**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on February 18, 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, Thomas Johnson, Harold Kelleher III, and Angelina Dietz-Robinson. City employees in attendance were Police Chief Benjamin Scholl, Water/Sewer Superintendent Nick Henningsen, and City Clerk John Ott. There were 5 guests in attendance.

Mayor Betsinger asked to amend the agenda to remove the permit for 721 Jay St. as there have been no updates and also to remove the permit agenda for 201 Dixie Dr. due to a Public Hearing not being published prior to the meeting. He also added Resolution 19:13 Approving the Signature Requirements for the Bank Account for the Nashua Public Library First State Bank. Dietz-Robinson moved to approve the amended agenda. Cerwinski seconded. Motion Carried.

The Mayor called for public comments. The Mayor addressed an email received about concerns with the sidewalks and fire hydrants being covered in snow. The City asks that the residents take the time to clear off their sidewalk and keep the fire hydrants cleared off, so that they are visible and accessible. Jeremy McGrath was there to discuss the ambulance service. He talked about the First Responder’s class that has not been completed by any of the students that were signed up to take the course and that it would really help to get them through the course. The Mayor also addressed the payment made to the ambulance service in the amount of $10,000 and the condition under that contract was that the city wanted to receive monthly reports of ambulance expenditures, availability of hours, etc. The mayor informed Jeremy that Rhonda (former City Clerk) had communicated with him asking for these reports multiple times and have not received any of the reports. The Mayor stated that they could have kept up on the First Responder’s class better had they received monthly reports. Each student in the class costs the city and so the council also discussed ways in which they could better hold students accountable to finish in a timely fashion. Jeremy agreed that he would provide monthly reports to the city by the end of each month, so that the report could be put on the first city council of the month’s agenda.

Dietz-Robinson moved to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2019 City Council meeting. Rolland seconded. Motion Carried.

Cerwinski moved to approve the consent calendar with claims totaling 14,372.62 + 7802.61 (Wages). Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried.

Payment of Claims (see claims report): Total claims to be paid: $14372.62 + $7802.61 (Wages)

* + 1. General Fund: $10197.15
    2. Road Use: $4663.65
    3. Water: $2172.6
    4. Sewer: $5141.83

Hal Kelleher from the Parks Board/City Council Member commented on the Cannon Park project and the steps that are being taken with the project. The project is expected to be started around March 1st.  They are looking for volunteers to help with the project and they would like to thank those who have already volunteered to help. There are a lot of things that need to be done including redoing the parking lot, clearing out some land, putting up a safety fence, building gazebo’s and shelters, etc. The VFW has already volunteered to help with the project as well as the N-P School District. He also commented on the issues that the parks have been having with people coming into the park even though they are closed due to the snow and getting stuck. The city is looking for solutions to keep people out of the parks when they are closed.

Police Chief Benjamin Scholl reported on the interest that he has seen for an upcoming First Responder’s course that will begin in October, providing that there are at least 10 participants in the class. The registration for the course opens on March 25th and Police Chief Scholl will be co-teaching. If you are interested in the course, please contact the Nashua Police Department 641-435-2068 or the Nashua Police Department Facebook Page.

Nick Henningsen Superintendent of the Water/Sewer department gave a report as well. He stated that they have completed all of the required tests, samples, recordings, that are required by the DNR. He gave a rundown of the multiple projects that they were working on with repairs and maintenance as well as the support they have given the city by helping with snow removal several times in the month of January. Nick Henningsen is also one of 3 finalists that have been nominated for Operator of the Year award and the only person ever nominated from PeopleService who is our water/sewer contractor. The candidates for this award are selected through the DNR. Nick communicated that it is a team effort and even though he is the one nominated for the award, it has a lot to do with the Nashua City Council as they are the ones who have made the decisions to take steps to improve the water/sewer department.

Mayor Betsinger reviewed the report from Heather Hackman Library Director. The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 6, 2019. The Library has scheduled authors to visit on April 27th and May 25th. Planning for the “Summer Reading Program” has begun.

The first hearing of a Public Hearing regarding approving an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nashua by adding a new chapter pertaining to curfew was held. Cerwinske moved to approve the ordinance. Johnson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call: Cagley-aye; Cerwinske – aye; Dietz-Robinson – aye; Johnson – aye; Kelleher – aye. Motion Carried

The first hearing of a Public Hearing regarding approving an ordinance adding a new chapter to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nashua by adding a new chapter pertaining to Social Hosting was held. Johnson moved to approve the ordinance. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call: Cagley-aye; Cerwinske – aye; Dietz-Robinson – aye; Johnson – aye; Kelleher – aye. Motion Carried

The first hearing of a Public Hearing regarding approving an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nashua 2008 by Amending the Compensation of the Council was held. Cerwinske moved to approve the ordinance. Cagley Seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call: Cagley-aye; Cerwinske – aye; Dietz-Robinson – aye; Johnson – aye; Kelleher – aye. Motion Carried

