

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

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on October 2, 2023, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Anthofer presiding. Council members present were Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Harold Kelleher III and Ernie Willsher. Council member Tim Malven was absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott, Nashua Area EMS Director Zenda Viktorek, Nashua Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tom Johnson, City Attorney David Skilton, Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Bryan McCombs and Craig German from Shuck-Britson Engineering were present along with 8 guests. Mayor Anthofer asked for consideration approving the regular agenda. Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to approve the consent agenda: minutes from the regular meeting September 18, 2023; Payment of Claims (see Claims Report): Total Claims to be paid \$36,893+Wages \$9,388.80. J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. Mayor Anthofer asked for any public comments: A citizen spoke about the 4-Way stop by Greeley St. He talked about retro-commissioning vs. recommissioning. He stated that retro-commissioning is putting things back where they were originally designed. Recommissioning is thinking about what the current objectives and needs are. He mentioned that people run the stop sign by the school all the time and noted that if there were another stop sign maybe it would slow people down. He also mentioned that the current location is not where the school route is, so why is it there? Council member J. Johnson noted that it used to be the truck route before the new Highway. The resident agreed that it used to be, however, it may no longer be the right location. He thought maybe putting in another stop sign and making people stop twice, may help slow people down. He wasn't sure, but just wanted the council to look at it from another perspective. Zenda Viktorek informed the council that they have had 50 calls since going into service on July 1st. Not all the patients needed to be transported, but they have been paged out 50 times. They have also received applications for two new volunteers. Craig German and Bryan McCombs from Shuck-Britson Engineering discussed the dam repair option that they are recommending to the council. They explained that they are in phase 2 of a 4 phase project. Phase two includes data collection and construction documents. The data collection consisted of understanding what they didn't know vs. what they did know about the dam and trying to figure out the unknowns. They had a dive team go in and gather information about the void and took core samples. The core samples that were taken were not taken near the void due to safety concerns. The core samples that were taken outside the void all had a higher compressive strength than the minimum required 4,000 psi. They studied the hydraulics of the dam to determine how much energy the dam would have to dissipate the water pressure flowing from the dam. They had to determine what agencies would be involved and to what degree. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), DNR, and Army Corp of Engineers. It was determined that as long as it was a repair, and they weren't changing anything structurally or with the flow they would only have to keep them aware of project and steps being taken to repair the dam. The goal is to create an armament to protect the dam, so the structure stays intact. The next phase for the project will be the construction documents and cost estimates. One of their recommendations is that we have the dam analyzed on a regular basis after the repair to see if anything is moving or changing. The goals they set up for the repair included scheduling duration, temperature limitations, water level, dewatering of area, and divers (availability, cost, and safety). They also looked at how the project would maintain good quality control with qualified contractors, gate control and cost of the project. The recommendation that they came up with was to utilize different size revetment and to cast the large revetment on site. This repair option is shorter in duration, flexible, and can be repeated. The plan would be to break off the concrete around the void into 5X5 chunks and let them drop down to eliminate the void. The material used for the causeway could also be utilized as revetment to minimize waste. They said the plans should be completed over the next few weeks if the council wanted to proceed with their recommendations. Attorney Skilton asked several questions, which were answered. He also wanted to make sure that he receives all the contractual documents for the project, which they agreed. After discussion, J. Johnson/M, Kelleher/S, M/C to approve the recommended design and allow them to continue with the construction documents and cost estimates. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. Mayor Anthofer asked about setting a hearing amending the ordinance for One-Way traffic on Woodbridge St. J. Johnson/M to table until after harvest. S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. The council discussed raising the rates for garbage and recycling to offset the rates that will be charged to the city by LJP Waste Solutions. City Clerk Ott will write the resolution to increase the rates 5.5% for garbage and recycling, which is the same rate increase that will be charged to the city. Mayor Anthofer asked for a motion to approve Resolution 23-48 Accepting Resignation of Public Works Employee Jessie Salinas. S. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. Business of the Mayor: The Mayor had no business to discuss.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Ott informed the council that the ambulance will be getting a grant for \$3,000 to help with the purchase of coats. City Clerk Ott reminded the council of the upcoming special meeting October 11th @ 6:30PM and reminded them that he will be at the IMFOA Conference October 18th – 20th.

