



MINUTES

COHASSET CITY COUNCIL MEETING

305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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: Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle, Fire Chief Davin Tinquist, Bill Brink-Firewise Program, Nate Benson, Gail Anderson, Kim Jamtgaard, Bruce Thomas, and others

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. Approve Agenda

Additions: Under administration items 5) I, J, & K

Deletions: None

A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Thomas, School District 318 Superintendent introduced himself and stated that School District 318 wants to be a good community citizen and appreciates the relationship with Cohasset. Mayor Hagy asked about the plans for the Cohasset School and Thomas explained the ongoing initiative to bring schools up to par. Thomas noted that 318 facilities are aging and crowded due to increased enrollment. The school board will make a decision on May 4, 2015 whether to renovate or to build two new schools. Thomas concluded that it is a challenging but exciting time for the school district. Mayor Hagy stated Cohasset supports “whatever is best for the kids” and thanked Thomas for his time.

5. Administration

A. **Firewise Presentation – Itasca County Firewise Coordinator** Bill Brink explained that Firewise is a program to help homeowners with wildfire prevention and education. Brink noted that Firewise will also assist homeowners in brush removal after they have completed the mitigation to improve their defensible space – which is 30 feet around structures, as well as a twelve feet passage around driveways. Brink explained that in order to participate in the Firewise

Program the City must be a recognized Firewise Community & outlined the four steps required to become recognized.

Brink announced that Firewise would like to help Cohasset clean up the compost site and outlined a plan, which would include residents picking up tracking forms before using the site. Hagy noted that the City would like to reopen the compost site and is working toward that goal.

This item will be put on the next agenda.

B. Accept the Cohasset Fire 2014 Annual Report – Fire Chief Davin Tinquist presented the 2014 annual report and requested Council approval to sell a 2006 used trailer.

C. Quote for New Rescue Equipment Trailer & Discuss Options for Sale of Old Trailer

A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve the 2014 Cohasset Fire Annual Report, to approve the sale of the 2006 used trailer, and to approve the quote for a Floe trailer for a price of \$5752.00 (net \$4889). Motion carried unanimously.

The 2014 Fire Report is available on the City of Cohasset website: www.cohasset-mn.com

D. Set Public Hearing Date & Time RE: Water Oriented Ground Level Patios/Decks – *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to act on a recommendation from the Planning Commission and set a public hearing date and time of Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:05 p.m. to amend the zoning ordinance regarding water oriented ground level patios/decks. Motion carried unanimously.*

E. Clean Up Days – Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle requested council approval to hold Cohasset Clean Up Days on Sunday, May 31 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.); Monday, June 1 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.), and Tuesday, June 2, 2015 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) Notice will be sent to all Cohasset property owners. *A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to approve Cohasset Clean Up Days as outlined above. Motion carried unanimously.*

F. Quote for Storage Shed at Portage Park – *A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve a quote from TJB Construction to build an 8x8 storage shed on 5x6 skids, treated floor, one service door, steel roof and siding with aluminum soffit and fascia for \$3300.00. Motion carried unanimously.* The shed will be located at Portage Park.

G. Benson Bog Days – Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle explained that Benson has requested a special event permits for the Benson Bog Days currently scheduled to be held on June 12-14, 2015, and mid to the end of August or beginning of September – date to be determined.

Tuttle read an e-mail from Mark & Brenda Wagner requesting that Benson not be allowed to hold the event at a time that would “disturb local residents.”

Gail Anderson, City of Cohasset, spoke against bog days citing the noise, location, and the time frame. Anderson stated she owns Sunset Resort and the noise disturbs her guests and impacts business.

Kim Jamtgaard, Wildwood Resort, also spoke against bog days citing noise, location, and the time frame. Jamtgaard requested a compromise, specifically, scheduling bog days the first week in October instead of during prime tourism season.

Nathan Benson, City of Cohasset, Benson stated he is a small business owner and has the right to hold a mud run on his private property every weekend if he wants but only asks for six days a year. Benson pointed out that he abides by all the regulations the City of Cohasset has established.

Councilor Terry Bartz asked Benson if he would be willing to compromise on the date. Benson responded that he compromised the previous two years and would like to stick to the planned date – or the Fourth of July.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Tabaka/Hagy to approve a special events permit for Benson Bog Days - June 12-14, 2015 with the same regulations as 2014. Motion carried on a voice vote with Councilor Bartz abstaining.

PUC Recommendations

I. Service Call Reimbursement – The PUC recommends that the owner of parcel # 05-436-0314 be reimbursed \$197.22 for a service call due to moisture in the gas line.

Estimates for Lift Stations – The PUC recommends Council approval of the estimates for lift station #1 (main) in the amount of \$25,090 plus applicable tax and for lift station #3 in the amount of \$29,380 plus any applicable tax.

Water Line to Nelson Wood Shims – The PUC recommends Council approval to run a six inch water line under the road to Nelson Wood Shim’s property line. It was noted that Nelson Wood Shim’s added a sawmill and sprinkler fire protection is required per State statute.

A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve the PUC recommendation as outlined above. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports, & FYIs: The Board of Appeals and Equalization will be held on April 29, 2015 at the Cohasset Community Center at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Hagy announced that Duane Kilde and Max Peters have been added to the Personnel Committee.

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 \$47,068.71

B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2015

- C. Acknowledge PUC Minutes of February 2, 2015
- D. Acknowledge EDA Minutes of March 3, 2015
- E. Acknowledge PC Minutes of March 4, 2015

A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$47,068.71. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn – Mayor Greg Hagy adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Mester
Approved: 4/28/2015