

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

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on November 2, 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. Alex Anthofer and Charles Shelby were both absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was present. Barb Lumley and Karmen Mehmen Welcome Center Board members were present along with Sheriff Martin Hemann. There were also 3 guests in attendance. Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration approving the agenda. Cerwinski/M Johnson/S. M/C.

Mayor Betsinger asked if there were any public comments. City Clerk Ott asked the council on behalf of Dan Zwanziger if they city would be interested in purchasing a hydraulic lift. The benefit of having the lift is that it can be operated by one person and so it would assist in tree trimming, hanging banners, flags, and decorations and it would be safer than using the loader bucket. The cost of the lift is \$7500. The council requested that Dan get more information about the lifts before a decision will be made. Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the following Resolutions: Resolution 20:53 Resolution Approving Reimbursement for Covid 19 Grant Cerwinski/M Johnson/S, M/C. Roll Call: Cerwinski, Johnson, and Kelleher – Aye and Anthofer and Shelby – Absent. 20-54 Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Note and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Cerwinski commented that on page 3 and 6 in the resolution that it was written the “Mayor or City Clerk” and he wanted the verbiage changed to the “Mayor and City Clerk” in reference to requesting advances on the note during the draw period as a check and balance. He made a motion to pass the resolution with the stated changes. Kelleher Seconded. M/C. Roll Call: Cerwinski, Johnson, and Kelleher – Aye and Anthofer and Shelby – Absent.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on October 19th. Cerwinski/M, Johnson/S, M/C.

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:

\$118,055.79+\$8,140.08 (Wages)

- a. General Fund: \$34,791.33
- b. Road Use: \$6,978.18
- c. Employee Benefits: \$5,219.13
- d. FEMA Fund Lake/Dam: \$50,000
- e. Water: \$12,890.97
- f. Sewer: \$16,316.26
- g. Total Funds: \$126,195.87

Cerwinski/M, Johnson/S, M/C.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the following Permits: Building Permits – 315 Panama St., 9 Lexington, 40 Charles City Road, and 96 Amherst Blvd.

Johnson/M, Cerwinski/S, M/C. All Building Permits were approved.

Business of the Mayor:

The Mayor talked to IIW Engineering and they are getting the final billing from Minnowa Construction completed, so they will be able to submit them to FEMA to determine what expenses will be reimbursable. Matt McMichael visited with the Mayor as he has been working with Mid American Energy for the past 3 years on trying to get the city to own the lake and the properties that it currently owns around the lake. The Mayor stated that Glenn would like to have a Zoom meeting and if anyone has any questions, they should stop in or call Glenn as he has more information and can explain it better. The Mayor stated that Mid American had all the abstracts brought up to date and so if the city agrees it would probably only cost \$100 for the deed. Councilman Cerwinski stated that if the city does decide to do this than he would like to see a plan in place on how/if people would be able to get ownership of their backyard or how that should be handled. He didn’t state a preference on how the city implemented it, but he wanted to have a plan in place prior to doing it. Councilman Johnson asked if the city would like to keep the properties as an easement. The Mayor said that this could all be discussed in the Zoom meeting, but the details of the Zoom meeting have not been set.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Ott presented the October financial reports. He stated that there was an issue with the Road Use Fund as he had inputted the monies into the LOST Fund accounts, so it wasn’t reflected in the October report; however he has fixed the mistake and the Road Use dollars in October were \$14,381.91. Due to this error, the Road Use Fund was under reported and the Debt Service, Lake/Dam, and Urban Revitalization funds were over reported. There were no other questions about the reports. He also stated that budget preparation is going to be coming up and the departments are to present their budgets in November. He will work with getting the departments the budget report sheets, so they can start working on their department budgets. He mentioned that the closing date for the General Obligation Loan for the dam is scheduled for November 17th, but no time has been set. He also wanted to thank Becky for her help with the Interrogatories request.

