**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on April 15, 2019 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Rolland Cagley, Scott Cerwinske, Angelina Dietz-Robinson, Thomas Johnson, and Harold Kelleher III. City employee(s) Police Chief Benjamin Scholl and City Clerk John Ott as well as Water/Sewer Superintendent Nick Henningsen were in attendance as well as 8 guests.

Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration to approve the amended agenda adding building permits for 303 Main St., 237 Lake Shore Dr., discussion on accepting bids for the Property located at 721 Jay St., location and budget for fireworks, and purchasing a new server for City Hall. Cerwinske moved to approve the amended agenda. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried

The Mayor called for public comments. There were none.

Dietz-Robinson moved to approve the minutes from the regular city council meeting held on April 1, 2019. Cerwinske seconded. Motion Carried.

The 2nd consideration of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nashua, 2017 by amending the Rates for Collection of Solid Waste was held.

Johnson moved to open the 2nd consideration of the Public Hearing Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to close the 2nd consideration of the Public Hearing. Cerwinske Motioned. Cagley Seconded. Motion Carried

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to suspend the 3rd reading. Cerwinske Motioned. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried

Betsinger asked if there was a motion to approve Ordinance 323. Cerwinske Motioned to approve Ordinance 323. Johnson Seconded

Roll Call: Cagley-aye; Cerwinske – aye; Dietz-Robinson – aye; Johnson – aye; Kelleher – aye. Motion Carried

Ordinance 323 Pertaining to Rates for Collection of Solid Waste was adopted on the 15th Day of April, 2019.

Discussion/Approval regarding Resolution 19-17 Acceptance of Council to Accept a Gift of Real Estate by Quit Claim Deeds. Cagley Motioned to approve Resolution 19-17. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call: Cagley-aye; Cerwinske – aye; Dietz-Robinson – aye; Johnson – aye; Kelleher – aye. Motion Carried

Mayor Betsinger asked the council if they wanted to set a Public Hearing for the council meeting on May 6th for accepting bids on the property located at 721 Jay St. Cagley Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the consent calendar. Dietz-Robinson Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried. Payment of Claims (see claims report): Total claims to be paid: $23,968.79 + $7,455.50 (Wages)

1. General Fund: $11,320.07
2. Road Use: $4,129.03
3. Water: $2,964.10
4. Sewer: $1,866.59
5. FEMA: $3,689

Permits

203 Dixie Drive, 73 Wabash Ave. 109 Charles City Road, 902 Woodbridge, 303 Main Street , and 237 Lake Shore Drive. Tom Motioned to approve the permits Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Business of the Mayor:

Mayor Betsinger discussed the Greeley St. Project. As it stands they have decided to not have any other meetings, so as it stands now we should be approved for $500,000 and the project would begin in 2023. He also talked about the Lake/Dam Project. The engineers are still awaiting approval for some changes from FEMA; however the progress on the other items that they are working on for the lake/dam project is progressing as it should. The Mayor also discussed getting estimates to replace the server at City Hall because when the power went out last week it took the server down and we had to call someone to get it restarted. The technician stated at the time that it will probably not survive another power outage and so we need to get it replaced as soon as possible. Mayor Betsinger asked the council if we should start getting estimates and they decided we would get two estimates and determine what we will need to do. Council member Cerwinske also suggested that we find out if we need to replace the server or if everything can be done from the cloud.

Department Reports

John Ott City Clerk asked the council if they would approve him attending the Iowa League of Cities training which is to be held on July 15th-19th and July 22nd – 24th. There are several courses throughout the week which would be beneficial. The cost for the hotel is $120/Night. He also wanted to remind everyone that City Hall will be closed on Thursday April 18th for training. City Clerk Ott also wanted to discuss the Firework Budget and Location because the vendor needed the information this week. The City Council decided that they would use the same budget as last year ($5,000) and would use the Lake for the location. Mayor Betsinger asked if there was a motion for the budget and location. Angie motioned for the budget and location to remain the same as last year and Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried. City Clerk Ott also discussed the Auditor of the State scheduling an annual exam/audit.

Police Chief Benjamin Scholl mentioned that he has been out of town for training the past couple of weeks and has learned a lot of valuable information that will benefit the city and to further the partnership with the county. He also talked to the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Department when he got back and they informed him of some of the incidences that took place when he was gone. They are still working on some of them. The First Responder class has gotten an awesome response as there are already 6 people signed up. Police Chief Scholl also mentioned that the class is capped at 16 people, so there are still 10 seats available; however it would be a good idea to get signed up as soon as possible as space is limited. If you would like more information you can contact Ben @ 641-435-2068 or stop by the police station located at 402 Main St. Nashua, IA 50658.

