



MINUTES

COHASSET CITY COUNCIL

305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

6:30 P.M. OPEN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 p.m. Open City Council Work Session to Review Lobbyist Contract

Mayor Hagy called the City Council Work session to order at 6:30 p.m. A contract submitted by Loren Solberg in the amount of \$1600 per month was reviewed. It was acknowledged that Solberg was instrumental in obtaining funding for the downtown development project. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of having a full time lobbyist and if so, what upcoming projects would require his services. After discussion it was agreed that a City Council Work Session will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 for further discussion. Hagy adjourned the work session at 6:47 p.m.

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

1. 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, Phil Hermel, and Jason Tabaka

Absent: None

Non Officio Members: Finance Manager Max Peters, & Dean Scherf Security Officer

Others: Jeff Herfindahl, Bushwhacker's Snowmobile Club, Rob Mrowiec, Cohasset Resident, and Bob Beaver, SEH Engineering

3. **Resident Input:** Rob Mrowiec, Loon Lake, Cohasset, MN questioned the \$3 million cost of the Tioga Recreation Area Bike Trail and asked if there is a benefit to the residents of Cohasset. It was explained that grant monies were used trail construction and hopefully the people who travel to enjoy the bike trail will also bring business to the City by purchasing gas and eating at local restaurants, etc. Mrowiec expressed concern that the City of Grand Rapids is controlling what happens in Cohasset. He was assured that Cohasset is a community independent of GR.

Discussion was also held regarding the future of Minnesota Power in Cohasset and the loss of tax base, as well as the cost of playground equipment for the new daycare center located at the Cohasset Elementary School. Mrowiec was thanked for his input.

Deer River Bushwhacker's Snowmobile Club Presentation: Bushwhacker's President Jeff Herfindahl explained that Councilor Phil Hermel attended the last Bushwhacker's meeting and it

was agreed that the current snowmobile trail running through the City of Cohasset needs improvement. The Bushwhackers are willing to partner with the City to maintain the trail. Herfindahl also requested storage space for a piece of grooming equipment and Mayor Hagy stated it would be no problem. Discussion was held regarding the future routing of the snowmobile trail and it was stated that they would like the trail to eventually reach Pokegama Lake. Herfindahl stated they are here to promote the sport and are not looking to make money. Herfindahl was thanked for his time.

4. Approve Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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

5. Administration

A. Approve Pay Estimate No. 2 for Final Topsoil Placement & Seeding at Tioga Recreation Area Pavilion: Bob Beaver presented pay estimate no. 2 in the amount of \$69,742.47 payable to TNT Aggregates. It was noted that this is last step in the project with the exception of some solar lighting that the Cohasset Public Utility Commission is working on. *A motion was made by Bartz/Hermel to approve pay estimate no. 2 as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

B. Review Quotes from Northland Lawn, Sport & Equipment:

a. **Z900 Series Collector/Striper for Portage Park: \$4400.00**

b. **Z300 Series Collector for Cemetery: \$7000.00**

A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the quotes from Northland Lawn, Sport & Equipment as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

C. Approve Quote from Fastenal for Two Storage Units for Flammable Items: \$2109.52: *A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to approve the quote from Fastenal for two storage units for flammable items in the amount of \$2109.52. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.* It was noted that with this purchase the City will be OSHA compliant.

D. Approve Revised Quote for Vehicle Lift from Equipment Services Inc.: *A motion was made by Carlson/Hermel to approve the revised quote for a vehicle lift from Equipment Services in the amount of \$8970. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.* It was noted that this quote includes training.

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports and FYIs:

- The Portage Park skating rink has been closed the past few days due to the extreme cold
- The City Office & Shop will be closed Monday, January 15, 2021 in observance of Presidents Day

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 \$48,373.11
- B. Approve the January 26, 2021 City Council Minutes
- C. Acknowledge January 4, 2021 PUC Minutes
- D. Acknowledge January 5, 2021 EDA Minutes

A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$48,373.11. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Hagy adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair
Approved: 2/23/2021