

City of Nashua  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on March 4, 2024, at Council Chambers in City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Ernie Willsher, and Dan Zwanziger. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott; Park Board Representative Dennis Niedert, Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Brian Glasgow Water/Wastewater Operator from ION Environmental Solutions and Isaiah Corbin from INRCOG were present along with 6 guests. Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to approve the regular agenda after amending to remove Resolution for Pre-Levy for dam repair. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting February 19, 2024; Alcohol/Liquor License Renewal Kwik Trip; and Consent Calendar: Payment of Claims (February 16-29, 2024) \$103,857.28 + \$9,579.90 (Wages). Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher called for public comments: There were none.

Isaiah Corbin from INRCOG (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Government) came to speak to the council about the services they provide and tools that are available to the council currently, potential tools as well as some things that wouldn't be feasible for the council to do. These discussions were mainly in relation to Nashua's Main St.

#### Hearings/Resolutions

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Code of Ordinance #354 Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter #65 Stop or Yield Required. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 7:25PM. After discussion, S.

Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to close the public hearing. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 7:27PM. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to adopt Ordinance #354 Amending the Code of Ordinance Chapter #65 Stop or Yield Required. RC: all ayes. Ordinance #354 Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter #65 will go into effect after publication as provided by law.

Mayor Kelleher reminded the council of the public hearing set for April 18<sup>th</sup> for the FY'23/24 budget amendment and the FY'24/25 Proposed Property tax Levy Rate public hearing set for March 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Permits:

J. Johnson/M to approve the building permit for 228 Sample St. with the condition that either no floodplain permit is needed or after an appropriate floodplain permit is approved. Furthermore, he didn't think that a demolition permit was needed, so he also added that if a floodplain permit is needed to apply the application fee for the demolition/excavation permit to the floodplain permit application fee and if a floodplain permit is not needed to refund the demolition/excavation application fee. S. Johnson seconded the motion. M/C. RC: all ayes.

#### Business of the Mayor:

Mayor Kelleher wanted to thank Hunter Hackman for donating the pickleball equipment. He also wanted to let the citizens know that he will be starting inspections of Zone 2 for nuisance properties this week. He informed the citizens that the Chamber Banquet will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Department Reports

City Clerk Ott informed the council that the curb stop at 124 Woodbridge has been fixed. He also asked the council if they would be interested in adding a waiver of liability clause to our current Snowbird Policy, for citizens who wanted their water turned on before they return home. The council did not want to add the waiver of liability and will continue to only turn the water on if there is someone present at the property. City Clerk Ott informed the council that we need new signs at the 800 block of Madison and Woodbridge. He also let the council know that the guard rail has been fixed where someone ran into it. The Lutheran Church had inquired if the city was interested in the property by the water tower. The council indicated that they would take over the property if the church wanted to give it to the city, but they were not interested in purchasing it at this time.

#### City Council

There were no council member comments.

Ryan Shawver presented the amended FY'24/25 Chickasaw County Sheriff's contract with the changes that were approved by the council on February 19<sup>th</sup> and approved by the County Board of Supervisors on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The new contract has a contract fee of \$71.50/hour for 1750 annual hours for a total cost to the city of \$125,125. This is a flat fee and if the Sheriff's Department is in Nashua more than 1750 hours there would be no additional costs to the city. Under the new contract, the Sheriff's Department will no longer enforce snow parking or any other city ordinances. They will investigate complaints related to dogs and dangerous animals running at large related to Iowa Code Chapter 351 (Dogs and Other Animals); however, the city will have the final decision and will be responsible for issuing any ordinance violations.

Brian Glasgow presented the monthly water/wastewater report. He informed the council of the work that needs to be completed on the SCADA system at the wastewater treatment facility. The repair proposal was \$17,661 to complete system programming to match existing SCADA controls and monitoring functions/features with complete on-site installation and operator training. Any additional work or upgrades to the system will be billed in addition to the proposal.

