



**MINUTES
COHASSET CITY COUNCIL
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020
7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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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, Mary Flinck, and Jason Tabaka

Absent with Notice: None

Non Officio Members: Finance Director Max Peters, and Security Officer Dean Scherf

Others: Andrew Haarklau, Nate Benson, and Amanda Benson

3. Resident Input: Andy Haarklau, 3187 Willivan Woods, Grand Rapids, MN. Haarklau thanked City Council for the Tioga Recreation Area and reported that he and his three children enjoy the bike trails as well as the County Road 63 corridor walking trails. Haarklau encouraged the City of Cohasset to connect the bike trails so his children and others can safely bike from their homes to the Tioga Recreation Area and other places. Councilor Bartz explained the project had been previously rejected due to the cost but a work session will be set up for discussion. Haarklau was thanked for his input.

4. Approve Agenda

Additions: Addendum to 5C) Hire Hunter Hillman as seasonal employee

Deletions: None

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

5. Administration

A. Consider Approval of Special Event Permit for Benson Bog Days (June 26-28): Mayor Hagy stated he spoke with the City Attorney today and the City can issue the permit as long as the event is in compliance with State COVID 19 guidelines, which change weekly. Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle outlined the proposed conditions for the permit. Councilor Tabaka confirmed that the City would not have any liability. *A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the special event permit for Benson Bog Days on June 26-28, 2020 with special conditions and the*

ability to change the date if State guidelines require it. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

B. Approve Resolution 2020-15 (Commencement of Vacation Process for Undeveloped Alleys): Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle explained Resolution 2020-15. It was noted that when undeveloped alleys are vacated the adjacent property owners will split the property which could potentially increase their property taxes. A public hearing is required for the vacation process. *A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to approve Resolution 2020-15 Re: Commencement of vacation process for undeveloped alleys. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

C. Approve the Hire of Dakota Thoennes for Seasonal Employment with a Retroactive Start Date of May 18, 2020 at a rate of \$12 per Hour:

Addendum to 5C: **Approve the Hire of Hunter Hillman for Seasonal Employment with a start date of June 1, 2020 at a rate of \$12 per hour.**

A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the hire of Dakota Thoennes and Hunter Hillman for seasonal employment as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

D. Approve the Hire of Nena Newman for Assistant Finance Director Position with a Retroactive Start Date of May 18, 2020 with a Yearly Salary of \$67,000: *A motion was made by Bartz/Flinck to approve the hire of Nena Newman as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.* Mayor Hagy welcomed Newman to the City.

E. Approve Amended Resolutions 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-13, and 2020-14 adding Karena Newman as Signature Authority for City Investments and Accounts: *A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to approve Resolution 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-13, & 2020-14. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

F. Post Office Five Year Lease: *A motion was made by Tabaka/Flinck to approve the lease with the City of Cohasset Post Office at a yearly rate of \$11,700. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

G. Approval of Natural Gas Projects: *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve the following natural gas projects:*

County Road 227 Tie in	
2 ft. – 1500 ft. x 700 ft.	\$10,500
*Complete the loop	
Squirrel Keeper’s Road	
2 ft. – 2000 ft. x 700 ft.	\$14,000
*Three possible hook ups	

MacTavish Drive

2 ft. – 1,100 ft. x 700 ft. \$7,700

*Four possible hook ups

TOTAL \$32,200

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

H. Approve New Gas Service Line to Nelson Wood Shims: A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to provide a new gas line to Nelson Wood Shims free of charge. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried. It was noted that Nelson’s is the biggest utility account in the City.

I. Approve Reif Center Drive-in Concert Series at Portage Park and Tioga Beach: A motion was made by Flinck/Carlson to approve the use of Portage Park & Tioga Beach for the Reif Center drive in concert series. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports and FYIs:

Cohasset Clean-up Days will be held May 31 – June 2, 2020.

A mailing has been sent to City of Cohasset waterfront owners to inform them of Ordinance #49 in regard to the mooring of houseboats.

Security Officer Dean Scherf reported that the surveillance cameras are now operational at the Community Center, Fire Hall, and Wildwood Cemetery.

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 \$119,349.86

B. Approve the May 12, 2020 City Council Minutes

C. Acknowledge Cemetery Deed for Tim Carlson

A motion was made by Tabaka/Flinck to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$119,349.86. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Hagy adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair

Approved: 6/9/2020