**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on September 3, 2019 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Rolland Cagley, Scott Cerwinske, Angelina Dietz-Robinson, Thomas Johnson, and Harold Kelleher III. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott, Chickasaw County Sheriff Martin Hemann along with 7 guests were in attendance.

Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration approving the agenda. Cerwinske Motioned. Cagley Seconded. Motion Carried.

The Mayor called for public comments. There were none.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19th meeting. Dietz-Robinson noted a correction. “ …the water town should have been water tower should be inspected every two years….” before approving the minutes. Dietz-Robinson Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

Discussion/Approval of Resolution 19-26 Approving Beth Henningsen for the Interim Welcome Center Director

Cagley Motioned. Kelleher Seconded Motion Carried

Roll Call: Rolland Cagley Aye, Scott Cerwinske Nay, Angelina Dietz-Robinson Aye, Thomas Johnson Nay, and Harold Kelleher III Aye

Discussion/Approval of Resolution 19-27 Directing the Clerk to Publish a Notice of Hearing on the Adoption to Proposed “Code of Ordinance’s”

Cerwinske Motioned. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried

Roll Call: Rolland Cagley Aye, Scott Cerwinske Aye, Angelina Dietz-Robinson Aye, Thomas Johnson Aye, and Harold Kelleher III Aye

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: $68,804.08 + $7,830.41 (Wages)

1. General Fund: $25,781.59
2. Road Use: $6,033.27
3. Water: $17,004.61
4. Sewer: $14,067.49
5. Employee Benefits: $4,270.12
6. City Funds Watson - $1,647.00

Dietz-Robinson Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the building permits including 100 Greeley St., 222 Cedar St., 509 Cedar St., and 714 Lexington Ave. Cerwinske Motioned. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried.

Business of the Mayor:

Mayor Betsinger talked to Nathan from IIW Engineers about the Hydro-Dam project. They have companies that are willing to bid on the contract; however FEMA is looking at doing the project next year, but Dwight the person who runs the power plant got a letter from FERC (Federal Electric Regulatory Commission) stating that they would like to see the project completed this year. IIW will need to see a copy of the letter from FERC. . The mayor also had Val Johnson discuss the possibility of the Community Foundation acquiring city buildings that are dilapidated and what the Community Foundation’s plans for the building(s) are. Val Johnson gave some broad details of the possibility of forming a committee that is dedicated to revitalizing the downtown area if approved by the board. She stated that there is a meeting coming up on September 10th with Brian Schoon from INRCOG to discuss grant opportunities and another on September 16th to discuss Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program.

Department Reports

City Clerk Ott presented estimates for updating the computer system at the Welcome Center to bring up the security level of the equipment to be PCI Compliant. Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to approve the estimate. Dietz-Robinson Motioned. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried. City Clerk Ott wanted to let everyone know that the window for election filing opened on August 26th and will close on September 19th @ 5:00PM. Filing papers are located at City Hall and anyone who is interested in running can stop by and pick up the papers. City Clerk Ott also mentioned the meeting scheduled on September 10th with Brian Schoon. He also asked the council if they had any questions about the Monthly Financial Reports that were given to the council. There were a few questions all of which were answered.

Sheriff Hemann talked about the monthly activity report and highlighted some of the calls that they received. They spent 193.5 hours in Nashua in August. The city is contracted for 160 hours, but we do not pay for the additional hours. He also discussed the actions that he has taken to get the word out that we are looking to hire a new Police Chief as he has been helping the city through the hiring process.

Council Reports:

Kelleher talked about being approached by the Water Over the Dam Days as well as the School District and they want to partner with the Parks Board to possibly work together to take advantage of some grant opportunities that are available. He also mentioned that the school has some volunteers that are going to be helping with planting some trees and repainting some of the picnic tables. He wanted to mention that the Park Board is going to be moving forward with the bids for the electrical work at Cedar View Park. Tom mentioned the erosion that is happening at Veteran’s Park and if there is anything that could be done to help with it as it was brought to his attention by a concerned citizen. He said that someone had asked him about the DNR grants and Derelict Building Grants. He also talked about the Social Media platforms and how the city needs to make sure that they are mindful of what is being posted. He also mentioned that everything needs to be kept on a professional level.

