



## MINUTES

### COHASSET CITY COUNCIL MEETING

305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

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:** Randy McCarty, President of Greater Pokegama Lake Association (GPLA), Pat Davis, GPLA, Erika Herr, DNR, Steve Brown, Chair of Cohasset Planning Commission, & Brian Kielpinski, Cohasset Planning Commission.

#### 3. Resident Input: None

4. **Approve Agenda** – *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Tabaka/ Carlson to move into a public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.*

5. **7:05 p.m. – Public Hearing** to act on an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a variance request from Ron Klingman to be allowed a 4 x 53 foot cement slab in the Shore Impact Zone (SIZ) of Jay Gould Lake for the property located at 36497 Burr Oak Boulevard and legally described as: Lots 1-2 in the Plat of Dellwood, Section 15, Township 55 North, Range 25 West, City of Cohasset, Itasca County, Minnesota.

Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle reviewed the 41 page informational packet. City Attorney John Licke made a brief statement and property owner Ron Klingman read a four page statement summarizing the history of the issue.

After extensive discussion and a question/answer session, Mayor Hagy called for anyone in favor of the variance request to come forward.

**Ron Klingman, 36497 Burr Oak Blvd, Cohasset, MN** came forward with signatures of neighbors who are in favor of the variance.

Hagy called twice more for anyone in favor of the variance to come forward. There was no response. Mayor Hagy called for anyone in opposition to the variance to come forward.

**Randy McCarty, 34385 Dingmann Road, Cohasset, MN, President of the Greater Pokegama Lake Association** stated the GPLA was formed in 1971 as an advisory association. McCarty explained that if this appeal is approved other property owners will want to do the same. He also pointed out that had the owner applied for a permit he would have been denied.

**Steve Brown, Cohasset Planning Commission Chair,** stated the Planning Commission acted in good faith and the decision was reached by a majority vote.

Hagy called twice more for anyone in opposition to the variance to come forward. There was no response and the public portion of the hearing was closed.

*A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to affirm the Planning Commission's decision and adopt the Planning Commission's findings which require the property owner to remove the cement ramp in its entirety by June 1, 2015. The vote passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

## **6. Administration**

**A. Request to Advertise for Fire Fighter Positions** – Fire Chief Davin Tinquist requested Council approval to create a new hiring pool by advertising for Fire Department applicants. *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve Tinquist's request as outlined above. Motion carried unanimously.*

**B. Continuing Education Request – Piche & Peters** – *A motion was made by Carlson/Blankensop to grant Council approval for Peters and Piche to attend the 2015 Minnesota Municipal Clerks Institute from May 4-8, 2015 in Plymouth, MN (combined cost of \$935 each for tuition and lodging). Motion carried unanimously.*

**C. Continuing Education Request (Payne)** – *A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to grant Council approval for Temper Payne to attend the 2015 Electrician Continued Education Seminar on February 12-13, 2015 at the Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, MN The cost for the seminar is \$250. Motion carried unanimously.*

**D. Continuing Education Request (LaShomb)** – *A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to grant Council approval for Dorie LaShomb to attend the Minnesota Chief Financial Officer's Association annual training in March 2015 for a total cost of \$843.60. Motion carried unanimously.*

**E. Continuing Education Request (LaShomb & Mester)** – *A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to grant Council approval for LaShomb and Mester to attend the MCFOA Region II meeting on February 13, 2015 in Bigfork, MN for a total cost of \$30. Motion carried unanimously.*

**F. Approve Resolution 2015-08 Revised Fee Schedule** – *A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to approve Resolution 2015-08. Motion carried unanimously.*

**G. Credit Card Agreements** – Assistant Finance Manager Jess Piche explained the fees and advantages associated with an on-line/credit card bill pay system. There would be \$640 in one time fees, an ongoing charge of \$39.95 per month, as well as an \$80 annual security compliance fee. *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to grant Council approval to move forward with the credit card agreements with Civic Systems and PSN. Motion carried unanimously.*

**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.**

**6. Consent Agenda**

A. Approve Claims in the Amount of \$174,422.32

B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2015

*A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$174,422.32.*

Mayor Greg Hagy adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Adjourn

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Mester

Approved: 2/10/2015