

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

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on April 20, 2020 in Council Chambers at City Hall. Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.8 the meeting was also held electronically due to concerns of Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines put in place by Governor Kim Reynolds. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Scott Cerwinski, Thomas Johnson, and Harold Kelleher III. Charles Shelby was present, but participated remotely. Alex Anthofer was also present remotely at 7:21PM. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was present and Library Director Heather Hackman participated remotely. There were 4 guests that participated remotely.

Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration approving the revised agenda removing Butler-Bremer building permit and contract as well as adding Jeff Bernatz Chickasaw County Emergency Mgmt. Agency/E911. Cerwinski Motioned. Johnson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Nathan Miller from IIW Engineering reviewed bids for the Scour Repair and Mitigation, Cedar Lake Dam, FEMA PW#301-Disaster #4289 Project and provided the Engineer's recommendation. IIW Engineering recommended Minnowa Construction be awarded the bid as they were the lowest responsible bid.

After discussion, Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve Resolution 20-22 awarding contract for the Scour Repair and Mitigation, Cedar Lake Dam, FEMA PW#301 Disaster #4289 Project to Minnowa Construction. Cerwinski Motioned. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call: Cerwinski – Aye, Johnson – Aye, Kelleher – Aye, Shelby – Aye, Alex – Absent

Resolution 20-22 passed awarding the contract to Minnowa Construction from Harmony, MN for \$297,450.

Jeff Bernatz from Chickasaw County Emergency Management Agency / E911 discussed signing a contract with Motorola for a Communication System. The current plan is to have towers in Lawler, Nashua, and New Hampton. They have worked out agreements between the land owners in Lawler and New Hampton and currently working on an agreement with the landowner in Nashua; however in the event that they can't come to an agreement with the landowner, they would like to have a plan B putting the equipment on the City of Nashua water tower. Jeff was requesting permission from the city to place the equipment on the water tower and went into some of the details of how it would work as well as some of the potential obstacles of doing so. Cerwinski asked if the county would be paying for all of the work and Jeff confirmed that it would as part of the project. Three of the requirements would be there would have to be a generator, LP Tanks, and it would have to be fenced in. Johnson made a motion for them to be able to use the water tower for placing their emergency communications if an agreement can't be reached with the landowner. Cerwinski Seconded. Motion Carried. The council agreed unanimously with the decision.

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

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting from April 6, 2020. Johnson Motioned. Shelby Seconded. Motion Carried.

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: \$44,223.77+\$7,035.19 (Wages)

- a. General Fund: \$41,824.01
- b. Road Use: \$2,782.78
- c. Permanent Funds Lib Watson - \$663.04
- d. Permanent Funds Lib Berrier - \$447.11
- e. Water - \$220.71
- f. Sewer: \$3,334.31
- g. Total Funds: \$51,258.96

Cerwinski Motioned. Johnson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Building Permits

Mayor Betsinger asked the council for a motion to approve the following building permits: 524 St. Lawrence St. and 208 Cedar Hill Ave. 206 Jay St. was removed because the city did not have the necessary information to approve the building permit. Kelleher Motioned to approve all building permits except 206 Jay St. Anthofer Seconded. Motion Carried. All building permits were approved with the exception of 206 Jay St.

Business of the Mayor:

The Mayor had no business to address

Department Reports

City Clerk Ott wanted to remind everyone how important the Census is and to please take some time to complete the Census as it helps determine funding for the city.

For every person who resides in the City of Nashua that is not counted, is money the city could have received to work on much needed projects. Nashua is way behind in their responses. The Iowa Response rate is (54%) and Nashua is sitting at only (43.6%). For every citizen that isn't counted is money lost. City Clerk Ott also stated that the March Treasurer's Report and Bank Reconciliations have been given to the Treasurer for review. City Clerk Ott also discussed the Emergency Micro Loan program that is being made available through a joint effort with Charles City Area Development Corporation and Community Revitalization of Charles City. The loan is a 0% interest for 6 months up to \$3,500 for businesses between 1-30 employees. The application is posted at www.charlescitiya.com and www.charlescitchamber.com.

Council Members:

Johnson wanted to inquire about being able to post the minutes from the council meetings on the city website and other social media platforms. City Clerk Ott said that he would work on it. Kelleher wanted to let the citizens know that even though the parks are closed under the order of Kim Reynolds the walking trails are still open. He also said that Nat Sinnwell from the Park Board has been working with the electricians about the issues at the campground as well as looking at addressing the issues with the repairs that are needed shelters.

