**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on May 20, 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, Thomas Johnson, Harold Kelleher III, Angelina Dietz-Robinson arrived at 7:03PM and Rolland Cagley was absent. City employee(s) Police Chief Benjamin Scholl, and City Clerk John Ott and Deputy Clerk Bethany Henningsen were in attendance. Nick Henningsen Superintendent of Water/Waste Water was in attendance along with 6 guests.

Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration to approve the amended agenda adding two Park Board Members. Cerwinske moved to approve the amended agenda. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried

The Mayor called for public comments. Shelly Johnson from the Splash Pad Committee brought in some recommended rules for the Splash Pad. Council Member Tom Johnson brought up adding the locations of storm shelters in inclement weather. It was also brought up whether or not it had to be posted if it was being monitored by a security device. Johnson mentioned that if they did that than it would be posted on a separate sign. The hours of operation will be from 10AM to 10PM, but are subject to change if there are problems. The Grand Opening is scheduled for June 1st at 10:00AM and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. Another citizen asked the council if the city was still working on condemning houses. The mayor mentioned that we have some that are condemned, but the city has to pay money to do anything with them. The same resident also talked about the Industrial Park Lots that the city sold to people for them to put up businesses and the citizen was wondering what happens to those properties because there has been no activity on some of them. The Mayor explained that he wasn’t here at the time that these sales went through and so he is working with our Attorney to look into what options the city has if the owners do not put buildings/businesses on these lots. Another resident brought up an article that she had put in the Citizens of Nashua about the flower containers on Main St. She mentioned that they are an eye sore and that Plainfield had fixed their Main St. up and was wondering if the City of Nashua would consider doing the same thing. She wanted to see if people or businesses would be willing to donate time and/or materials to get them looking better. She took care of doing some things at the Post Office by getting things cleaned up and flowers planted. The Mayor stated that the businesses that are located by the flower containers are the ones that are responsible for taking care of them. Nick mentioned that Beth was going to be coming in to talk about this later in the meeting and that some of the Greenhouses were willing to donate some flowers. Another citizen thought the flowers were purchased by Main St. Matters and they would be the ones responsible for taking care of them. Another citizen asked if Main Street Matters was still an organization or if it no longer exists, because if it doesn’t exist than someone needs to do something with these planters.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on May 6th. Cerwinske Motioned. Kelleher seconded. Motion Carried.

Mayor Betsinger motioned to open the Public Hearing for Amending the FY2019 budget. Dietz-Robinson Motioned to open the Public Hearing. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

Mayor Betsinger motioned to close the Public Hearing for Amending FY2019 budget. Kelleher Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

Discussion/Approval regarding RESOLUTION 19:19 – AMENDING THE FY2019 BUDGET. Cerwinske moved to approve the resolution. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried

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

The first hearing of a Public Hearing regarding approving an ordinance adding a new chapter to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nashua pertaining to Golf Cart/UTV Permitting and Regulations was held. Cerwinske motioned to open the Public Hearing. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried. Dietz-Robinson moved to Close the Public Hearing. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried.

Mayor Betsinger called to approve the Ordinance adding a New Chapter to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Nashua pertaining to Golf Cart/UTV permitting and regulations. Kelleher Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

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

Betsinger called for a motion to forego the 2nd and 3rd reading. Dietz-Robinson Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

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

Ordinance 324 Pertaining to Golf/Cart UTV Permitting and Regulations was passed on this 20th Day of May, 2019.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the consent calendar. Johnson Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried. Payment of Claims (see claims report): Total claims to be paid: $430,493.52 + $7,801.13 (Wages)

1. General Fund: $62,359.43
2. Road Use: $4,961.81
3. Water: $11,729.14
4. Debt Service: $212,091.95

Permits

720 Saint Lawrence, 324 Cedar, 210 Wentling, 224 Wentling, 216 Main, and 212 Greeley St (extension). Cerwinske Motioned to approve the permits. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Business of the Mayor:

A quote was submitted to approve the insurance for Water Over the Dam Days and Mayor Betsinger asked the council if they wanted to approve the quote and pay for the insurance as has been done in the past. The quote was $1,373.60. Johnson Motioned to approve the quote. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Mayor Betsinger said that we need to replace two signs by our crosswalk and he has given Dan Zwanziger permission to replace at a cost of $400 each as this was required by the DOT. Shelby’s restaurant and Country Boy Salvage requested that the City of Nashua close the 300 block of Main St. for Music on Main scheduled for June 26 from 4:00PM to 10:00PM. They also requested Police barricades and picnic tables from the park department. Dietz Robinson Motioned to approve. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