Council Members

Council Member Cerwinski asked the council on behalf of the Streets Department about trading their pole saw for a new one as the one they have now is in need of replacement. Cerwinski/motioned to trade up for a new pole saw. Kelleher seconded. M/C.

Council Member Kelleher mentioned that there will be a Park Board meeting on November 9th. They will be discussing getting up to date on signage. Council Member Johnson inquired about getting a flapper at the dump station. Kelleher stated that he would look into it. Council Member Kelleher also mentioned that the porta potties will be getting picked up as well. Council member Johnson inquired about a bill that one of our volunteer fire fighters received. City Clerk Ott explained that he is working with the company as he thinks they billed both the city as well as the fire fighter. Council member Johnson inquired about taking the old TV that was replaced when we had the storm and it took out some of our electrical devices. The council approved Johnson taking the old TV.

Sheriff Martin Hemann introduced Matt Blaze one of the newest Deputy Sheriffs to the council. He presented some of the things that Police Chief Iriarte had been working on prior to his deployment. He also reviewed his monthly activity report. He discussed the issue with the raccoons. The Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Department spent 180.5 hours in Nashua in the month of October exceeding their contracted 160 hours. The city does not have to pay for the additional hours.

Barb Lumley from the Welcome Center Board presented information on the Welcome Center. She stated that there is a vendor show on November 28th as well as December 5th. There is a kids shopping day on December 12th from 11AM-1PM with Santa Clause, cookies and decorations. She also mentioned that a couple of the maintenance issues have been addressed.

Sheriff Hemann discussed the issue with the Dog at Large/Nuisance or Dangerous Animal that involved a dog attack which is addressed in City Code Chapter 55 Animal Protection/Control. Sheriff Hemann mentioned that Police Chief Iriarte had cited the owner’s with a dog at large citation; however Sheriff Hemann mentioned that this incident also resulted in a dog attack and this was not the first reported incident with this animal. The first incident was in August and the dog that was attacked had to get medical attention. The latest incident occurred on October 19th. One citizen who was aware of 2 additional incidents with this dog cited Chapter 55:01 where the definition of “dangerous dog” is defined as any dog determined to be dangerous because of its biting or maiming by the NPD or City Council. The citizen stated they would like to see the animal removed from city limits due to past incidents. Council Member Cerwinski stated that he agreed with the citizen and he would hate to be sitting there with the next incident being worse than the previous ones. The council reviewed some of the options with Sheriff Hemann and a determination was made that the city will hold a hearing per the code of ordinances to give the owner a chance to present their case and provide input. Cerwinski motioned for the hearing to be held at the next council meeting scheduled for November 16th. Kelleher Seconded. M/C.

City Clerk Ott mentioned that he would like the council to review the renewal dates for health insurance to better align with the current fiscal year. The current renewal dates are in January and moving the renewal dates to March will align closer to the FY to help with budgets. City Clerk Ott stated that he knows it will never be perfect, but this move would bring us 3 months closer to matching the FY. Johnson motioned to move the renewal dates to March and Kelleher seconded. M/C. City Clerk Ott also mentioned that the nuisance property located at 32 Chestnut Street has been cleaned up by the city and a special assessment will be assessed to the property owners for the cost of the clean-up. Val Johnson from the Chamber reviewed some of the items from the last Chamber meeting. There will be a Community Partners meeting on November 7th at 1:00PM at the Boy Scout Cabin to assess the building and see if it is worth looking into to repair. She also mentioned that the 20/20 promotion will be running again this year from November 20th to December 18th so buy local. She also talked about the Catalyst group selecting an application for the Catalyst Grant and the application and recommendation will be heard at the next city council meeting.