Nick Henningsen Superintendent of Water/Sewer gave his monthly report. We have several upcoming repairs. We lost a leg down at the Waste Water Plant which causes pumps to fail, but fortunately because of the good working relationship that he has with Butler-Bremer they called him right away when they noticed his modem was on, however; next door there was no power. Nick knew right away what the issue was and was able to get it shut down. Had he not had that bond with them and they wouldn’t have called him it could have caused $100,000 or more in damage in pump failures. He also mentioned the dig on 346 and that the city is responsible for repaving it. There was a water main break on Bailey St. that needed to be repaired. A squirrel jumped in a transformer and blew the transformer at the well, but it didn’t cause any damage. On the wastewater side they had a bunch of sewer backups because there are footings connected to the sewer line which is illegal and so they are going to have to do some smoke tests to determine where the issue is. The lines at the waste water plant that were plugged have been cleaned out. He also burned the reed beds to keep the reeds growing. They are working hard to get the waste water plant back to normal after the long winter, so we will be seeing some repair bills coming through. He also discussed the fiber optics going out a few days ago with the bad storm. Butler-Bremer is going to put in some resistor to help as this is the 2nd time we have been hit with lightning strikes that caused our fiber optics to fail. MidAmerican Energy contacted Nick due to low usage at our back-up well and so when Nick checked it out behind the meter it is melting, so we are required to replace it for safety reasons if we want MidAmerican Energy to keep electricity there. It is our back-up well, so the city will have to decide what it wants to do. Nick is going to get a few estimates and see what options we have. We have been having some issues lately with some sewer digs and so Nick is going to present information that PeopleServices has put together for other communities for setting criteria for sewer digs to help prevent some of the problems that they have experience in the past few months.

Council Member Reports

Hal mentioned that Cannon Park is progressing along nicely and is on staying on budget. They are getting a pair of swings that the school is donating. Roeder Powder Coating is going to be doing the grills, benches, signage, and gazebo. Cannon Park is on track to open the weekend before Over the Dam Days which will be the dedication ceremony. The Park Board has been approached by a family to put in a memorial bench for their family. The Park Board will meet again next Thursday.

Tom mentioned putting cameras at the parks to overlook the lake as well as some other locations around town. His reason is that over the years the cameras from other residents and businesses have given them a direction to look in when an incident occurs and we are lacking in some of these areas. Police Chief Scholl said that it would be good to have something like the county has for searches and natural disasters that you can pull up from anywhere and he also mentioned maybe utilizing the same software that they have in order to integrate with the county. Tom also mentioned putting one up in the office and he stated that he would like for us to give it a good look. Scott mentioned that it is worth looking into because of the vandalism and other incidents that occur. Police Chief Scholl acknowledged that the last 5 incidences that happened were resolved because of cameras. Tom wanted to make sure that no one was opposed to getting some estimates and the council agreed that it would be worth looking into.

Discussion/Action Items

The Mayor asked the council if they were interested in discussing a golf cart ordinance because he has been getting approached by some citizens about it. The Mayor stated that Plainfield has one and they charge $30/year for permit and then they give them a sticker, need to have proof of insurance, etc. The Mayor of Plainfield is going to fax Mayor Betsinger the entire ordinance. The council decided that they would discuss it at the next meeting on May 6th. One of the citizens stated that she had given a copy in the past of all of the surrounding towns that currently had golf cart ordinances. Council person Hal inquired about any incidents involving golf carts and Police Chief Scholl mentioned a few of the accidents that have happened in communities near Nashua, but nothing in the town of Nashua. The Mayor asked the council if they want to discuss having an ordinance at the next city council meeting. The council agreed they would discuss whether or not they want to have a Public Hearing for establishing a golf cart ordinance.

The Iowa Economic Development Authority will be doing a City Walk Through on Tuesday April 23rd. They are encouraging community leaders and business owners to attend the meeting which will begin at 9:00AM in City Hall. At 10:00AM they will do a walking tour of the downtown area. The intent is to discuss some assets, challenges, significant buildings, etc. the primary focus will be on Main Street. They will put together their information from 12 to 2 and then they will reconvene at City Hall at 2:00PM to discuss the ideas to the public. Everyone from the City of Nashua is welcome to attend.