Department Reports

City Clerk Ott answered the questions about the financial reports that were not able to be answered last council meeting because he did not have the information available at the time. He reviewed estimates from the IT company about increasing the storage space in the City Hall computers as well as the information that he received from G’Works the software company about the options of not replacing their server and using a cloud based system. The council will need to get more information before making a decision on what is the best option for the city. He also talked about the ICAP grant and what would the funds be used for. The idea that was discussed was to put the money towards the 1st Responder’s Class that will begin in October. He also talked about the grant from MidAmerican Energy for the Tree’s Please grant that was awarded for $1,000 and the council decided to replace some of the trees at Cedar Hill Park. City Clerk Ott also discussed two trainings that he would like to attend one for Street Finance Reporting and the other for Rural Housing. Both meetings were approved. He also inquired on whether or not the city wanted to pay a $50 fee as part of League of the Cites. This will give access to very large searchable database of available grants. The council approved. City Clerk Ott also reviewed some of the information from the first Community Partnership meeting which was held on May 13th. The meetings will be held each quarter and the next one is scheduled for August 12th at 7:00PM at Council Chambers in City Hall.

Police Chief Benjamin Scholl talked about some of the sidewalk hazards such as heaving cracks, etc. and has sent some residences letters outlining the sidewalk ordinance. The goal is to make Nashua a safer place for walking. He also talked about the current ordinance on lawn care. He says that it isn’t specific enough as it only states “dense grass” where other city ordinances have a set height; so that it is more of a concrete ordinance to enforce rather than a judgment call. He says that this would be a better way to be fair and consistent. He talked about just adding to our current ordinance instead of writing a new one. He also mentioned the bike rodeo coming up on Tuesday May 21st. Friday is movie night for kids and the 28th is Community Service Day for the school and so the kids will be going around town picking up trash and doing other things to help clean up the town. Police Chief Scholl said that if we see them around show them some appreciation for their efforts.

Council Member Reports

Hal from the Park Board Committee stated that on Sunday May 26th they would like to have a lantern release. The lanterns need to be completely biodegradable. It is scheduled for 8:30 at the main park. He also wanted to get two more Park Board Members approved that have already been approved by the Park Board. The applicants that they are requesting permission to approve are Kurt Schmitt and Zach Wesselmann. Dietz-Robinson motioned to approve the applicants and Johnson Seconded. Motion Carried. Hal also mentioned bringing power up the hill at the park because if the park gets a lot of rain during Water Over the Dam Days the area down by the beer garden floods and it would be nice to have another option. He also mentioned that they are still on schedule for the rededication of Cannon Park to take place on June 22nd. Renae Johnson had approached the Park Board and requested that they be willing to put two Memorial Park Benches one in Cedar Park and one in Cannon Park that would be paid for by Renae Johnson and her brothers for the memory of Terry R. Demro and Cindy A. Demro. Cerwinske Motioned. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried. The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for May 28th at 6:00PM.

Nick Henningsen Superintendent of Water/WasteWaster reviewed the PeopleServices monthly report. He talked about a leak on Cedar St. unfortunately it was an abandoned lot and because the water wasn’t turned off at the main like it is required, the city will have to pay for the dig. He emphasized that capping at the main is something that we need to enforce because this is the 3rd one since PeopleServices has taken over water that the city has had to do. They turned on the water and fixed some of the plumbing issues to get the campground ready to go. He is going to utilize a young man that needs to do some community service to paint our hydrants. There were several repairs that needed to be done and some of the repairs that keep coming up could be from losing the leg of power and so he will be turning those bills into City Clerk Ott to be turned into the insurance company. He also gave a booklet describing some of the rules for setting criteria for sewer digs. There was only one book available and not everyone had a chance to read through it and so the council will review it this week and talk about whether or not they want to implement these criteria for the city at the next council meeting.

Beth Henningsen Deputy Clerk talked about scheduling some “Clean Up Days” for the city with the dates of June 14th-17th. Jendro would provide the dumpsters and the city would pay for the dumpsters. The rules for what can be placed in the dumpsters would be what Jendro will allow and the contents of what will be allowed will be posted. Beth also mentioned having some sort of Pot Luck at the Welcome Center or Shelter house for those who volunteered to help clean up could have a little celebration..She talked about the flower pots on Main St. and getting a group of volunteers to help with painting/planting. Christine Meyer will be heading it up with Beth and so anyone interested in helping can contact either Beth Henningsen at City Hall or Christine Meyer.

Other Business

The council discussed whether or not they wanted to continue with filling swimming pools this year and the rates for doing so. The council decided that they would do it again this year and the rate for a 1,000 gallon pool will be $30 and will increase $5/1000 gallons. Cerwinske Motioned. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried.

City Clerk Ott talked about a Rural Economic Development opportunity for a Revolving Loan Fund that could potentially help with fixing up some of areas of Nashua. City Clerk Ott will talk to Timothy Fox Charles City Area Development Corporatation to gather more information on how it works and the requirements for the loan.

