



**MINUTES
COHASSET CITY COUNCIL
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
6:00 P.M. WORK SESSION
7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

6:00 p.m. Work Session to Discuss 2020 Budget: Mayor Greg Hagy call the work session to order to review the 2020 preliminary budget. Finance Manager Max Peters announced that the City's tax capacity is decreasing from \$11 million to just over \$9 million. A discussion will be held with Itasca County regarding the reasons for the decrease. Dewey Kilde and Bernie Hillman gave the Council updates on current projects. The budget and levy will remain the same in 2020 as the previous year. The final budget will be set at the next City Council meeting on September 24, 2019.

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Hagy called the Cohasset City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Terry Bartz, Mary Flinck, Mayor Greg Hagy, and Jason Tabaka

Absent with Notice: Tim Carlson

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

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. **Approve Agenda**

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing to Amend Ordinance No. 48: Mayor Hagy opened the public hearing presented amended Ordinance No. 48 as follows:

Amended Ordinance No. 48 – Parking Regulations as follows (underline = addition / italics = deletions):

Section 1.03 – Prima Facie Violations as follows

Pursuant to M.S. Sec. 169.34, Subd. 2, as it may be amended from time to time, the presence of any motor vehicle on any street, when standing or parked in violation of this Ordinance, is prima facie evidence that the registered owner of the vehicle committed or authorized the

commission of the violation. Penalties for the various violations of this Ordinance shall be as determined and set forth under City Resolution Number 2016-19 in a current fee and fine schedule to be adopted from time to time and at any time by the City Council. The City Council shall have the authority to periodically provide for the amount of any administrative penalties under the provisions of Ordinance Number 47 relating to the issuance of administrative penalties and the other penalties for the general enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance. *Administrative Penalties and General Ordinance Enforcement*) and the current fee schedule, which shall provide for administrative penalties and the other penalties for the general enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Mayor Hagy called three time for anyone in favor of the amendment to come forward. There was no response. Hagy called three times for anyone opposed to the amendment to come forward. There was no response. There were no questions and the public portion of the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve amended Ordinance No. 48 as outlined above. Voting in favor: Bartz, Flinck, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None: Absent: Carlson. Motion carried.

5. Administration

A. Recommendation from Donation Committee: *A motion was made by Bartz/Flinck to approve the recommendation of the Donation Committee and waive the \$25 fees for pavilion rental at Tioga Beach on Saturday and Sunday, September 14-15, 2019 for the Student Angler Tournament. Voting in favor: Bartz, Flinck, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None: Absent: Carlson. Motion carried.*

B. Approve Quote from Eck Designs for Tioga Recreation Sign: *A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve a quote in the amount of \$29,500 from Ed Eck Designs for the purchase of a Tioga Recreation sign. Voting in favor: Bartz, Flinck, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None: Absent: Carlson. Motion carried.* It was noted that this invoice will be paid for with grant monies.

C. Approve Quote from Purple Lizard Maps for Trail Map for Tioga Recreation Area: *A motion was made by Tabaka/Bartz for discussion. After discussion, Tabaka rescinded his motion. A second motion was made by Tabaka/Bartz to table this item until the next City Council meeting on September 24, 2019. Voting in favor: Bartz, Flinck, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None: Absent: Carlson. Motion carried.*

D. Request to Hold the Volunteer Appreciation Event on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 at LMNOP-izza: *A motion was made by Flinck/Tabaka to approve the Volunteer Appreciation Event on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 at LMNOP-izza. Voting in favor: Bartz, Flinck, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None: Absent: Carlson. Motion carried.*

E. Approve Payment to Ron-Ex Excavating for Soil Screening in Tioga Recreation Area: *A motion was made by Bartz/Flinck to approve payment to Ron-Ex Excavating in the amount \$50,713.75 for soil screening at the Tioga Recreation Area. Voting in favor: Bartz, Flinck,*

Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None: Absent: Carlson. Motion carried. It was noted that this invoice will be paid for with grant monies.

F. Approve \$1 per hour Wage Increase for Election Judges: A motion was made by Tabaka/Flinck to approve a \$1 per hour raise for Election Judges. Voting in favor: Bartz, Flinck, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None: Absent: Carlson. Motion carried. Currently the Election Judges are paid \$11.50 per hour and Head Judges are paid \$12.50 per hour. The wage increase will boost them to \$12.50 and \$13.50 per hour respectively. This is comparable wages to neighboring communities.

G. Approve Fireworks Display Agreement with Pyrotechnic Display, Inc. (Light the Night): A motion was made by Bartz/Flinck to approve payment in the amount of \$3500 to Pyrotechnic Display, Inc. for the Light the Night fireworks display. Voting in favor: Bartz, Flinck, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None: Absent: Carlson. Motion carried. Light the Night will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports and FYIs:

Please remove all flower boxes, planters, etc. from grave sites at Wildwood Cemetery by October 1, 2019.

Security Officer Dean Scherf reported he has received questions from the Itasca County dispatch office regarding maps for the Tioga Recreation Area in the event of a dispatch. Max Peters recommended anyone riding the trails carry a cell phone which could be located via GPS.

House patrol notices have been sent out to Cohasset Residents. There is no charge for this service.

The Running the Rapids Marathon held at Portage Park ran smoothly.

Mayor Hagy announced that the 2020 preliminary budget was approved at the work session tonight and it will remain the same as the previous year: \$2,950,000. The levy will remain the same as well.

The City hosted a Legislative Bonding/Budget Committee at the Community Center. Finance Manager Max Peters made a presentation requesting bonding in the amount of \$2.8 million for development on the riverfront property recently purchased by the City. A site visit was made to the property and the City is hopeful the bonding request will be successful.

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 \$85,680.39

B. Approve the August 27, 2019 City Council Minutes

A motion was made by Flinck/Tabaka to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$85,680.39. Voting in favor: Bartz, Flinck, Hagy, and Tabaka; Voting against: None: Absent: Carlson. Motion carried.

Hagy adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair

Approved: 9/24/2019