



MINUTES

COHASSET CITY COUNCIL MEETING

305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 p.m. City Council Work Session to Discuss 2017 Budget

Mayor Greg Hagy called the City Council Work Session to order at 6:05 p.m. The budget numbers were reviewed. Max Peters explained that the tax capacity is going up from \$10,146,000 to \$10,806,000 (a raise of .34% or \$200,000). The proposed levy increase is \$200,000. Discussion was held regarding EDA funding including land purchase reimbursement.

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor 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, and Tim Carlson

Absent with Notice: Jason Tabaka

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. Approve Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing RE: Hwy 2 Re-striping Project – Roberta Dwyer from MNDot was present to give some background on the Hwy. 2 re-striping project, drawings of the plans were also available. If approved, there would be no local charge and construction would take place in 2017. MNDot would need municipal permission from both Cohasset and Grand Rapids in order for the project to proceed.

Mayor Hagy called for anyone in favor of the project to come forward.

Kathy Lepak, 34685 Grimsbo Road, Grand Rapids, MN came forward and spoke in favor of the project. She also provided paperwork including photos, petitions, etc.

Bud Stone, Grand Rapids, MN stated he and the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce are in favor of the project and stated the chance of accidents grows with growth in population.

Hagy called twice more for anyone in favor of the project to come forward.

Hagy called for anyone in opposition to the project to come forward.

Conrad Feldt, 36069 Little Bass Lake Drive, Grand Rapids, MN stated he is neither for nor against the project but questioned what the speed limits would be. Ms. Dwyer stated before speed limits were changed a speed study would be done. Feldt asked if re-stripping would delay a potential four lane project. Dwyer answered no.

Hagy called twice more for anyone in opposition to the project to come forward. There was no response and Mayor Hagy closed the public portion of the hearing. ***Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, and Carlson; Voting against: None; Absent: Tabaka. Motion carried.***

5. Administration

A. 2016 Bituminous Paving Project Pay Estimate #1 – Beaver Bob, SEH Engineering presented pay estimate #1 for activities completed on the 2016 bituminous overlay project from July 5 – September 2, 2016. This is the first and final pay estimate for the project.

Recommendation to Council is for approval of pay estimate number one to Hawkinson Construction for \$721,709.57. ***A motion was made by Blankensop/Carlson to approve pay estimate #1 to Hawkinson Construction in the amount of \$721,709.57. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, and Carlson; Voting against: None; Absent: Tabaka. Motion carried.***

B. Industrial Park Phase 2 Pay Estimate #3 – Pay estimate number three is for the activities completed on the project from July 30 – September 2, 2016. The main item worked on this month was the large cut at the connection to Foxtail Lane. Recommendation to City Council is for approval of pay estimate number three to Hammerlund Construction for \$102,929.76. ***A motion was made by Bartz/Blankensop to approve pay estimate #3 as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, and Carlson; Voting against: None; Absent: Tabaka. Motion carried.***

C. Employee Safety Awards – The Cohasset Employee Safety Committee recommends the following safety awards for no paid lost time Worker’s Compensation claims for the first half of the calendar year:

- a. \$50 for each permanent staff x 12 permanent city staff = \$600
- b. \$25 for each fire fighter x 22 fire fighters = \$550
- c. \$20 for each seasonal employee x 6 = \$120
- d. Total = \$1270

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

D. Resolution 2016-13 Providing Health Care Access for Council Members/Mayor – Resolution 2016-13 provides for the Mayor, City Council, and Fire Department members access to health and hospitalization insurance and a policy of dental insurance with such provider as chosen by the City. The full premium will be paid at the employee's expense. *A motion was made by Blankensop/Bartz to approve Resolution 2016-13 as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, and Carlson; Voting against: None; Absent: Tabaka. Motion carried.*

E. Resolution 2016-12 EDA Tax Levy – *A motion was made by Carlson/Blankensop to approve Resolution 2016-12 adopting the preliminary 2016 Economic Development Authority tax levy collectible in 2017 in the amount of \$100,000.00. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, and Carlson; Voting against: None; Absent: Tabaka. Motion carried.*

F. EDA Reimbursement for Land Purchases – *A motion was made by Blankensop/Carlson to reimburse the EDA a total of \$84,646.28 for land purchases. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, and Carlson; Voting against: None; Absent: Tabaka. Motion carried.*

6. Miscellaneous Reports, Announcements, & FYIs: Security Officer Dean Scherf stated there have been reports of bears in the area. Scherf recommended if anyone has a problem with a bear to call 911.

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 \$890,596.65
- B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2016
- C. Acknowledge Cohasset EDA Minute of 8/2/2016
- D. Acknowledge PC Minutes of 8/3/2016
- E. Approve Cemetery Deed for Daniel and Nancy Bertram

A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$890,596.65. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Blankensop, and Carlson; Voting against: None; Absent: Tabaka. Motion carried.

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

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Mester
Approved: 9/27/2016