**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

## The Nashua City Council met in regular session on April 4, 2022 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Anthofer presiding. Council members present were Rhonda Dean, Samantha Johnson, Hal Kelleher, Tim Malven, and Ernie Willsher. City employee(s) Deputy Clerk Beth Henningsen and City Clerk John Ott were present as well as Nate Sinnwell Park Board President and Karmen Mehmen Welcome Center Board Member. Sheriff Martin Hemann and several guests were also in attendance.

## Mayor Anthofer asked for consideration approving the agenda. Johnson/M to approve the agenda with the change stated by City Clerk Ott which was changing the dates of the consent calendar payment of claims from March 8-21, 2022 to March 22-April 4, 2022. Willsher/S,

## M/C. RC: All Ayes. Mayor Anthofer asked for public comments and started with Attorney Skilton who reminded everyone that what they say is in open session and can be published and said that they should try not to use a person’s name to protect people who aren’t there and to follow the law and to remember that we are all neighbors. There were several public comments in regards to people expressing their opinions about a situation regarding the sale of blue lights at City Hall for a fundraiser for a local family who lost their loved one who served his community as the Police Chief and served his country in the Army. The main concern the citizens had was the employee being reprimanded for doing such a wonderful thing for a family in need. Mayor Anthofer commented that the citizens are only getting ½ the story and there hasn’t been a public hearing. After listening to several comments, he asked the council if they wanted to go into closed session to discuss strategy on potential litigation on the dam and another case involving investigation. Dean/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: Kelleher, Dean, Willsher Ayes and Malven and Johnson Nays. The motion was called at 7:12PM. Attorney Skilton stated that he needed a motion to go into closed session for the investigation and then announcing going into the second closed session for potential litigation on the dam. Council member Johnson asked if we had to close the public comments. Attorney Skilton asked for another Roll Call vote on ending the public session. Johnson/M to keep public comments open, Malven/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes. There were several more public comments concerning the reprimand and how it was handled at the city level and the Deputy Clerk also commented. The Deputy Clerk stated that on their write up it states that she didn’t get her work done because of it, but no one came to her to ask if that piece was done. She stated that on that same day she would have had to send out Delinquent Notices and had she not ran that ACH file she would have sent out 150 delinquent notices. So yes, the ACH file was done she said. She also stated that had I come to her she would have shown me that. She also stated that she has proof of that that it was done. Attorney Skilton instructed the council that they can’t talk about this openly in order to follow the law. Mayor Anthofer asked if there were any other public comments. Johnson/M to close the public comments. Kelleher/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes. Dean/M to go into closed session, Kelleher/S, M/C. The meeting went into closed session at 7:24PM to discuss a case involving investigation. After discussion, Johnson/M to close the closed session. Malven/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes. The closed session was closed at 7:32PM. Dean/M to resume open session, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes. Open Session resumed at 7:33PM. Immediately after, Attorney Skilton stated that we were going to go on the record stating we are going back into the 2nd closed session regarding potential litigation on the dam. After discussion, Dean/M to close the closed session, Malven/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes The closed session was closed at 7:37PM. Johnson/M to resume the open session, Malven/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes. Open session resumed at 7:38PM.

## Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to adopt the following resolution: 22-23 Resolution Approving Applying for Federal FY’23 Community Project Funds. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes.

## Mayor Anthofer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Workshop on March 16, 2022 and the regular council meeting held March 21, 2022. Dean/M, Malven/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes.

Mayor Anthofer asked for a motion to approve the consent calendar payment of claims.

Total Claims to be paid for March 22-April 4, 2022 (These are the corrected dates from the amended agenda). $50,585.63 + $6,879.08(Wages)

General Fund: $20,212.77

Lake/Dam: $693.11

Road Use: $5,755.19

Employee Benefits: $3,846.19

Water: $13,092.51

Sewer: $13,864.94

Total Funds: $57,464.71

## Johnson/M, Dean/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes

## Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to approve the Liquor License for Caseys General Store. Johnson/M, KelleherS, M/C. RC: All Ayes.

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

## Department Reports:

City Clerk Ott gave the council an update on the end points. They were ordered, delivered, but were incorrect and so now waiting to see how long it will take to get correct parts. He thanked Dan Zwanziger for coming in on Saturday to move snow at the Welcome Center.

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Council member Malven wanted to make sure the Street Department is pro-active in filling potholes now that the weather is warming up. Council member Kelleher mentioned bringing in some barricades to block off the intersection for the food trucks this Saturday. Sheriff Hemann reviewed the monthly report and answered questions from the council about the Sheriff’s contract hours. One question asked was if Nashua is billed for hours when they are here doing D.A.R.E at the school. Sheriff Hemann said that would be billable he said that anything they are in town for are billable hours. A council person inquired on if the county is reimbursed for the program. He said that it is donation based and they don’t have a budget for D.A.R.E. A council member inquired on if Ionia would be billed for similar services. Sheriff Hemann said that Ionia doesn’t have a set contract as they are a drive through service, but those hours would be billed in other cities within Chickasaw County.

