**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on October 19, 2020 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was scheduled to be held electronically as well, but due to technical difficulties the meeting was not held electronically. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Scott Cerwinske, Thomas Johnson, Harold Kelleher III, Charles Shelby, Alex Anthofer arrived at 7:12PM. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott and Police Chief Jeremy Iriarte were present along with Water Waste/Water Superintendent Nick Henningsen. There were 5 guests in attendance as well.

Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration approving the amended agenda adding reviewing estimate for Heartland Asphalt, so that they could start the work immediately if approved. Kelleher/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C. Mayor Betsinger asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the following Resolutions: Resolution 20-50 Resolution Approving Reimbursement for Covid-19 Grant. Johnson/M, Kelleher/S, M/C. Roll Call: 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Anthofer). 20-51 Resolution Approving Devin Auschetter to the Nashua Fire Department. Cerwinske/M, Johnson/S, M/C. Roll Call: 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Anthofer). 20-52 Resolution Approving Jason Fisher to the Nashua Fire Department. Kelleher/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C. Roll Call: 4 Ayes 1 Absent (Anthofer). Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on October 5th. Johnson/M, Cerwinske/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: $9,545.23+$8,098.17 (Wages)

1. General Fund: $8,387.42
2. Urban Revit: $599.84
3. Road Use: $2,530.38
4. Employee Benefits: $1,504.58
5. Perm Funds Lib Watson - $931.53
6. Water: $2,404.92
7. Sewer: $1,284.73
8. Total Funds: $17,643.40

Johnson/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the following Permits: Building Permits – 823 Brasher St. and 510 Sample St. Cerwinske/M, Shelby/S, M/C. All Building Permits were approved.

Business of the Mayor:

The only update on the dam project was that the city is waiting for approval from the DNR to approve the work that has been completed.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Ott asked the council for permission to attend the G’Works User Group meeting on October 21st. Johnson/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C. He also mentioned the ambulance update and stated that they are currently in the discovery phase and so Becky is going to come in this week to help with finding some of the requested documents. The council can also request information from the parties during this phase. He also mentioned the time frame for some of the upcoming key dates. He discussed the estimate from Heartland Asphalt for the patchwork. Cerwinske/M, Kelleher/S. M/C to approve all of the work on the estimate with the exception of 701 Madison St. because it was a new dig.

Council Members

Council member Cerwinske inquired about the nuisance properties. The mayor mentioned that the clean-up for 32 Chestnut will be aligned this week. Kelleher wanted to thank the water department with helping with closing down the splash pad. Shelby inquired about adding some signage for parking now that the dam is partially opened to regulate where people are parking. The council decided that they would have Dan put up barriers where there is no parking. Alex asked what was discussed at the Fireman’s meeting because 2 firemen asked him why he wanted to defund the Fire Department. Johnson said that at the meeting he mentioned that Alex was requesting the by-laws and some other information and some of the firemen asked why. Johnson stated that he didn’t know, but told them Alex was just curious. Johnson said Fire Department had no problem supplying information, but maybe a formal request from the council would be better. Johnson told Alex that if he wanted to come in and discuss anything that they would be OK with that.

Departments

Nick Henningsen Water/Waste Water Superintendent presented the monthly report from September. He also mentioned that the EPA showed up for a surprise audit in October. He stated they were very impressed with the record keeping process and work order procedures. The city will hear more in the near future on the results of the audit. One other thing that he did want to stress was to PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH the FLUSHABLE WIPES down the toilet. It causes a lot of issues at the waste water treatment plant and also causes sewer back-ups in homes.

The council reviewed the Monthly Library Report and stated that Heather is doing a nice job as the numbers were still looking pretty good compared to last year even though the library has been closed to the public.

Discussion/Action Items

There was a discussion about the property located at 916 Main St as the owner had removed the sidewalk and culvert. The city ordinance states that a sidewalk or culvert cannot be removed without replacing it. The property owner agreed to replace the sidewalk next year, but stated that there was no culvert. The owner stated that he did not tear out a culvert, but council member Cerwinske stated that his grandma used to live at the property and so he knows there was a culvert there. Council member Kelleher stated that there was a partial culvert, but it was inoperable. Cerwinske stated that it is the home owner’s responsibility to maintain the culvert and so the home owner should have to put in a new one. The home owner stated that he has utilized methods to keep water from running onto his neighbor’s property and he would like the council to approve of him not putting in the culvert, but he would put in the sidewalk. Council member Cerwinske motioned that both the sidewalk and culvert need to be replaced. Anthofer Seconded. M/C. The Mayor called roll call: Anthofer, Cerwinske, Johnson and Shelby voted Aye and council member Kelleher voted Aye to replacing the sidewalk, but Nay to replacing the culvert. The Motion Carried. The council set a date of June 1, 2021 for the sidewalk and culvert to be replaced. The property owner asked how he could appeal the decision. The Mayor said that there is nowhere to appeal because it would be appealed to the council and they have already decided. Val Johnson reviewed the December 2020 insurance renewal options with the council. Cerwinske made a motion for giving the employees a choice between Alternative #1 or Alternative #2 “Renewal Sheet” Anthofer Seconded. Motion Carried. The two options that the employees can choose from are Alternative #1 Wellmark BCBS Complete Blue Modified which is a CoPay plan, so it is not HSA eligible. This option will be a savings to the city of 7.63%. Alternative #2 Wellmark BCBS my Blue HDHP Bronze, which is a high deductible plan without a CoPay, but is HSA eligible. This plan option offers a savings of 6.31% for the city.

The council also talked about the storm water utility budget and its current budgeting needs and future budgeting requirements. City Clerk Ott will meet with Dan and Nick to discuss current maintenance and repair needs and further dive into the future projects mainly Greely Street to better assess the storm water utility fee and how to budget for it in the future. The council discussed purchasing blue light filters for the two computers at city hall. Cerwinske/M, Johnson/S, M/C. The cost will be $50 to $75 per computer. The council discussed whether or not they would pay Barb Lumley for catching up the deposits at the Welcome Center. Anthofer made a motion to pay her $500.00 for her efforts in getting the Welcome Center deposits caught up and then allowing the Welcome Center Board to make a recommendation to the council on whether or not to pay Barb going forward. Kelleher seconded Alex’s motion. M/C. Anthofer, Kelleher, Shelby Aye, and Cerwinske and Johnson voted Nay. Motion Carried. City Clerk Ott informed the council that at the Community Partnership meeting that was held on October 8th that the UNI Institute of Decision Making project was discussed. There were 8 people from the meeting who agreed to form a task force to help with leading the projects to move Nashua forward utilizing plans from IDM. Council member Johnson stated that he would like to see more information prior to investing city funds on the project. He recommended the group have one or two more meetings and reconvene with the council at that time. The other council members were in support of that decision. The council discussed the fence ordinance and what provisions that they would like to see, but no final decisions were made. City Clerk Ott discussed the financing options that he has been researching. The best option based on his information was securing the financing through First State Bank. He recommended a 10 year term. The council agreed that this would be the best decision and City Clerk Ott will work with First State Bank and the Bonding Attorney to move forward with the financing for the immediate future and will re-evaluate financing based on what the city finds out about the State Contingent Loan and FEMA grants. Cerwinske motioned to approve an ad for the souvenir program for the boys and girls cross country state qualifying meet. Johnson Seconded. M/C. The cost of the ad is $65.

There was no other business. Cerwinske made a motion to adjourn. Anthofer Seconded. M/C. The meeting adjourned at 8:54PM

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