

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

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on September 7, 2021 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Alex Anthofer, Scott Cerwinski, Thomas Johnson, and Hal Kelleher. Ashley Ludemann was absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was present. Bonnie Cleveland from the library, Karmen Mehmen from the Welcome Center Board, and Sheriff Marty Hemann were in attendance. Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration approving the agenda. Cerwinski/M, Anthofer/S, M/C.

Mayor Betsinger asked if there were any public comments. He brought up an issue from a citizen who was concerned with trucks going from Cedar St. to Jay St. as there is not enough room to make the corner and someone broke a portion of sidewalk off. The council decided that they would put up a barricade, so that semi's and large trucks won't be able to turn there. There was also another citizen who inquired about making an ordinance pertaining to removing the signs that contain obscene or foul language. After some discussion, the council elected to not address the issue at this time as the signs are on private property.

Karmen Mehmen from the Welcome Center gave the monthly report for the Welcome Center. She talked about increasing the room rental rates to add a cleaning fee as she mentioned several issues that have come up with the Welcome Center cleaning schedule. She mentioned that there are some tables in the basement in need of repair, but the maintenance dept. is aware of the issues. She talked about some needed repairs on the Welcome Center. Cerwinski motioned to approve the bid from Frontier Mudjacking and Construction for the mudjacking for a cost of \$4,200 and Anthofer seconded. M/C. Cerwinski also motioned to approve the time and materials estimate for repairs needed to exterior vinyl trims from them for an estimated cost of \$2,900; however he wanted to make sure that before the estimate was accepted that it included the downstairs as well and also how much caulk was going to be needed as that was not included in the estimate. Anthofer seconded and M/C. Roll Call for both estimates 4 Ayes and Ludemann absent. She also mentioned that the Welcome Center Board would like to rename the gift shop in honor of Barb Lumley and Roeder Powdercoat and Machine was going to donate the new signage.

Cerwinski motioned to set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for the Code of Ordinance for Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants for September 20<sup>th</sup>. Anthofer seconded. M/C. Roll call 4 Ayes, Ludemann absent. The reason for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be noted in the approval of amended minutes from the meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a resolution to approve the following resolutions:

21-50 Resolution approving the FY'21 AFR. Anthofer/M, Johnson/S, M/C. Roll Call 4-Ayes and Ludemann absent. 21-51 Resolution approving the FY'21 Street Finance Report Johnson/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. Roll Call 4-Ayes and Ludemann absent. 21-52 Resolution approving transfer of library funds. Cerwinski/M, Kelleher/S, M/C. Roll Call 4-Ayes and Ludemann absent. 21-53 Resolution awarding an owner-occupied rehabilitation contract for project #6 of the Nashua CDBG Post-Flood Housing Rehabilitation Program. Cerwinski/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. Roll Call 4-Ayes and Ludemann absent. 21-54 Resolution awarding an owner-occupied rehabilitation contract for project #7 of the Nashua CDBG Post-Flood Housing Rehabilitation Program. Anthofer/M, Cerwinski/S, M/C. Roll Call 4-Ayes and Ludemann absent.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the Council Minutes from August 16, 2021. City Clerk Ott noted one error that needed to be corrected. The minutes stated "Anthofer motioned to forego the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and move to final passage" this was in relation to ordinance 341 amending the code of ordinance for peddlers, solicitors, and transient merchants. In order to forego the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings it has to be a super majority of the entire council voting Aye and not the council members that are present, so with only 3 Ayes, the vote failed and so the council will need to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> reading before the ordinance can go to final passage. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is set for September 20<sup>th</sup> at the next regular council meeting. Cerwinski motioned to approve the amended minutes. Anthofer seconded. M/C.

