**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

## The Nashua City Council met in special session on December 1, 2022 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM with Mayor Anthofer presiding. Council members present were Samantha Johnson, Hal Kelleher, Tim Malven, and Ernie Willsher. Rhonda Dean attended remotely. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was also present. There were 4 guests in attendance.

## Mayor Anthofer asked for consideration approving the regular agenda. Willsher/M, Malven/S, M/C. RC: 5 ayes

## Mayor Anthofer asked for public comments. He noted that a citizen had made some comments to him earlier in the day about the vendor truck ordinances. Anthofer encouraged them to attend the meeting, but no one showed up to address the council.

Resolutions

Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to adopt the following resolutions:

22:66 Resolution Adopting a Snowbird/Absentee Resident Policy. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

22:67 Resoultion Approving Mayor Sign an MOU (Memorandum or Understanding) for the Iowa Offset Program. Johnson/M, Dean/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

## Business of the Mayor:

## The Mayor had no business to discuss

City Clerk Ott

City Clerk Ott noted that Melissa (Lisa) Berends has now been with the City for 1 month and he asked the council if they would like to sit down with her and see how things are going with training, job satisfaction, workload, etc. Council member Dean will come in to do a review.

City Council:

Johnson stated to the council that she made a motion at the last Chickasaw County Ambulance council meeting to disband the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council on the last second of December 31, 2022. This is when the contract with the current ambulance provider will terminate and the current ambulance council that is disbanding will no longer be necessary.

Council member Willsher mentioned a water line dig that took place on or around Thanksgiving Day and wondered who would be responsible for repair costs that were done to a driveway. City Clerk will check with Water/Waste Water Superintendent Nick Henningsen.

Discussion/Action

The City Council discussed several actionable items.

Malven/M, Johnson/S, M/C authorizing the Mayor to sign the proposed EPA Order Submittal. RC: all ayes.

Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to approve service application for Iowa Department of Public Health. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed extending health insurance coverage for a retired employee beyond the 9 months required by the state for a pensioned employee. Johnson/M, Dean/S, M/C to adopt a policy to offer an extended health insurance coverage for a retired employee until the employee or spouse of the employee turns 65, whichever is later, or the employee passes on, employee will be responsible for 100% of the costs of the insurance, the premiums must be made to the city by the 10th of the month or 20 days before the due date if the due date changes; or the employee will lose the benefit of the extended coverage. The employee must be on the policy if they are insuring a spouse, the policy can be changed anytime by the city or any other laws, rules, or regulations. RC: all ayes. City Clerk Ott will put together a draft policy for City Attorney Skilton to review.

Johnson/M, Kelleher/S, M/C to order a total of 735 new endpoints for the water meters. The city has already received 483 with 172 more ready to ship. This will replace the 655 endpoints that had already been replaced since 2016, but are outdated due to technology changes. City Clerk Ott will order 80 more endpoints which will also need new meters, so that the city will have all cellular read meters. This motion is pending City Clerk Ott reviewing funding and ordering them as funding allows. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed breaking the town into sections and hanging door hangers with appointment times that residents can call back and set appointments to get the new endpoint and/or meter installed. City Clerk Ott suggested the City replace the broken ones first and move on from there. The City and/or Water Waste Water Department will be contacting residents to set up appointments.

The council discussed raising the meter fee from the current price of $2.00 to $5.00 to help offset the costs of the meters. More discussion will take place before any final decisions are made.

The council discussed setting budget dates. City Clerk Ott will get together with each of the Department Heads and go through individual department budgets with them and bring the proposal to the council who will than decide to approve the budget or bring in the Department Head for further explanation of budgetary requests.

The council discussed employee wages. They gave a raise to city workers of 2% in July, but at the time due to inflation they had discussed reviewing things in 6 months. The City will get together with the employees and discuss wages on an individual basis. Mayor Anthofer had stated that maybe providing a discounted membership to the Wellness Center could also be considered as an added benefit. No decisions were made.

There was no other business. Dean motioned to adjourn. Johnson/seconded. M/C. RC: 5 ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

## Pending Approval by Council

## John Ott

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