



MINUTES

COHASSET CITY COUNCIL

305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

6:00 P.M. OPEN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 p.m. OPEN City Council Work Session for Preliminary Budget Discussion

Mayor Hagy called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m. Finance Manager Max Peters reviewed the budget items and numbers. Wish list items included a zero turn mower for the cemetery, a front end loader, a sweeper, etc. It was agreed that conversation will be held with Public Works Supervisor Walt Shadley regarding the Public Works items.

Max Peters recommended raising the levy by approximately 3% and extensive discussion took place regarding other items in the budget including lobbyist funds, new vehicles, etc.

6:30 p.m. OPEN City Council Work Session to Discuss Fire Department Relief Association Annual Benefit Level. Kurt Werner, Joe Rabbers, and Josh Casper were present to request an increase of \$150 per year per fire fighter. After discussion, Mayor and Council agreed to increase the Fire Department Relief Association annual benefit level to \$200 per year per fire fighter.

The City Council work session was adjourned.

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, & Jason Tabaka

Absent with Notice: None

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

Others: None

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. Approve Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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

5. Administration

A. Fire Department Relief Association Annual Benefit Level: *A motion was made by Bartz/Flinck to increase the Fire Department Relief Association annual benefit level by \$200 per year per Fire Fighter (\$2700 to \$2900). Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, & Flinck. Voting against: None; Absent: None; Abstained: Carlson & Tabaka. Motion carried.*

B. Payroll Tax Deferral for Employees: *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to opt out of the payroll tax deferral for employees. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

C. Purchase of 17 Foot Floor Drill Press & Air Compressor: *A motion was made by Bartz/Flinck to approve the purchase of a seventeen foot floor drill press and air compressor from Ace Hardware for the combined cost of \$1249.98. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports and FYIs: **All matters listed under the 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.**

Security Officer Dean Scherf reported that classes started at Cohasset Elementary School today and he spoke with the principal regarding student pick-up and some traffic backups.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Claims in the Amount of \$114,794.24
- B. Approve August 25, 2020 City Council Minutes
- C. Acknowledge August 5, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes
- D. Acknowledge August 5, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes
- E. Acknowledge Cemetery Deed for Nonamarie Spawn

A motion was made by Carlson/Flinck to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$114,794.24. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Hagy adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair
Approved: 9/22/2020