



**MINUTES
COHASSET CITY COUNCIL
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021
7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Tim Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Tim Carlson, City Councilors Terry Bartz, Phil Hermel, and Jason Tabaka

Absent with Notice: Mayor Greg Hagy

Non-Officio Members: Finance Manager Max Peters, Security Officer Dean Scherf, and Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle

Others: None

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. **Approve Agenda**

Additions: None

Deletions: The public hearing scheduled for 7:10 is rescheduled to August 10, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.

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

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing RE: Approving an amendment to the economic development plan establishing an economic development tax increment financing district and approving tax increment financing plan therefor Project Frontier: Finance Manager Max Peters explained that Project Frontier is actually Huber Engineered Wood LLC. The TIF is an incentive through the Cohasset Economic Development Authority for a \$12 million tax increment plan. Six million is for private infrastructure and site work for the company, and six million is for water, sewer, and natural gas infrastructure. The TIF is over approximately nine years. Bartz confirmed that the City of Cohasset will be providing all utilities. *A motion was made by Hermel/Tabaka to approve the tax increment plan as outlined above.* Carlson called three time for anyone in favor to come forward, there was no response. Carlson asked three time for anyone opposed to come forward and there was no response. Peters explained that he received no communications or phone calls concerning this project. The public portion of the hearing was closed. *Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Hagy. Motion carried.*

7:10 Public Hearing RE: DEED Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) for Huber Engineering: Rescheduled

5. Administration

A. Safety Award Discussion: Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle requested An ncentive award for employees for no lost time as follows:

\$100 for each permanent City Staff x 13:	\$1300
\$75 for each Fire Fighter x 22:	\$1650
\$30 for seasonal help x 5:	\$150
TOTAL	\$3100

After discussion, *a motion was made by Bartz/Hermel to approve safety awards as outlined above in the form of checks. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Hagy. Motion carried.*

B. Approve Quote for Portage Park Field Repairs: After discussion, *a motion was made by Tabaka/Hermel to approve the quotes for Portage Park field repairs in the amount of approximately \$8200 which includes material and labor. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Hagy. Motion carried.*

C. Approve Quotes from Border States and Itasca Utilities for a Natural Gas Piping Project: *A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve quotes from Border States for \$8809.20 and Itasca Utilities for \$69,900 for the natural gas extension for County Road 227 and North Shoal Lake Road, East Bass Lake Road, and North of Soring Road, for a total approximate cost of \$78,709.20. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Hagy. Motion carried.* It was noted that the City is nearing the end of the natural gas extension projects.

D. Rental of Boom Mower for One Month: *A motion was made by Bartz/Hermel to approve the rental of a boom mower for clearing City roadways for one month at a cost of \$8500 plus freight. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Hagy. Motion carried.*

E. Approve Resolution 2021-26 Requesting Conveyance of Tax-Forfeited Trust Parcel for an Authorized Public Purpose: Peters explained that the price of the parcels are \$69,000 and \$27,000 for a total investment of approximately \$100,000. This is a temporary investment by the City because the developers want control of this land for future resale. After discussion, *a motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve Resolution 2021-26 as outlined above. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Hagy. Motion carried.*

F. Resolution 2021-27 Approving an Amendment to the Economic Development Plan, Establishing an Economic Development Tax Increment Financing District and Approving a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor Project Frontier: *A motion was made by*

Bartz/Tabaka to approve Resolution 2021-27 as outlined above. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Hagy. Motion carried.

G. Approve Temporary Liquor License for the Fraternal Order of Eagles to Serve at Cohasset Community Center on August 28, 2021: *A motion was made by Hermel/Bartz to approve a temporary liquor license for the Fraternal Order of Eagles on August 28, 2021 to serve at a wedding reception at the Cohasset Community Center. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Hagy. Motion carried.*

H. “No Parking” Signs on Riverside Street: *After discussion, a motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to order and install ten to twelve no parking signs and a “no access” sign for installation on Riverside Street and the Portage Park boat landing. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Hagy. Motion carried.*

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports and FYIs:

Carlson thanked the Cohasset Fire Department and Cohasset Public Utilities for cleaning up the damage from last night’s storm.

Peters stated a lot of work is needed at the Tioga Recreation area due to the storm. If there is anyone who has a chainsaw and would like to donate some time to clean up it would be appreciated. If you are interested please contact GRIMBA – grimhamn@gmail.com.

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 \$158,356.99
- B. Approve the July 13, 2021 City Council Minutes

A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$158,356.99. Voting in favor: Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Hagy. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Mayor Pro Tem Tim Carlson adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair
Approved: 8/10/2021