Nick Henningsen Water/Waste Water Superintendent was absent but his monthly report was available for the council to review. There were no immediate questions or concerns.

Heather Hackman Library Director was available to answer questions about the monthly Library Report. The biggest item going on at the library is the repair of the parapet. No council member had questions about the monthly report.

Discussion/Action Items

The council reviewed the ICAP Liability insurance coverage and decided no changes are necessary. There were some concerns with Ordinance 330 Storm Water Utility Fee and the council has decided to re-examine the ordinance and it will be discussed at the next council meeting on May 4, 2020. The council reviewed an email by council member Anthofer about the water/sewer rates. One of the items that Anthofer wanted to address was installing the new water meters due to the older water meters potentially not working correctly. Mayor Betsinger said that he would talk to Nick Water/Waste Water Superintendent and see about getting the old meters replaced. One of the reasons that it hadn't been done previously is citizens didn't want to authorize anyone into their homes. Anthofer brought up many other concerns from the water waste, to meter accuracy, households potentially not being billed for services received and his opinion is the city should look into doing an audit. One other topic was discussed was whether or not people who leave for the winter should still be charged their garbage/recycling fee because currently the City of Nashua is still be charged by Jendro Sanitation for people who discontinue service due to extended leaves. The council said that unless we can get Jendro to pause the billing to the city than we will need to start billing for these services when the residents discontinue their other services due to extended leaves.

There was no other business:

Cerwinski motioned to adjourn. Anthofer Seconded. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.

Pending Approval by City Council
John Ott
City Clerk

ANTIQUE TRADER	LIB-SUBSCRIPTION 2020	\$34.98
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIB-WATSON FUND BOOKS	\$249.58
BOOK LOOK	LIB - BOOKS WATSON FUND	\$521.69
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS	WELL INTERNET - MAR 2020	\$44.95
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LIB - BOOKS WATSON FUND	\$45.75
COUNTRY SAMPLER	LIB-SUBSCRIPT. 2020	\$34.98
DEMCO	LIB - OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$86.46
DISNEY MOVIE CLUB	LIB - DVD'S	\$184.15
E H ELECTRIC LLC	LIB-BUILD MAINT/REPAIR	\$919.67
FARM COLLECTOR	LIB-SUBSCRIPT 2020	\$54.95
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC GFC	LIB - OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$266.71
INGRAM	LIB - BOOKS/DVD'S	\$508.76
INRCOG	URB REVIT-REHAB GRANT FEES	\$340.80
IOWA COMMUNITIES	2020-2021 -LIAB/PROPERTY INSUR	\$30,158.95
IOWA OUTDOORS	LIB SUSCRIPT - 2020	\$10.00
LEROY'S REPAIR	FD-1/2CITY 1/2RURAL -FUEL	\$13.95
MARY JANES FARM MAGAZINE	LIB - SUBSCRIPT 2020	\$19.95
NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIB-PETTY CASH	\$9.80
RAPID PRINTERS	CH-OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$66.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, L.L.C	FD-SUPPLIES	\$308.73
VERIZON	PD-CELL/INTERNET	\$145.94
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	DAM - GAS/OIL	\$128.08
BOCKHAUS PLUMBING & HEATING	sewer-MADISON/MERRILL CAM USE	\$195.44
CENTURYLINK	PHONE EXP - MARCH 2020	\$671.57
JACOBS DOZER SERVICE	SEWER REPAIR MADISON	\$925.00
OTT, JOHN	WATER/SEWER - CLOUD BACKUP	\$77.03
SECURITY 1ST INSURANCE	SURETY BOND INS - CH 60%	\$1,098.00
SUPERIOR LUMBER, INC.	PARKS	\$54.99
LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK	HSA	\$1,700.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL INS	\$243.54
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$2,886.11
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT	FED/FICA TAX	\$1,882.26
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	\$335.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$44,223.77
Payroll Checks		\$7,035.19
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$51,258.96
GENERAL FUND		\$41,824.01
ROAD USE		\$2,782.78
PERM FUNDS-LIB WATSON		\$663.04
PERM FUNDS-LIBRARY-BERRIE		\$447.11
WATER		\$2,207.71
SEWER		\$3,334.31
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