**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on December 2, 2019 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Scott Cerwinske, Angelina Dietz-Robinson, Thomas Johnson, and Harold Kelleher III. Rolland Cagley was absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott and Police Chief Jeremy Iriarte were present as well as Sheriff Martin Hemann. There were also 5 guests in attendance.

Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration approving the agenda. Cerwinske Motioned Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Mayor Betsinger asked if anyone had public comments. There were none

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18th meeting. Dietz-Robinson Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to open the public hearing for opening and reviewing bids for the 3 city properties that have been listed for sale. Dietz-Robinson Motioned. Kelleher Seconded. The public hearing was opened at 7:03PM

There were a total of 3 bids: Property #1 623 Madison St. had a bid of $1 from the National Betterment Council and they stated they would like to continue to build homes and bring in tax revenue for the City of Nashua. The city received no bids for Property #2 204 Main St. and they received 2 bids for Property #3 the 4.17 Acre Lot on Mill St. The first bid was from Randy and Karen Sinnwell for $1,500, which their intended use was for farming. Bid #2 for the 4.17 Acre Lot was from EZ Plastic Pipe and Fittings who bid $5,000 and their intended purpose is to build a plastic blow mold manufacturing plant with 5-35 employees along with several offices. Randy and Karen did raise their bid to $5,500 after bid #2 was read. After some discussion, Mayor Betsinger asked if there was a motion to close the public hearing. Cerwinske Motioned. Johnson Seconded. Motion Carried. The public hearing was closed at 7:10PM. The council will decide at the next meeting if it wants to accept any of the bids.

Discussion/Approval

Resolution 19-46 Approving Shea Gerber to the Volunteer Fire Department. Dietz-Robinson Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call: Cerwinske – Aye, Dietz-Robinson – Aye, Johnson – Aye, Kelleher – Aye, Cagley - Absent

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: $77,451.99+$8,658.03 (Wages)

1. General Fund: $28,139.38
2. Road Use: $8,030.25
3. Employee Benefits: $6,776.23
4. TIF Funds: $8,150.08
5. Water: $20,416.10
6. Sewer: $14,048.98
7. Total Funds: $86,110.02

Kelleher Motioned. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Business of the Mayor

The Mayor called the engineer about the dam and they are still waiting to hear back from FERC on what they want to do.

Mayor Betsinger discussed an upcoming meeting on December 10th at 7:00PM for the Greeley St. Project. The meeting is with IIW Engineers and he expressed that it is important for people to attend the meeting, especially the people that are affected because there has to be a survey conducted in the target area and a certain% have to complete the survey or the city will not even be eligible to apply for the grant. A target area for the surveys has to be set. The Mayor asked the council if they wanted to set the target area at the council meeting or wait until after the meeting with the engineers on the 10th. The council decided to set the target area at the meeting on December 10th.

Department Reports

City Clerk Ott asked the council if the city pays for the Municipal Leadership Academy for the council members. The council did state that the MLA courses are paid for by the city. City Clerk Ott also talked about Main St. and he mentioned that during the Community Partnership meeting in November they discussed Main St. and what the city would like to do moving forward. He also shared information about the Catalyst Program to see if the city was interested in pursuing that grant opportunity. The council indicated that they are more interested in finding funding help for the dilapidated buildings as that is their primary focus on Main St., which the Catalyst Program does not qualify. City Clerk Ott also answered questions about the November Financial Reports.

Council Members

Dietz Robinson stated the many activities that are coming up in Nashua in December and how it is exploding with activities on December 7th , Santa will be in town at the Nashua Public Library from 10AM to 11:30AM; Christmas in Nashua 9AM-4PM on Main St and the Welcome Center; The N/P Music Boosters luncheon at the Welcome Center; Tour of Homes 2-5; and the Nashua Garden Club Soup Supper at the Fire Department 5-7.

Kelleher mentioned that they are still looking for Park Board members if anyone is interested.

Police Chief Jeremy Iriarte reviewed his monthly service calls

Sheriff Martin Hemann reviewed his Monthly Activity Report

Discussion/Action Items

Barb Lumley from the Welcome Center Board requested that the Welcome Center accept a 20% commission for establishing a new wine vendor at the Welcome Center and stated the Welcome Center Board had already approved the commission%, but needed city council approval. The council agreed to approve the 20% commission rate for Frisky Fox Vineyard. The council also approved allowing alcohol on premises for people who rent out the Welcome Center. The Welcome Center Board will establish the new contract, so that the renters know they are fully responsible if they choose to have alcohol at their event.