Nate Sinnwell presented the monthly Park Board report and gave some updates on upcoming events and plans for upgrading the electrical at the park to relieve some of the electrical load as we have had issues with fuses blowing due to being overloaded when the campground is full or the temperature is too hot. Karmen Mehmen gave the monthly report for the Welcome Center. She said they have some new vendors and volunteers, lots of reservations coming up for the rental rooms and she is working on getting estimates for some of the needed repairs. She also thanked Dan for coming in Saturday to move snow. She also mentioned that they were awarded a $5,000 grant from the Community Foundation for the Saving the Boy Scout Cabin project.

The council discussed hiring a new Police Chief. Johnson moved to table, Kelleher seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes.

The council discussed approving the 28E Sheriff’s contract. Johnson/M to approve the contract presented by Chickasaw County. Malven/S, M/C. RC: 4 Ayes (Johnson, Kelleher, Malven, and Willsher) and 1 Nay – Dean.

The council considered approving allowing County elections at the fire station. There was no vote, but they did want to get some more information on why they want to move it. They had some safety concerns about moving it to the Fire Station in addition to the ones that the County brought up.

The council discussed fixing the elevator at the Welcome Center. Dean/M to approve the bid from Schindler for $8,921. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes.

Council Member Johnson had some questions about the case involving investigation and requested going into closed session. Dean/M to close the open session, Johnson/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes. The open session was closed at 9:03PM. Malven/M to open the closed session, Johnson/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes. The closed session was opened at 9:03PM. After Attorney Skilton answered the questions and updated the council Johnson/M to close the closed session, Malven/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes. The closed session was closed at 9:14PM. Johnson/M to open the open session, Dean/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes. The open session was opened at 9:14PM.

Other Business

There was no other business. Johnson/M to adjourn, Dean/S, M/C. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14PM.

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##  Pending Approval by Council

## John Ott

## City Clerk

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| CLAIMS REPORT (March 22-April 4, 2022) |  |
| VENDOR | REFERENCE  | AMOUNT |
| AVESIS  | VISION - APRIL '22  | $91.94 |
| CRONIN, SKILTON, SKILTON  | CH/DAM -LEGAL FEES  | $1,625.00 |
| DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA  | DENTAL INS - APRIL '22  | $134.34 |
| GIS BENEFITS  | DEATH/DISABILITY - APRIL '22  | $99.72 |
| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY  | PARKS-GAS/ELEC FEB '22  | $10.38 |
| OTT, JOHN  | CH-SPRING IMFOA CONF '22  | $126.50 |
| PEOPLESERVICE INC.  | water waste water contract  | $19,340.00 |
| QUIN-CITIES SHOPPING GUIDE  | WC-ADVERSTISEMENT  | $250.00 |
| SNAP-ON TOOLS  | STREETS-OPERATING SUPPLIES  | $224.65 |
| BLUE CROSS WELLMARK  | HEALTH INS - APRIL '22  | $6,573.35 |
| DON BOSS  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $12.00 |
| CALICO MEADOW SOAP LLC  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $25.50 |
| DEUTH, BRENDA  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $22.13 |
| KATHLEEN HENRY  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $15.00 |
| HOMESPUN TREASURER  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN '22  | $10.13 |
| ANDREA KING  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $26.25 |
| LINDA LENZ  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $23.25 |
| MARYLEE MEHMEN  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $9.00 |
| NANCY'S TRUFFLES  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN '22  | $15.00 |
| OLD BRADFORD PIONEER VILLAGE  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN '22  | $17.25 |
| JANET PETEFISH  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN '22  | $1.88 |
| ROEDER POWDER COAT & MACHINE  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN '22  | $22.50 |
| DANIELLE SCHELL  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $20.63 |
| NANCY SCHERER  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $23.80 |
| SHIRLEY STEVENSON  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN '22  | $47.25 |
| THE COUNTRY COTTAGE  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $4.50 |
| GLADICE TIDEMANSON  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $7.50 |
| ZWEIBOHMER SHELLEY  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN '22  | $17.93 |
| TERESA STAUDT  | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB '22  | $24.75 |
| ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY  | STREETS - SNOW BLADE  | $29.48 |
| HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION/FANDEL  | WC-ANNUAL INSPEC FIRE DEVICES  | $375.00 |
| JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE  | GAR/REC - MAR '22  | $11,105.57 |
| JOHNSON, SAMANTHA  | COUNCIL/MAYOR-MILEAGE REIMB  | $66.69 |
| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY  | GAS/ELEC EXP - MAR '22  | $7,270.17 |
| OTT, JOHN  | CH-CLOUD BACK UP CARBONITE REI  | $89.87 |
| ROBERTS, LEIGH  | WC/CH-CONTRACT CLEAN  | $340.00 |
| U.S. POST OFFICE  | GAS/WTR/SEWER - MAR '22  | $212.10 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT  | FED/FICA TAX  | $1,967.62 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA  | STATE TAX  | $307.00 |
| Accounts Payable Total  |   | $50,585.63 |
| Payroll Checks  |   | $6,879.08 |
| \*\*\*\*\* REPORT TOTAL \*\*\*\*\*  |   | $57,464.71 |
| GENERAL FUND  |   | $20,212.77 |
| LAKE/DAM  |   | $693.11 |
| ROAD USE  |   | $5,755.19 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT  |   | $3,846.19 |
| WATER  |   | $13,092.51 |
| SEWER  |   | $13,864.94 |
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