City Clerk Ott talked about the Site Visit Follow Up from the flood of 2016 .The city has all of the information with the exception of one letter that we still need in order to close the case. Council Member Dietz-Robinson stated that she could write a letter stating that she couldn’t locate the letter that they are requesting. City Clerk Ott has also inquired from Christine Burkett Recovery Division, Finance and Monitoring Office to find out what our next steps are if we can’t find the letter.

ICAP Loss Control partners with Valuations Northwest and do free property valuations. The City of Nashua is eligible for a review and the council elected to have them come and do the evaluation as long as it’s free.

The Splash Pad is currently insured for $85,000 and People’s Insurance was asking if we would like to add additional insurance, the council decided that $85,000 was enough coverage to cover any loss.

The Library Report was given to all council members for review.

There was no other business. Cerwinske motioned to adjourn Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46PM.

Pending Approval by City Council

John Ott

City Clerk

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| Claims (May 7-20, 2019) |  |  |
| BAKER & TAYLOR | LIB - BOOKS | 212.55 |
| BOCKHAUS PLUMB & HTG | SEWER - RAN CAMERA SEWER LINDL | 170 |
| BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATI | WATER - WELL INTERNET | 44.95 |
| BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN | STREETS - ROAD ROCK | 325.07 |
| BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC. | WATER - CURB STOPS | 102.6 |
| CONSUMER REPORTS | LIB - SUBSCRIPTION | 30 |
| CENTURYLINK | PHONE BILL - APRIL | 571.32 |
| CERWINSKE, SCOTT | COUNCIL - MILEAGE REIMBURSE | 108 |
| CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT | LIB - BOOKS | 45 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO. | WC - PURCHASED DISPENSERS | 157.08 |
| CROELL REDI-MIX, INC. | PARKS - CEMENT FOR SPLASH PAD | 1,202.32 |
| DISNEY MOVIE CLUB | LIB - DVD'S | 52.3 |
| DOLLAR GENERAL | LIB - READING PROGRAM | 14.25 |
| FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE | FD - RURAL HOSE CLAMPS/BARB | 188.86 |
| FIRST SECURITY BANK | WATER - IMPROV GO BOND | 79,987.44 |
| HACKMAN, HEATHER M. | LIB - MEAL AND MILEAGE | 39.89 |
| HEARTLAND ASPHALT, INC. | STREETS - COLD MIX | 2,123.55 |
| INGRAM | LIB - BOOKS/DVD'S | 210.45 |
| IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY | SEWER - PAID W/ SEWER REVS | 184,803.75 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT | FED/FICA TAX | 2,270.49 |
| JACOBS DOZER SERVICE | WATER - CEDAR ST. | 1,095.00 |
| LEROY'S REPAIR | PARKS - PARTS | 23.5 |
| LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK | PRINCIPAL POWERHOUSE - FINAL | 75,647.01 |
| NASHUA PLUMBING & HEATING | PARKS - BUILD MAINT/OPS SUPPLI | 349.71 |
| PEOPLESERVICE INC. | water waste water contract | 18,315.00 |
| NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY | LIBRARY - PETTY CASH | 37.24 |
| SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, L.L.C | FD - CLASS A FOAM | 138 |
| TASTE OF HOME | LIB - BOOKS | 33.98 |
| THE MILL, INC. | LAKE/DAM - OIL | 1,070.00 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | STATE TAX | 356 |
| ULINE | WC - TOILET PAPER | 64.13 |
| VERIZON | PD - VEHICLE INTERNET | 120.03 |
| WAVERLY HEALTH CENTER | FD - RYAN CARICO PHYSICAL | 234 |
| WEX BANK | CITY FUEL EXPENSES | 883.21 |
| KJ DESIGN LLC | PARKS - SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS | 142 |
| SPREE FAMILY HONEY FARMS | WC - WHOLESALE HONEY | 41.6 |
| CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF | PD- SHERIFF/PD COUNTY CONTRCT | 50,659.00 |
| OTT, JOHN | CH - MILEAGE/HOTEL IMFAO/G'WOR | 315.11 |
| IOWA DOWNTOWN RESOURCE CE | DOWNTOWN WALK AROUND IEDA | 300 |
| OUR NEIGHBORS, THE AMISH | LIB - READING PROGRAM | 208 |
| PAYROLL CHECKS | TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS | 7,801.13 |
|  | CLAIMS TOTAL | 430,493.52 |
|  | GENERAL FUND FUND | 62,359.43 |
|  | ROAD USE FUND | 4,961.81 |
|  | DEBT SERVICE FUND | 212,091.95 |
|  | WATER FUND | 11,729.14 |
|  | SEWER FUND | 139,351.19 |

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