

The council looked at a proposal from an individual to build a center in Cedar Hill Tif District. The individual has been looking for land in Nashua and has a few places that they would like to consider. One of the locations is the Tif District, which is currently zoned residential. The council’s main concern was how the neighbors felt about it, since it is zoned residential. There are some other issues to discuss, since there is a Tif District involved City Clerk Ott will be talking to the bonding attorney on Tif rules and regulations, to see if it is even something that could be done. The individual is also considering other locations within Nashua.

There was no other business. Cerwinske motioned to adjourn. Anthofer seconded. M.C. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Pending Approval by City Council

 John Ott

 City Clerk

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| CLAIMS REPORT (Jan 19-Feb 3, 2021) |  |  |
| VENDOR | REFERENCE  | AMOUNT |
| LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK  | HSA  | $1,700.00 |
| U.S. POST OFFICE  | CH/WTR/SEWR- JAN 2020  | $200.00 |
| AVESIS  | VISION - FEB 2020  | $44.52 |
| DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA  | DENTAL INS - FEB 2021  | $127.61 |
| GIS BENEFITS  | LIFE/DISABILITY - FEB 2021  | $97.12 |
| JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE  | REFUSE/RECYCLING - JAN 2021  | $10,829.86 |
| PEOPLESERVICE INC.  | water waste water contract  | $19,111.00 |
| BLUE CROSS WELLMARK  | HEALTH INS - FEB 2021  | $5,546.31 |
| BOCKHAUS PLUMBING & HEATING  | SEWER - LINE PLUGGED  | $510.00 |
| CENTURYLINK  | WC - PHONE EXP DEC 2020  | $74.82 |
| FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU  | FD - BOOKS BRAINING  | $267.78 |
| HANNEMANN CONSTRUCTION  | PARK - ROOF UPPER SHELTER  | $1,355.00 |
| IIW ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS  | STREETS - GREELEY ST  | $3,156.75 |
| INRCOG  | URBAN REVIT REHAB GRANT FEES  | $952.50 |
| LEROY'S REPAIR  | STREETS - OPERATING SUPPLIES  | $107.25 |
| POWERPLAN  | STREETS - SUPPLIES  | $158.00 |
| RAPID PRINTERS  | CH - ENVELOPES  | $116.00 |
| SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE  | STREETS - SNOW SHOVEL  | $139.97 |
| IPERS  | REGULAR IPERS  | $2,851.09 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT  | FED/FICA TAX  | $2,145.06 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA  | STATE TAX  | $293.00 |
| Accounts Payable Total  |   | $49,783.64 |
| Payroll Checks  |   | $6,961.50 |
| \*\*\*\*\* REPORT TOTAL \*\*\*\*\*  |   | $56,745.14 |
| GENERAL FUND  |   | $18,894.38 |
| URBAN REVITAL (LOST ONLY)  |   | $952.50 |
| ROAD USE  |   | $7,121.51 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT  |   | $3,361.51 |
| WATER  |   | $11,032.55 |
| SEWER  |   | $15,382.69 |
| TOTAL FUNDS  |   | $56,745.14 |