City of Nashua
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Council Chambers, City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in special session on October 11, 2023, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM with Mayor Pro Tem Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Harold Kelleher III, Tim Malven and Ernie Willsher. Mayor Alex Anthofer was absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott and 3 guests were present. Mayor ProTem Kelleher asked for consideration approving the regular agenda. Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 5 ayes. Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher asked for public comments: There were none. Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to adopt Resolution 23-49 resolution to approve two new members as volunteers for the Nashua Area EMS. S. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C. RC: 5 ayes. The council discussed and acted on several items. Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S M/C to approve the bid from Pederson Plumbing to replace the upstairs Geothermal unit at the Welcome Center for a cost of $12,600, which was the lowest bid. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to close Main St. from Woodbridge to Lexington on October 29, 2023, from 2PM to 4PM for Trunk or Treat. The council discussed hiring a new public works/maintenance employee. S. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the process to start looking for a full-time employee. RC: all ayes. The pay will be commensurate with experience. S. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to set a budget of $1,000 with an application deadline of November 3rd. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed the issue with speeding in town. They discussed many options, but for now City Clerk Ott will talk to Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver to see if they can increase patrol along the areas where people are speeding. The city will also reach out to the school to see if they have any issues or areas where they see safety concerns due to speeding. The council discussed numerous issues with nuisance properties from properties that are abandoned/neglected to properties with junk/junk vehicles and other properties with dense growth/weeds. There are several properties that the council would like to see cleaned up. The council would be willing to waive the permit fee in order to provide some incentive to the property owners to clean up their property. The owners would still need to fill out the permit application; however, the fee would be waived. 515 Brasher St – M/S. Johnson, S/Malven, M/C. RC: all ayes. 316 Aspinwall – M/J. Johnson/, S/Malven, M/C. RC: all ayes. 28 Charles City Rd. – M/S. Johnson/S. J. Johnson/M/C. RC: all ayes. S. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to have Attorney Skilton look into the property at 123 Lexington to find out the next steps since the city is unable to contact the owner. RC: all ayes. City Clerk Ott will also check with Attorney Skilton for 109 Lexington where the city is unable to contact the owner. J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to send follow up letters to 101 Greeley St. and 50 Chickasaw St. RC: all ayes. Malven/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to table discussion on the campground until the Park Board makes some recommendations to the council. RC: all ayes. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S M/C for city clerk Ott to draft a letter for citizens to put in a 2nd meter for outside use. RC: all ayes. The council discussed the owner purchasing the meter, running the water lines at the citizen’s cost. After they get the meter installed, they would set up a new account with the city and be billed a monthly water service fee but wouldn’t be charged for sewer. City Clerk Ott will draft an amendment to the Water Ordinance for the council to review. J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve City Clerk to draft an amendment to the water ordinance to add verbiage about backflow and cross connection prevention as well. RC: all ayes. J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to table amending the policy on continuation of health insurance. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed adding a sexual harassment policy for fire department and the Welcome Center per ICAP recommendations. J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the sexual harassment policy that City Clerk Ott drafted after amending to include the Nashua Area EMS. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to set a public hearing amending the ordinance for Dog at Large and Dangerous Animals. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed the dead trees at the park. They decided to leave it up to the Park Board on how to handle it, but to ensure that whatever they decided they will need to get a certificate of liability. The council discussed some water accounts that are currently not reading even after receiving a new endpoint. The city will contact the manufacturer and see if they can figure out why the new endpoints are not reading.

There was no other business. Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.