



MINUTES

COHASSET CITY COUNCIL MEETING

305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Greg Hagy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Greg Hagy, Councilors Terry Bartz, Dennis Blankensop (via Skype), Tim Carlson, & Jason Tabaka

Absent: None

Others: None

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. Approve Agenda

Additions: Loren Solberg – 5D

Deletions: None

A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to approve the agenda as amended. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, Carlson, Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

5. Administration

A. **Eide Bailly Audit** - Council reviewed an engagement letter from Eide Bailly confirming 2015 audit services. The fee for audit services will be at their standard hourly rates plus expenses not to exceed \$19,900.00. *A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the Eide Bailly engagement letter and fees not to exceed \$19,900.00 for the audit. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, Carlson, Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

B. **Approve Recommendation from the Safety Committee** – The Safety Committee made the following cash award recommendation to City Council:

\$100 for each permanent city staff x 11 permanent city staff = \$1,100

\$75 for each firefighter x 21 = \$1,575

\$40 for each firefighter trainee x 4 = \$160

\$40 for each seasonal employee x3 = \$120

\$20 for each rink attendant x 4 = \$80

\$10 for each concession worker x 3 = \$30

TOTAL = \$3,065 (\$5,500 budgeted)

The awards are an incentive to encourage avoidance, elimination, and/or minimization of hazardous activities which is a part of “A Workplace Accident /Incident Reduction” (AWAIR) Program. The City has not had an employee/firefighter accident or a Workman’s Comp claim for 12 years.

A motion was made by Bartz/Blankensop to approve the cash awards recommended by the Safety Committee as outlined above for a total amount of \$3,065.00. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, Carlson, Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

C. Continuing Education Request for Kilde, LaShomb, Mester, & Tuttle: Council approval was requested for Kilde, Mester, Tuttle, & LaShomb to attend the 2016 Safety & Loss Control Workshop on March 22, 2016 in Bemidji, MN at the Sanford Center. The fee is \$20 per attendee which includes materials and lunch. *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve the continuing education request as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, Carlson, Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

5. Loren Solberg explained he is doing community outreach for Enbridge in relation to their current expansion in the State of Minnesota. Solberg encouraged any community member to contact him if they have questions or comments. Hagy asked about monies set aside for railroad crossings. Solberg responded there has been some controversy at the legislative level regarding funding for railroads. Solberg advised the City to seek State funding if interested in becoming “no-horn” zone. After more discussion Solberg was thanked for his time.

6. Miscellaneous Reports, Announcements, & FYIs: Security Officer Dean Scherf reported he has been doing evening patrols at Portage Park and other areas. He has received requests for assistance from the Cohasset Elementary School and the outcomes have been positive. The school is starting a new anti-drug program and Scherf has been asked for assistance, it was noted that Scherf is a former DARE instructor and Council approved Scherf’s involvement with the program. Scherf reported he is concerned about traffic at the school at the end of the day and he has met with the principal regarding this issue. The Itasca County Sheriff’s Office received 100 calls for service from Cohasset in the last month. The Sheriff’s Office is interested in doing extra patrols this summer as well as helping out with any City events. There have been some blight issues in the City and Scherf is working with Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle.

All matters listed under consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Claims in the Amount of \$138,307.43

B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2016

A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$138,307.43. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, Carlson, Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Mayor Greg Hagy adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Mester

Approved: 2/9/2016