



MINUTES

COHASSET CITY COUNCIL MEETING

305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 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.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Greg Hagy, Councilors Terry Bartz, and Dennis Blankensop (via Skype)

Absent with Notice: Tim Carlson, and Jason Tabaka

Others: None

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. **Approve Agenda** – *A motion was made by Bartz/Blankensop to approve the agenda as presented. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop. Voting against: None. Absent: Carlson and Tabaka. Motion carried.*

5. Administration

A. **Beautification Project** – City employees proposed adding more flowers and request approval for a summer employee to work two hours each weekend watering the flowers and emptying garbage. *A motion was made by Bartz/Blankensop to approve the addition of more flowers and approve a summer employee working two hours each weekend to water flowers and empty garbage at Tioga Beach. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop. Voting against: None. Absent: Carlson and Tabaka. Motion carried.*

B. **Gas Franchise Update** – City Attorney John Licke explained that in 1990 the Bass Brook Town Board of Supervisors granted Northern Minnesota Utilities, now Minnesota Energy, a gas franchise giving them the authority to erect, maintain, and operate a gas distribution system in the City of Cohasset for a period of 25 years. The current distribution system services approximately 50 customers located at the Lakeview Terrace mobile home park and two other nearby homes. This franchise agreement expired and the City gave Minnesota Energy a six month extension which will expire on June 1, 2016. The City has two options: 1) to acquire the gas lines or 2) to expand the Cohasset natural gas system. Licke requested authority to offer Minnesota Energy a dollar amount for the gas lines, and to grant Minnesota Energy an easement to service the gas line on Townline Road. Peters stated the dollar amount should be up to \$55,000. *A motion was made by Blankensop/Bartz to give Attorney Licke authority to offer up to \$55,000 to Minnesota Energy for the gas lines and to proceed on negotiating an easement agreement to service the gas line on Townline Road. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop. Voting against: None. Absent: Carlson and Tabaka. Motion carried.*

6. Miscellaneous Reports, Announcements, & FYIs:

- ✓ Mayor Hagy congratulated the Grand Rapids Thunderhawks Hockey Team for placing third in the State hockey tournament.
- ✓ Good Luck to the girls' basketball team

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 \$22,840.64
- B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2016
- C. Acknowledge January 5, 2016 Cohasset EDA Minutes

A motion was made by Bartz/Blankensop to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$22,840.64.

Adjourn – Mayor Greg Hagy adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Mester
Approved: 3/22/2016