**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in special session on September 16, 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 7:00AM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Alex Anthofer, Scott Cerwinske, Thomas Johnson, Harold Kelleher III and Charles Shelby. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was also present. Nathan Miller from IIW Engineers attended remotely. Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration approving the amended agenda adding Resolution 20-41 Approving Change Order #3 Minnowa Construction Contract. Cerwinske/M, Johnson/S, M/C. There were no public comments. Nathan Miller from IIW Engineering presented information from Change Order Request #3 from Minnowa Construction Inc. He explained the 7 change order items listed and reviewed each change order and the new pricing. The total increase for the change orders was $525,070. This change order was needed due to previously unidentified damage that was identified by divers on 9/8/2020. The new damages that were found require immediate repair because without these repairs there is a major risk to the dam. Nathan Miller estimated Homeland Security would help out with about $170,000 with the remainder being the city’s responsibility. The change order methods that were being requested have been approved by FERC, DNR, and Iowa Homeland Security. The current total project cost is now estimated at $1,304,027 (Original Estimate $297,450). Nathan stated that FEMA would cover around $400,000 at a minimum and potentially up to another $400,000, but the additional $400,000 is questionable. Council member Johnson asked about the possibility of draining the dam and how much that would cost. Nathan explained that draining the dam would have to be approved by DNR and FERC and the city could jeopardize losing any of the FEMA funds if they changed course now and he didn’t know what the costs of it would be. Council member Anthofer inquired if draining the lake would be a better option, so that they could see all the damage and know if anything else would need to be fixed. Nathan explained that they are confident that this is all the repairs that will need to be completed and these repair methods are more solid than the previously approved methods. Councilman Cerwinske inquired about the warranty. Nathan said that he would have to check, but he thought it was 1 year. After all the questions were answered Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve Resolution 20-41 Approving Change Order #3 for the Minnowa Construction Inc. Contract. Johnson/M, Cerwinske/S, M/C. Roll Call all Ayes. Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve Resolution 20-40 Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa Covid-19 Local Government Relief Fund. Shelby/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. Roll call all Ayes. There was no other business. Cerwinske Motioned to Adjourn. Anthofer Seconded. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:43AM.

Pending Approval by City Council

 John Ott

 City Clerk