Discussion/Action Items

ICAP presented the City with some information about items that the City owns that are not listed on our insurance Statement of Values. The council decided to have the items listed and increase the insurance coverage $25,000. Dietz-Robinson Motioned. Cagley Seconded. Motion Carried. City Clerk Ott will get in touch with the insurance company and get the missing items listed and assessed a value. City Clerk Ott discussed the idea of integrating the City’s Social Media Platforms with other organizations within the community to make it easier for those searching for information.. There is still more information to be gathered, before any decision is made or action taken on that. After discussion on forming a Welcome Center Board, Mayor Betsinger asked if there was a motion to form a board. Kelleher Motioned. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried. The City Council decided to approve having a board for the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center. The next step is to set a public hearing, which will be held on October 7th. There were unpaid invoices that were presented to be paid prior to the next council meeting; however the invoice for MPH was not approved until the city gets more information. The invoice for Sherwin Williams was approved.

There was no other business. Cerwinske Motioned to adjourn. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

 Pending Approval by City Council

 John Ott

 City Clerk

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| Claims Report (Aug 20 – Sept 3, 2019) |  |  |
| BAUM HYDRAULICS CORP | DAM - REPAIRS | $251.52 |
| BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN | STREETS - ROCK | $94.86 |
| CONSUMER REPORTS | LIB SUBSCRIPTION - | $30.00 |
| CENTURYLINK | WC - AUG PHONE BILL | $69.31 |
| CLEMENT, JAN | WC - JULY CRAFTER COMMISSION | $75.00 |
| DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA | DENTAL INS | $346.08 |
| DEVEREAUX, SHEILA | WC - JULY CRAFTER COMMISSION | $39.04 |
| DEUTSCH TREE & TIMBER | TREE RMVL-POST OFFC,LIB,GREELE | $3,305.00 |
| DOLLAR GENERAL | LIB - SUPPLIES | $84.30 |
| DORMAN, SHERYL | WC -JULLY CRAFTER COMMISSION | $335.94 |
| GIS BENEFITS | DEATH/DISABILITY INS SEPT '19 | $105.14 |
| HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE | BETH HENNINGSEN EMR CLASS | $1,647.00 |
| IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENU | WET TAX - AUG '19 | $1,137.00 |
| IPERS | REGULAR IPERS | $3,494.63 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT | FED/FICA TAX | $2,481.85 |
| JACOBS DOZER SERVICE | LEAK DETCTN - WABASH AVE | $2,696.59 |
| JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE | GARBREC - JULY 2019 | $9,575.41 |
| LEERHOF, SHARON | WC-CRAFTER COMMISSIONS | $138.00 |
| LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK | HSA | $1,750.00 |
| MEHMEN, MARYLEE | WC - JULY CRAFTER COMMISSION | $173.25 |
| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY | STREETS - GAS/ELECT AUG '19 | $7,167.93 |
| NASHUA PLUMBING & HEATING | PARKS - SUPPLIES | $161.56 |
| PEOPLESERVICE INC. | water waste water contract | $18,718.00 |
| RILEY'S INC. | CH - JUL/AUG COPY FEES | $235.26 |
| SCHERER, NANCY | WC - JULY CRAFTER COMMISSION | $106.13 |
| T & K TRACTOR REPAIR | DAM - HOSES | $198.08 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | STATE TAX | $390.00 |
| ULINE | PARKS/WC - OPERATING SUPPLIES | $110.88 |
| WELLMARK, BLUE CROSS | SEPT'19 HEALTH INSURANCE | $5,566.20 |
| 20 20 FX LLC | WATER/SEWER - BETH'S COMPUTER | $180.00 |
| KJ DESIGN LLC | PD-GOLF CART/UTV REG STICKER | $70.00 |
| SPREE FAMILY HONEY FARMS | WC - WHOLESALE HONEY | $57.60 |
| ROEDER POWDER COAT & MACH | WC - JULY CRAFTER COMMISSION | $22.50 |
| MAAS, ROBERTA C. | JULY - CRAFTER COMMISSION | $84.48 |
| WORDES CYNTHIA A | WC - JULY CRAFTER COMMISSION | $44.63 |
| FAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF | LEGAL FEES - SERVE PAPERS | $30.50 |
| PAYROLL CHECKS | TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS | $7,830.41 |
|   | CLAIMS TOTAL | $68,804.08 |
|   | GENERAL FUND FUND | $25,781.59 |
|   | ROAD USE FUND | $6,033.27 |
|   | EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND | $4,270.12 |
|   | PERM FUNDS-CITY WATSON FUND | $1,647.00 |
|   | WATER FUND | $17,004.61 |
|   | SEWER FUND | $14,067.49 |
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