S. Johnson mentioned that the Bingo fundraiser for the ambulance was a lot of fun and they had a good turnout.

Kelleher reviewed some of the nuisance properties that have been sent letters. He noted that quite a few are making progress, but some have not done anything. Further discussion on nuisance properties will take place at the special meeting, October 11, 2023.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver presented his monthly report to the council. He reviewed some of the calls for the month and noted they were in Nashua 219.5 hours in September.

Chad McCleary Water/Wastewater Operator gave a monthly report to the council to review.

Discussion/Action

The council discussed and acted on several items.

As stated previously, J. Johnson/M, Kelleher/S, M/C to approve the recommended design presented by Shuck-Britson Engineering and to continue working on the construction documents and cost estimates for the dam. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent.

The council listened to Nick Hopp present information for his client, who is interested in purchasing 1119 Amherst Blvd. His client wants to put in a well and septic system instead of hooking into city utilities and at this time only put in a single house. After discussion, S. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to not approve the option for putting in a well and septic; however, the city would provide an easement for utilities through the property if they wanted to platte out a subdivision. The city would also help with what they could to get a Main put in. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the Fire Chief providing the city clerk with the number of calls each Firefighter made from December 31st- November 30th City Clerk Ott will write individual checks to each firefighter based on how many dollars per call each firefighter will receive from the Rural Trustees. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. The city council reviewed the contract to purchase the property known as 302 Main St. J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to approve the acquisition of 302 Main St. under the terms of the Offer to Buy Real Estate and

Acceptance (Nonresidential) Agreement. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. City Clerk Ott discussed the Brownfield Program and provided information about the program, which he has been working with the EPA about building demolition funding options for Main St. Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to table a decision on approving the bids for the HVAC unit at the Welcome Center until more information can be gathered about the bids. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the purchase of safety coats for the city workers. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve utilizing the ICAP Safety Grant for the purchase of safety coats for city workers if awarded. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to table discussions on hiring a new employee until the special meeting on October 11th so they can have a chance to visit with the city workers about what they will need. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to impose a \$500/day municipal penalty if the Henningsen's dog that was ordered to be moved out of city limits at the hearing on September 27, 2023 is not removed by the October 2, 2023 deadline or if the dog returns to city limits. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent.

Other Business:

The council discussed the trees that need to be taken down at the park. No decision was made, and the topic will be discussed further on October 11, 2023.

There was no other business.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to adjourn the meeting. RC: 4 ayes, Malven was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

CLAIMS REPORT (Sept 14-27, 2023)

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ZIP'S	AMB-COATS	\$5,169.51
AVESIS	VISION INS OCT'23	\$31.12
COOLEY PUMPING	PARK-CEDAR VIEW OCT'23	\$285.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP		\$129.78
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL INS OCT'23	\$198.72
IOWA DNR	FY2023 WATER USE FEE	\$115.00
JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE	GAR/REC-SEPT'23	\$12,397.94
LEROY'S REPAIR	ST/PARK-CHANS AW OIL	\$26.25
LYNCH DALLAS PC	CH-RETIREMENT/INS QUESTIONS	\$247.50
MARC	ST/PARK-WEED PICKER AQUATIC	\$441.25
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	PARKS-GAS/ELEC SEPT'23	\$22.51
MOHS, DANNON	AMB-REIMBURSE IPAD GUARD	\$59.99
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC.	WTR-HYDRANT WRENCH MUELLER	\$80.50
OTT, JOHN	CH-IA LEAGUE-O-CITIES TRAIN/MI	\$696.03
SERVICE TECH OF CENTRAL IOWA	WTR-HYDRANT/MAIN REPAIRS	\$1,259.13
TIEDT NURSERY, LTD	PARKS-TREES:COMM FORESTRY GRAN	\$1,721.96
ULINE	PARKS-SUPPLIES	\$583.00
WEDEKING ELECTRIC LLC	PARKS-RV OUTLET POST	\$848.97
BLUE CROSS WELLMARK	HEALTH INS-OCT'23	\$8,295.32
WEX BANK	CITY FUEL EXPENSES	\$1,276.44
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT	FED/FICA TAX	\$2,583.92
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	\$423.16
Accounts Payable Total		\$36,893.00
Payroll Checks		\$9,388.80
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$46,281.80
GENERAL FUND		\$24,997.05
ROAD USE		\$1,350.22
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		\$3,813.20
ARPA Funds Covid 19		\$2,229.50
WATER		\$7,664.98
SEWER		\$6,226.85

TOTAL FUNDS

\$46,281.80