Dennis Niedert presented the monthly park board report to the council. He talked about some of the projects the park board has been working on. They would like to add a dance floor at the band shell. They were requesting some of the ARPA funds to use for that purpose. He talked about the park board putting on a Blues, Brews, and BBQ's event in May. The park board asked the city to pay for the insurance for the beer garden. No decision was made.

#### Discussion/Action

The council discussed and/or voted on multiple items.

Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to join the Mayor's Association for an annual membership fee of \$30. Their mission is to develop and support creative and effective leaders by providing education, mentoring, and mutual support to benefit the cities they serve and be a voice for collective action statewide. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed the extension for the rehoming of the dog at 821 Main St. Mayor Kelleher mentioned that the H.E.A.R.T Animal Shelter will take dogs that need a new home. City Clerk Ott will talk with Attorney Skilton and add it to the agenda for March 18<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to offer some relief to citizens who ran their water in January during the really cold days to keep their pipes from freezing, but only if they called ahead prior to running their water. RC: all ayes. City Clerk Ott said that there were about ½ dozen people who called in and said they were going to run their water. J. Johnson asked city clerk Ott to use an average usage as the city has done in the past to calculate how much relief to give residents for excess usage.

City Clerk Ott reviewed the proposed FY'24/25 budget and the timeline for the budget process. He would like to set the hearing to adopt the budget at the meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> and set the hearing date for April 15<sup>th</sup> for adoption of the FY'24/25 budget.

There was no other business:

S. Johnson/M to adjourn, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Pending Approval by Council  
John Ott

#### CLAIMS REPORT (FEB 16-29, 2024)

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK	HSA	\$1,500.00
AVESIS	VISION MAR'24	\$100.79
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC		\$38.99
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC	WA-LEAK ON LAKESHORE PARKS-PA'S PLAYGROUND PROP	\$97.07
CHICKASAW COUNTY TREASURER	TAX	\$174.00
CRONIN, SKILTON, SKILTON	DAM-LEGAL FEES	\$358.80
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	WA-BOLTS/CLAPS FOR REPAIR PREP	\$562.40
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL INS-MAR'24	\$334.58
FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE	ST-POWER WASHER KEROSENE	\$27.94
MCCLEARY, CHAD		\$7,385.00
JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE	CITY-GAR/REC-FEB'24	\$12,069.17
KATRINA'S HELPFUL HOUSE CLEANI	WC-CLEANING JAN'24	\$684.78
LEROY'S REPAIR	PARK-SERVICE SAWS PARKS-RR SUPPLIES ODOR	\$122.25
MARC	NEUTRAL	\$157.65
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GAS/ELEC FEB'24	\$7,205.75
NASCO	WC-SUPPLIES	\$328.49
ON TRACK SIGNS	PARKS=CAR DROP BANNER WA/SE/CH-PHONE/CLOUD	\$160.00
OTT, JOHN	BACKUP	\$150.00
PCC	AMB-NOV'23 BILLING SERVICE WC-REPAIRS GEOTHERMAL	\$328.82
PEDERSON PLUMBING	SYSTEM	\$12,247.49
RAPID PRINTERS	CH-COUNCIL NAME PLATE	\$25.50
ROI ENERGY, LLC	CITY BLDS L.E.D UPDATE	\$39,940.00
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	DAM-LEGAL EXP REPAIRS JAN'24	\$6,164.10
U.S. POST OFFICE	WA/SE/REC-PERMIT FEE	\$320.00
BLUE CROSS WELLMARK	HEALTH INS MAR'24	\$6,459.76
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$3,858.03
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT	FED/FICA TAX	\$2,683.64
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	\$372.28
Accounts Payable Total		\$103,857.28
Payroll Checks		\$9,579.90

***** REPORT TOTAL *****	\$113,437.18
GENERAL FUND	\$37,447.55
LAKE/DAM	\$6,429.94
URBAN REVITAL	\$10.00
ROAD USE	\$3,994.49
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$2,137.18
ARPA Funds Covid 19	\$39,940.00
WATER	\$11,409.27
SEWER	\$12,068.75
TOTAL FUNDS	\$113,437.18