

Nashua City Council Meeting  
City Hall Chambers  
May 1, 2017 at 7 p.m.

The Nashua City Council met in regular session May 1, 2017 at Nashua City Hall at 7:02pm. Mayor Angelina Dietz presided with Council members Rolland Cagley, Brenda Roberts, Tom Johnson, Ryan Jung and Kyle Lane present.

The following employees were in attendance: City Attorney David Skilton, Utility Clerk Beth Henningsen, Police Chief Paul Bechthold, Sergeant Travis Marvin, Water Superintendent Jeff Smith and Welcome Center Director Jen Hauser. 11 guests were in attendance.

Johnson asked that the agenda be amended adding the building permit for 3 Woodbridge St for the controlled burn of the old Feed Mill and removal of the Utility Shed.

Motion by Lane, seconded by Cagley to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Lane, seconded by Cagley to approve bills for May 1, 2017-attached in a separate file and Minutes for April 17th & 24th 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Cagley to pay for WODD insurance again this year. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney: Was asked to publish an opinion on the City Administrator for ordinance. Skilton emailed a copy to council which aligns the authority to go forward with the hiring of City Administrator.

Police Department: Chief Bechthold reported there were 175 written contacts, 16 of them had narcotics involved and that Duke was involved with all of them. Bechthold said STEPP would be at the end of the month. Bechthold asked the council about purchasing a PBT (Preliminary Breath Test) as there is only one out of the three cars that has this equipment. The cost would be \$500.00 but with the approved grant through the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Special Traffic Enforcement Program the Police Department would be reimbursed \$450.00. Council asked that it be put on the next agenda for discussion/approval.

Water Department: Water Superintendant Smith said he would be flushing hydrants and will post at the Post Office of the scheduling. Smith said that he had received the water hammer device and that he will also be working at setting the fire hydrants to the correct elevation.

Welcome Center: Director Hauser told council the Welcome Center had 260 guests from 19 different States in April. Hauser said she has been talking with different vendors to put together a Farmers Market that would take place at the Welcome Center. She has had some interest from people but is always looking for new vendors. Please contact her at the Welcome Center if interested.

Mayor: Dietz touched on many projects that she has been working on, one was putting together an investment policy for the City. Skilton mentioned earlier that we were in compliance with it. Dietz also mentioned that she has been working with FEMA on various items for the repair of the Dam and will continue to do so. Dietz mentioned that the City needs to cut back on expenses and that the City is still on a spending freeze. Dietz gave suggestions on how to reduce some costs such as laying off a full time Police Officer or also laying off the Full time Parks person. Other suggestions were changing lease agreements to a loan so we could tax for the City equipment like the snow plows, reduce the contribution amount to employee's HSA, cut back on spending at the Parks and also to raise water and sewer rates.

Discussion was held to raise the pay of the Utility Clerk temporarily one or two dollars an hour. Mayor Dietz said that she had asked for this to be on the agenda. She spoke to the council saying that Henningsen has really stepped up and has had to take on additional responsibilities since the City Clerk has been on leave. Lane said that he thinks it should stay the way it currently was. Henningsen told the council she has had to take on the responsibility of two peoples jobs for the last seven weeks and that she would no longer do it without something. Jung said to Dietz that it is the responsibility of the Utility Clerk to step up into the role of the City Clerk when absent and that if Henningsen was unwilling to do it maybe they should look at replacing Henningsen's position as well. Henningsen exited the meeting. Cagley asked to revisit the discussion after the building permits were approved. Cagley motioned for the position to be raised a \$1.00 per hour temporarily until July 1, 2017, Seconded by Johnson. Ayes:3, Nays:2, Absent:0

Motion by Lane, Seconded by Cagley to approve the consent agenda regarding the following building permits:

- a. 910 Main St-Replace sidewalk from house to main sidewalk including steps
  - b. 202 Brasher St-Replace sidewalks on North side of building, building to East/West side walk
  - c. 317 Brasher St-Paint building, Remove & Replace concrete on East side of building, Bury replacement power line
  - d. 102 Andrews-Fix Sidewalk
  - e. 203 Somerset Court-Replace 20x11 section of driveway
  - f. 810 Main St- Install wood fence along the North side of house/driveway
  - g. 437 Greenwood Ave-New chain link fence on property line along Manneter property and privacy fence along beer garden & back of north bleachers, Made of 6' tin
  - h. West Heights Addition-Extending sewer line and water mains 100 ft
  - mi. 3 Woodbridge St-Burn down old feed mill and removal of utility shed.
14. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm by Roberts, seconded by Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Angelina Dietz  
Mayor

Attest: Beth Henningsen  
Utility Clerk

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