The City Council discussed cancelling their contract with City Laundering and purchasing the toilet paper and paper towel dispensers at a cost of $10/dispenser. They also talked about purchasing the air fresheners at a price of $16/dispenser. They also discussed whether or not they should purchase the mats from City Laundering. After discussion, Mayor Betsinger asked if there was a motion. Cerwinske motioned to purchase the dispensers and air fresheners from City Laundering at the quoted price and the mats from Nashua Plumbing and Heating because the new mats from there were less expensive than the quoted price for the used mats from City Laundering. Cagley Seconded. Motion Carried.

There was no other business. Cerwinske moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59PM. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59PM.

Pending approval by council

John Ott

City Clerk

Claims Report (April 2nd-15th, 2019)

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| ADVANCED SYSTEMS |   | 236.03 |
| BADGER METER | CAP EXP - WATER METER EXP APRI | 622.11 |
| BAKER & TAYLOR | LIBRARY BOOKS - | 261.55 |
| BOCKHAUS PLUMB & HTG | WATER - SHUT OFF TRAILER | 80 |
| BOOK LOOK | LIBRARY – BOOKS | 530.67 |
| BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATI | WATER - WELL INTERNET | 44.95 |
| BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN | STREETS - ROCK FOR ST. CUTS | 398.57 |
| BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC. | FD - CITY GROUNDS/MAINT | 37.26 |
| CENTURYLINK | PHONE BILL - MARCH | 581.04 |
| CERWINSKE, SCOTT | COUNCIL MILEAGE | 53.82 |
| CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT | LIB- BOOKS | 103.48 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO. | WC - CUSTODIAN CONTRACT MARCH | 82.92 |
| DEMCO | LIB - OFFICE SUPPLIES | 20.87 |
| ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING | SEWER - GENERATOR SERVICE | 328 |
| FARM & RANCH LIVING | LIB - MAGAZING SUBSCRIPTION | 29.98 |
| FASTENAL COMPANY | STREETS - OPERATING SUPPLIES | 77.38 |
| HACKMAN, HEATHER M. | LIB - TRAINING/EDUCATION | 55.76 |
| HUMANITIES IOWA | LIB - READING PROGRAM | 50 |
| IIW ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS | DAM - FEMA-APRON SCOUR REPAIR | 3,689.00 |
| INGRAM | LIB - BOOKS | 594.71 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT | FED/FICA TAX | 2,242.47 |
| LEROY'S REPAIR | SEWER - TRIMMER BLADE | 17.95 |
| LESSIN SUPPLY CO. | DAM - REPAIR | 22.92 |
| NASHUA PLUMBING & HEATING | FD CITY - FURNACE REPAIR | 901.48 |
| NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS | LIB - MAGAZINE SUB | 25 |
| NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE NASHU | CH - LEGAL PUBLICATIONS | 530.84 |
| PERMA-BOUND | LIB - BOOKS | 577.11 |
| NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY | LIB - PETTY CASH | 28.47 |
| RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS | FD - VEHICLE REPAIR ENGINE #41 | 53.78 |
| S & T COLLISION | STREETS - VEHICLE REPAIR TIRES | 735.59 |
| SCHOLASTIC, INC | LIB - BOOKS | 99.7 |
| T & K TRACTOR REPAIR | FD - RURAL VEHICLE REPAIR | 75.78 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | STATE TAX | 358 |
| U.S. POST OFFICE | WATER/SEWER - APRIL 2019 | 193.83 |
| WAVERLY HEALTH CENTER | FD - DIAGNOSTIC X-RAY RYAN C | 303 |
| WEBER PAPER COMPANY | LIB - OFFICE SUPPLIES | 31.28 |
| WEX BANK | CITY FUEL EXPENSES | 1,209.79 |
| ZIP'S | FD - RURAL VEHICLE REPAIR | 29.7 |
| HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION | WC - ANNUAL INSPECT MARCH 2019 | 374.5 |
| MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT CORP | WATER - LEAK DETECTION - CEDAR | 800 |
| PROGRESSIVE FARMER | LIB - MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION | 24 |
| PAYROLL CHECKS | TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS | 7,455.50 |
|   | CLAIMS TOTAL | 23,968.79 |
|   | GENERAL FUND FUND | 11,320.07 |
|   | ROAD USE FUND | 4,129.03 |
|   | FEMA FUND | 3,689.00 |
|   | WATER FUND | 2,964.10 |
|   | SEWER FUND | 1,866.59 |

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