Discussion/Approval for Resolution 19:11 – REMOVING RHONDA DEAN AS INTERIM CITY CLERK

Dietz-Robinson moved to approve the resolution. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call: Cagley-aye; Cerwinske – aye; Dietz-Robinson – aye; Johnson – aye; Kelleher – aye. Motion Carried

Discussion/Approval regarding Resolution 19:12 – APPROVING THE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK. Kelleher moved to approve the resolution. Johnson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call: Cagley-aye; Cerwinske – aye; Dietz-Robinson – aye; Johnson – aye; Kelleher – aye. Motion Carried

Discussion/Approval regarding Resolution 19:13 – APPROVING THE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY FIRST STATE BANK. Kelleher moved to approve the resolution. Johnson Seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call: Cagley-aye; Cerwinske – aye; Dietz-Robinson – aye; Johnson – aye; Kelleher – aye. Motion Carried

Action/Discussion

The Nashua-Plainfield Music Boosters was asking for donations to help support student musicians and although the City Council members feel that it is good to support the school and community they also expressed that they have a fiduciary responsibility towards all citizens of Nashua. They feel that if individual citizens want to donate they can do so on their own, but as a representative of all citizens they do not feel that they should make the decision on whether the majority of the citizens of Nashua would want to donate.

The bids for the police vehicle were opened by Mayor Betsinger and there were a total of 5 bids. The winning bid was the Janesville Police Department with a winning bid of $6600.

In other business we got a letter from Kwik Trip that they were amending their Corporate Officers and wanted approval from the council on the changes for the alcohol/liquor license. Dietz-Robinson moved to approve the amendment. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried.

The FY2019/2020 Budget was discussed and a Public Hearing for the next city council meeting scheduled for March 4, 2019 has been set.

No other business was discussed. Cerwinske moved to adjourn the meeting. Cagley Seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM

Pending approval by council

John Ott

City Clerk

Claims

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| BADGER METER | WATER METER - CAP EXP - FEB | 622.11 |
| BAKER & TAYLOR | LIB - BOOKS | 239.37 |
| BOCKHAUS PLUMB & HTG | SEWER LINE REPAIR - PLUGGED MA | 322.1 |
| BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATI | WELL INTERNET - FEB | 44.95 |
| CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC. | BRIDGE INSPECTION | 500 |
| CENTURYLINK | POLICE - JANUARY PHONE BILL | 584.76 |
| CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT | LIB - BOOKS | 69 |
| CITY LAUNDERING CO. | WC - CUSTODIAL CONTRACT JANUAR | 82.92 |
| CLEMENT, JAN | WC-JAN2019CRAFTERPMTS | 53.96 |
| DATA TECHNOLOGIES INC | CH - PHONE TRAINING | 237.5 |
| DORMAN, SHERYL | WC-JAN2019CRAFTERPMTS | 86.6 |
| FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE | oPERATING EXP - GAS/OIL | 17.97 |
| INGRAM | LIB - BOOKS | 197.48 |
| IOWA MUN FINANCE OFF ASSO | 2019/20 MEMBERSHIP DUES | 50 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT | FED/FICA TAX | 2,326.77 |
| IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC. | 2019 IA RURAL WATER DUES | 275 |
| LEERHOF, SHARON | WC - JAN2019CRAFTERPMTS | 110.63 |
| NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE NASHU | LIB - SUB NASHUA REPORTER | 35 |
| PETERSON, BURTON | WC-JAN2019CRAFTERPMTS | 16.5 |
| PETERSON, CANDANCE | WC-JAN2019CRAFTERPMTS | 13.5 |
| NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY | LIB - PETTY CASH (POSTAGE) | 47.03 |
| RILEY'S INC. | CH - JAN2019COPYFEES | 88.9 |
| SCHERER, NANCY | WC-JAN2019CRAFTERPMTS | 88.09 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | STATE TAX | 373 |
| THREADS | LIB - SUBSCRIPTION | 32.95 |
| WEX BANK | CITY FUEL EXPENSES | 790.55 |
| IOWA DOT | STREETS - SALT/SAND SNOW RMOVA | 1,196.64 |
| GPM | SEWER MAINT - REPAIR SAMPLERS | 3,540.69 |
| FBI-LEEDA | PD - TRAINING | 2,085.00 |
| FREDERICK BLANCH | LIB - BOOKS | 23.65 |
| SCHMITT, JEN | LIB - BOOKS | 10 |
| INDEED INC | CH - ADVERTISING CITY CLERK | 210 |
| PAYROLL CHECKS | TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS | 7,802.61 |
|  | CLAIMS TOTAL | 22,175.23 |
|  | GENERAL FUND FUND | 10,197.15 |
|  | ROAD USE FUND | 4,663.65 |
|  | WATER FUND | 2,172.60 |
|  | SEWER FUND | 5,141.83 |
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