There was no other business. Cerwinski motioned to adjourn. Johnson seconded. M/C. The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Revenues by Fund (Oct and YTD)	October Rev	YTD Rev
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$205,128.91	\$490,203.67
LAKE/DAM (LOST TAX ONLY) TOTA	\$11,519.15	\$13,356.95
URBAN REVITAL (LOST ONLY) TOTA	\$13,671.15	\$15,501.65
ROAD USE TOTAL	\$0.00	\$69,174.41
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TOTAL	\$45,214.65	\$52,486.25
EMRGNY FUND (TRAN TO GF) TOTA	\$4,803.21	\$5,589.61
LOCAL OPTION TAX TOTAL	\$30,385.82	\$76,462.42
TIF FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,323.74	\$25,419.53
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	\$65,573.66	\$72,096.23
FEMA FUND #301 LAKE/DAM TOTAL	\$146,324.76	\$308,229.52
PERM FUNDS-LIB WATSON TOTAL	\$0.00	\$589.56
PERM FUNDS-CITY WATSON TOTAL	\$2,142.58	\$5,374.94
PERM FUNDS-LIBRARY-BERRIE TOTA	\$0.00	\$132.47
WATER TOTAL	\$37,408.90	\$97,162.32
UTILITY DEPOSITS TOTAL	\$450.00	\$1,800.00
SEWER TOTAL	\$54,420.80	\$135,356.08
SEWER SINKING TOTAL	\$13,154.17	\$52,616.68
STORM WATER UTILITY TOTAL	\$6,708.63	\$17,222.41
TOTAL REVENUE BY FUND	\$657,230	\$1,438,774

October 20-Nov 2, 2020 Claims

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
SYSCO FOODS	CH-COVID GRANT FOOD HELP	\$5,000.00
AVESIS		\$52.36
GIERKE ROBINSON	WC-BUILD REPAIR	\$225.27
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE/DISABILITY - OCT 2020	\$110.56
HANNEMANN CONSTRUCTION	PARKS-UPPER SHELTER ROOF	\$1,355.00
JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE	REFUSE/RECYCLING-OCT 2020	\$10,935.07
LEROY'S REPAIR	STREETS - CHAINSAW OIL	\$54.90
PEOPLESERVICE INC.	water waste water contract	\$19,111.00
S & T COLLISION	FD-VEHICLE REPAIR (BATTERY)	\$174.36
T & S TRENCHING & REPAIR LLC	FD-REPAIR MAINT	\$131.78
THE MILL, INC.	DAM-OIL	\$1,070.00
BLUE CROSS WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE - NOV 2020	\$7,574.33
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC	STREETS-ROAD SAND	\$856.75
CEDAR VALLEY PORTABLES, LLC	PARKS - PORTA POTTIE RENTALS	\$180.00
CENTURYLINK	WC-PHONE EXP OCT 2020	\$73.97
DOLLAR GENERAL	WC/LIB-SUPPLIES, READ PRGRM	\$93.60
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	AMBULANCE-LEGAL FEES	\$2,152.50
HAGEN, AMI	PARKS - SHELTER REFUND	\$10.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	FD-ANNUAL INPSECTIONS	\$556.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$294.30
KJ DESIGN LLC	PARKS - CLOTHING	\$186.00
LYNCH DALLAS PC	CH-HR RECOMMNDATIONS	\$643.50
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GAS/ELEC EXP - OCT 2020	\$5,061.14
MINNOWA CONSTRUCTION INC	LAKE/DAM-FEMA APRON SCOUR REPA	\$50,000.00
NASHUA PLUMBING & HEATING	PARK/STREET/SEWER-SUPPLIES	\$311.01
OTT, JOHN	CH-TRAINING -MILEAGE	\$377.19

DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL INS	\$275.54
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	\$26.76
LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK	HSA	\$2,100.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$4,882.14
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT	FED/FICA TAX	\$2,305.76
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	\$387.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX - OCTOBER 2020	\$265.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX - OCT 2020	\$1,223.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$118,055.79
Payroll Checks		\$8,140.08
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$126,195.87
GENERAL FUND		\$34,791.33
ROAD USE		\$6,978.18
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		\$5,219.13
FEMA FUND #301 LAKE/DAM		\$50,000.00
WATER		\$12,890.97
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