Mayor Betsinger asked the council if they would like to accept the Quit Claim Deed for the properties located at 304, 306, and 308 Main St. after some discussion the council decided to not accept the Quit Claim Deed for the properties at the present time.

Other Business

Mayor Betsinger asked if the council would like to approve a donation request of $50.00 for Helping Services for Youth and Families. Johnson Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

There was no other business. Cerwinske Motioned to adjourn. Johnson Seconded. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59PM.

Pending Approval by City Council

John Ott

City Clerk

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| CLAIMS REPORT (November 19-December 2, 2019) | |  |  |  |
| VENDOR | REFERENCE | AMOUNT | CHECK # | CHECK DATE |
| U.S. POST OFFICE | WATER/SEW/ | $140.00 | 43440 | 11/21/2019 |
| HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE | BRITTANY SINNWELL EMR CLASS | $549.00 | 43441 | 11/25/2019 |
| BLUE CROSS WELLMARK | HEALTH INS DEC '19 | $8,436.37 | 43442 | 11/25/2019 |
| PEOPLESERVICE INC. | water waste water contract | $18,718.00 | 43443 | 11/25/2019 |
| CEDAR HILL DEVELOPMENT | CEDAR HILL - PMT JUNE-NOV '19 | $8,150.08 | 43444 | 11/25/2019 |
| INRCOG | URBAN-REVIT-REHAB GRANT FEES | $1,255.82 | 43445 | 11/25/2019 |
| NASHUA FIRE DEPT. | 28FFX$200 CY2019 STIPENED | $5,600.00 | 43446 | 11/25/2019 |
| ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY | STREETS-OP SUPPLIES | $32.08 | 43447 | 12/2/2019 |
| CAHOY PUMP SERVICE, INC | WATER - SHOCKED WELL #5 | $6,346.00 | 43448 | 12/2/2019 |
| FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE | STREETS - OIL FOR BLADE | $125.99 | 43449 | 12/2/2019 |
| GIS BENEFITS | LIFE/DIS IND DEC '19 | $90.67 | 43450 | 12/2/2019 |
| JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE | GARB/REC-NOV '19 | $9,391.38 | 43451 | 12/2/2019 |
| NASHUA PLUMBING & HEATING | WC - OPERATING SUPPLIES | $484.47 | 43452 | 12/2/2019 |
| STAPLES CREDIT PLAN | CH - OPERATING EXPENSES | $109.83 | 43453 | 12/2/2019 |
| DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA | DENTAL INS | $280.54 | 43455 | 11/26/2019 |
| LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK | HSA | $1,550.00 | 43456 | 11/26/2019 |
| BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC. | STREETS - SIGNAGE | $1,260.00 | 43457 | 12/2/2019 |
| MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL | STREETS-OPERATING SUPPLIES | $66.50 | 43458 | 12/2/2019 |
| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY | GAS/ELECT EXP NOV '19 | $5,633.33 | 43459 | 12/2/2019 |
| IPERS | REGULAR IPERS | $5,370.39 | 18213159 | 11/26/2019 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT | FED/FICA TAX | $2,366.54 | 18213160 | 11/26/2019 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | STATE TAX | $403.00 | 18213161 | 11/26/2019 |
| IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENU | SALES TAX - NOV'19 | $177.00 | 18213162 | 11/26/2019 |
| IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | WET TAX - NOV '19 | $915.00 | 18213163 | 11/26/2019 |
| Accounts Payable Total |  | $77,451.99 |  |  |
| Payroll Checks |  | $8,658.03 |  |  |
| \*\*\*\*\* REPORT TOTAL \*\*\*\*\* |  | $86,110.02 |  |  |
| GENERAL FUND |  | $28,139.38 |  |  |
| ROAD USE |  | $8,030.25 |  |  |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT |  | $6,776.23 |  |  |
| TIF FUNDS |  | $8,150.08 |  |  |
| PERM FUNDS-CITY WATSON |  | $549.00 |  |  |
| WATER |  | $20,416.10 |  |  |
| SEWER |  | $14,048.98 |  |  |
| TOTAL FUNDS |  | $86,110.02 |  |  |