Mayor Betsinger asked the council for a motion to approve the consent calendar payment of claims. Payment of claims (see claims report): Total Claims to be Paid \$107,761.49+\$14,695.08 (Wages)

General Fund: \$31,500.76

Urban Revit (LOST) – 6,963.80

Road Use: \$8,900.26

Employee Benefit: \$6,842.03

Water: \$16,815.98

Sewer: \$51,433.74

Total Funds: \$122,456.57

Johnson/M, Kelleher/S, M/C.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to approve the following permits. Building – 801 Woodbridge, 619 Madison, 722 Lexington, 414 Cedar, 712 Brasher, 203 Greeley, 329 Lakeshore, 27 Monroe, and 221 Charles City Road. Johnson/M, Cerwinski/S, M/C. Demolition/Excavation – 221 Charles City Road. Johnson/M, Anthofer/S, M/C.

Business of the Mayor:

Department Reports

City Clerk Ott presented the August financial reports. He reminded the council that he will be gone the 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of September for training. He informed the council that he sent our RFP's for the FY'22 audit, but has not received anything back yet. He wanted to remind everyone that the deadline for filing election papers for City Council and Mayor is September 16<sup>th</sup> and that the papers have to be turned into the Chickasaw County Auditor's office.

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Kelleher mentioned that the Park Board has collected enough private donations to purchase the pergola from the school. He also mentioned that the donation from the N-P School to purchase a sunscreen station has been utilized. City Clerk Ott mentioned that he received a grant to double the donation order from the American Academy of Dermatology, so the donation monies from the school was able to purchase twice as much. Johnson mentioned that some people who had paid their utility bill by dropping off a check in the drop box were mailed a delinquent notice and was asking how many were sent out this way. He also mentioned the large chunk of concrete that got broken off from the storm and is sitting below the dam and was wondering where it came from. City Clerk Ott said that he has notified Nathan Miller from Origin Design in case it has to do with the recently repaired portion of the dam; however, no one can research it further until the water recedes. Cerwinski noted that the boat club has only received a water bill for \$5 for several months and was wondering why. City Clerk Ott will look into this and see why they aren't receiving their regular water bill.

Sheriff Hemann gave his monthly report and reviewed the monthly call log. There was also some discussion about whether or not to replace the Police Chief or just continue with the county contract. After some discussion, the council has decided to stay with the county contracted services due to the costs of training a new officer as well as retention issues that Nashua and other surrounding communities have been facing.

Action/Discussion

The council reviewed the request from Nashua Family Chiropractic Accessibility Site Review for handicapped accessibility. After review, Johnson motioned to paint parking lines along Woodbridge St. between Jay and Main with the first space beginning 1' East of existing stairs as recommended in the review. Roll Call 3 Ayes (Cerwinski, Johnson, and Kelleher), Ludemann absent and Anthofer abstained. The council also discussed putting some gravel in the alley to help with ruts caused by heavy rains, but Nashua Family Chiropractic is going to make a handicapped accessible parking lot behind their building and the city will wait until that is completed to determine what they want to do.

The council reviewed the proposed changes to the Nashua Fire Department by-laws. Cerwinski motioned to approve the by-laws. Kelleher seconded. M/C. Roll Call 4 Ayes and Ludemann absent.

There was no other business. Cerwinski motioned to adjourn. Anthofer seconded. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:44PM.

Pending  
Approval by City Council  
John Ott - City Clerk

CLAIMS REPORT (August 17-Sept 7, 2021)

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK	HSA	\$1,300.00
AVESIS	VISION - SEPT '21	\$44.52
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC	STREETS - ROAD ROCK	\$166.27

DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL INS - SEPT '21	\$195.26
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	SEWER - GENERATOR REPAIR	\$33,879.80
GLIDEWELL CONTRACTING	URB REVIT - 215 ASPINWALL	\$6,052.50
HINDERS TREE SERVICE LLC	STREETS - TREE REMOVAL	\$1,500.00
INRCOG	URB REVIT GRANT FEES	\$900.74
JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE	GAR/REC - AUG '21	\$10,184.96
PEOPLESERVICE INC.	water waste water contract	\$19,340.00
S & T COLLISION	SEWER - REPAIR GENERATOR	\$380.19
BLUE CROSS WELLMARK	HEALTH INS - SEPT '21	\$7,754.70
GIS BENEFITS	DEATH/DISABILITY - SEPT '21	\$99.69
BODENSTEINER IMP. INC.	PARKS - OIL WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 15%	\$58.92
SHERYL DORMAN	MAKE	\$16.70
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	PARKS - CAMPGROUND ELEC/GAS	\$19.41
SUNSTATION USA LLC	PARKS-PD FOR BY DONATION	\$1,395.07
U.S. POST OFFICE	CH/WTR/SEWR - POSTAGE	\$254.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	STREETS-SUPPLIES	\$226.79
CEDAR VALLEY PORTABLES, LLC	PARKS - PORTA-POTTIES	\$200.00
IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKERS	WORKER'S COMPENSATION PREMIUM	\$1,617.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PARKS - WEED KILLER	\$19.99
LEROY'S REPAIR	PARKS-CHAINSAW CHAINS	\$72.98
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GAS/ELEC EXP - SEPT 2021	\$7,363.66
JAN CLEMENT	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$189.75
DEUTH, BRENDA	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$86.44
SHEILA DEVEREAUX	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$87.75
SHERYL DORMAN	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$336.16
FRISKY FOX VINEYARD LLP	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$165.75
JENISON, KIM	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$48.75
SHARON LEERHOFF	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$175.95
MAAS, ROBERTA C.	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$182.69
MARYLEE MEHMEN	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$158.25
NANCY'S TRUFFLES	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$82.88
DANIELLE SCHELL	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$90.00
NANCY SCHERER	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$148.69
SANDY'S STICHES	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$94.50
KEN SCHWICKERATH	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$42.00
SENNER, ANN L	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$74.38
TERESA STAUDT	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$40.50
SHIRLEY STEVENSON	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$39.00
THE COUNTRY COTTAGE	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$49.13
WEINBERG, THERESA	WC-VENDOR COMMISSION AUG '21	\$49.50
DOLLAR GENERAL	PARKS/WC-SUPPLIES	\$41.90
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE NASHUA	CH/URB REVIT - LEGAL EXPENSES	\$384.24
RILEY'S INC.	CH-COPY FEES AUG 2021	\$231.50
LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK	HSA	\$850.00
U.S. POST OFFICE	WTR/SWR/GAR - POSTAGE AUG '21	\$214.20
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$2,943.24
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT	FED/FICA TAX	\$2,204.85
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	\$321.00
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT	BACK UP W/HOLD TAX PEN+INT '18	\$189.49
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF	SEWER-AUG 2021 SALES TAX	\$285.00

REVENUE		
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WATER-AUG '21 WET TAX	\$1,145.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$1,427.97
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT	FED/FICA TAX	\$2,041.88
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	\$296.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$107,761.49
Payroll Checks		\$14,695.08
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$122,456.57
GENERAL FUND		\$31,500.76
URBAN REVITAL (LOST ONLY)		\$6,963.80
ROAD USE		\$8,900.26
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		\$6,842.03
WATER		\$16,815.98
SEWER		\$51,433.74
TOTAL FUNDS		\$122,456.57

Revenue Report (July-Aug 2021)	August Rev	July-Aug Rev
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	39,216.79	95,477.28
WODD DAYS FUND TOTAL	0	13,713.36
LAKE/DAM TOTAL	428.87	481
URBAN REVITAL (LOST ONLY) TOTA	75.07	145.43
ROAD USE TOTAL	15,450.08	41,464.08
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TOTAL	0	2,201.24
EMRGNY FUND (TRAN TO GF) TOTA	0	233.86
LOCAL OPTION TAX TOTAL	17,514.91	33,592.37
TIF FUNDS TOTAL	60.61	117.41
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	0	1,991.08
ARPA Funds Covid 19 TOTAL	118,399.30	118,399.30
PERM FUNDS-LIB WATSON TOTAL	-1,059.59	-1,059.59
PERM FUNDS-CITY WATSON TOTAL	831.78	2,950.96
WATER TOTAL	21,649.79	45,267.18
UTILITY DEPOSITS TOTAL	150	600
SEWER TOTAL	36,922.49	76,746.06
SEWER SINKING TOTAL	13,302.67	26,605.34
STORM WATER UTILITY TOTAL	4,245.36	8,744.16
TOTAL REVENUE BY FUND	267,188.13	467,670.52