



**MINUTES
COHASSET CITY COUNCIL MEETING
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 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, Tim Carlson, & Jason Tabaka

Absent with Notice: Denny Blankensop

Others: City Attorney John Licke, Bob Beaver

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. **Approve Agenda**

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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

7:05 Public Hearing to act on a recommendation from the Cohasset Planning Commission to amend Cohasset Land Use Controls Ordinance 24 section 10.103 regarding signs as follows:

1. Delete “occasional or incidental” language
2. Prohibit off-premise commercial advertising signs
3. Maximum 150 SF for freestanding signs
4. Maximum 250 SF cumulative sign area including wall, canopy, and awning signs
5. Only one face counts toward square footage limits (including multi-faced signs)
6. Minimum seven second static images only

Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle reviewed the Planning Commission recommendations and the informational packet.

Paul Shorma, Cohasset, MN stated he is opposed to the ban of off-site premise commercial advertising signs.

Mayor Hagy opened the public portion of the meeting and asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the zoning amendment.

Charles Nelson, Cohasset, MN stated he owns property on Highway 2 and he is in favor of being able to put up a sign and he would need the 1000 foot limit to do so.

Mayor Hagy asked twice more for anyone in favor to come forward. There was no response.

Mayor Hagy asked three times for anyone in opposition to the amendment to come forward. There was no response. Hagy asked if Tuttle had received any written communications regarding the issue. Tuttle stated no. Hagy called for further questions, there were none and the public portion of the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to accept the recommended changes from the Cohasset Planning Commission to amend Cohasset Land Use Control Ordinance 24, Section §10.103 regarding signs as follows:

- a. To allow off-site commercial advertising signs along Highway 2 no closer than 1000 feet to another off-site commercial advertising sign along Highway 2*
- b. Delete “occasional or incidental” language*
- c. No change to square footage for freestanding signs*
- d. No change to cumulative sign square footage*
- e. Only one sign face applies toward square footage limits*
- f. Static images only for a minimum of seven seconds*
- g. Correct language regarding canopies and awnings to be consistent.*

Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Blankensop; Motion carried.

5. Administration

A. Approve Special Event Permit for Benson Bog Days: Hagy stated correspondence was received from two area resorts on this item. Hagy added that this issue was previously covered at numerous City Council and Planning Commission meetings and there have been no noise level violations. *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve a Special Event Permit for June 17-19, 2016 for Benson Bog Days at 27933 Sunset Point Road legally described as the North 650 feet of Government Lot 1, Section 3, Township 55 North, Range 26 West, City of Cohasset (PIN: 05-003-1102.) Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Blankensop; Motion carried.*

B. Approve Cohasset Clean Up Days: *A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to approve Cohasset Clean Up Days for the following dates:*

- Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 6, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 7, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Blankensop; Motion carried. It was noted that electronics will be allowed this year with the exception of televisions and computer monitors.

C. Set Public Hearing Date and Time for Zoning Amendment: After discussion a public hearing date and time was not set. Instead the Planning Commission will hold public forums preceding public hearings in order to give residents more opportunity for input.

D. Cohasset Industrial Park Phase 2 – Authorization to Advertise for Bids: Bob Beaver reported the advertisement for bids will go in the paper Thursday if approved tonight. ***A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the authorization to advertise for bids. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Blankensop; Motion carried.***

E. Council Approval for Community Center Outdoor Lighting Project - An estimate from Pioneer Electric for \$2457.76 for an additional four LED wall lights on the Community Center was presented. ***A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve the estimate from Pioneer Electric as outlined above. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Blankensop; Motion carried.***

F. Resolution 2016-10 Supporting Regional Park or Trail Designation Application – ***A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve Resolution 2016-10. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Blankensop; Motion carried.***

G. Approve Temporary Liquor License for the Grand Rapids Centennial Rotary: ***A motion was made by Carlson/Bartz to approve a temporary liquor license for August 13, 2016 for the Grand Rapids Centennial Rotary’s Blackwaters Brew Fest and to also approve Portage Park as the site for the Brew Fest. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Blankensop; Motion carried.***

H. Approve Portage Park as the Site for Blackwaters Brew Fest: Motion made with item G.

I. Approve Budget Amendment for the KME Custom Pumper – ***A motion was made by Carlson/Bartz to approve a budget amendment for the KME custom pumper for \$404,650.50 using existing reserves in the 230 – Fire Department Rescue Equipment fund as well as to approve the payment of \$404,650.50 for the KME custom pumper. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Blankensop; Motion carried.***

J. Approve Seasonal Summer Employee Hire – ***A motion was made by Tabaka/Bartz to approve the hire of Brady Thomsen for the Portage Park summer position at \$15 per hour and to also hire two students for summer help at a rate of \$10 per hour. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Blankensop; Motion carried.***

6. Miscellaneous Reports, Announcements, & FYIs: Security Officer Dean Scherf reported that the Itasca County Sheriff’s Office has agreed to do extra patrols beginning May 13, 2016.

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 \$439,614.63

B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2016

A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$439,614.63

Adjourn – Mayor Greg Hagy adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Mester Deputy Clerk

Approved: 4/26/2016