



**MINUTES
COHASSET CITY COUNCIL
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
6:00 P.M. OPEN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
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. Full Council and Public Works Supervisor Walt Shadley were present. Shadley discussed public works budget requests including installing a new engine in the 2010 truck and retiring the 2002 vehicle. The purchase of mowers, a sweeper, fencing, a front end loader, etc. After further discussion Mayor Hagy made a motion to adjourn the City Council work session.

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, and Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle

Others: Robert Mrowiec, Todd Jaranson, and Jennifer Otten

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. Approve Agenda

Additions: 5)G – Natural Gas Line Extension; & 5)H – City Property Rental

Deletions: None

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

5. Administration

A. Act on a Recommendation from the Planning Commission to Approve an Interim

Conditional Use Permit from Safety First & Todd Jaranson: Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle summarized the interim conditional use permit request. Todd Jaranson was also present.

A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve an Interim Conditional Use Permit for Safety First & Todd Jaranson.

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

B. Resolution 2020-18 Lake Country Power Request for Vacation Process for Signage: Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle explained that Lake Country Power wants to put up a sign and a vacation of the right-of-way is needed. *A motion was made by Carlson/Flinck to approve Resolution 2020-18 commencing the vacation process for a utility right-of-way. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

C. Signage for Tioga Recreation Area: *A motion was made by Carlson/Flinck to approve the purchase of three signs to provide direction to the Tioga Recreations area at a cost of \$4,402.80 payable to MnDOT. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.* It was noted that two signs will be installed on County Road 63 and one sign will be placed on Hwy 6. MnDOT will manufacture and install the signs.

D. Resolution 2020-19 Adopting the 2021 Proposed Budget: *A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve Resolution 2020-19 adopting the 2021 proposed budget. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

E. Resolution 2020-20 Adopting Preliminary 2020 Tax Levy Collectible in 2021: *A motion was made by Flinck/Bartz to approve Resolution 2020-20 adopting the preliminary 2020 tax levy collectible in 2021. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.* The total tax levy for 2021 is \$3,036,500.00 with \$2,936,500.00 allocated to the general fund and \$100,000.00 for the Economic Development Authority. The levy has increased by \$86,500 but residents will see a decrease in their tax obligation assuming the market value of your home has remained the same.

F. Acknowledge Jeff Sheldon's Resignation from the Cohasset Public Utility Commission: *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to acknowledge Jeff Sheldon's resignation from the Cohasset Public Utility Commission. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.* Sheldon's resignation was acknowledged with regret and Council agreed that Sheldon was an asset to the PUC and he will be missed. Jeff was thanked for his many years of service.

G. Natural Gas Line Extension to Loon Island Lane: *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve a 1000 foot natural gas line extension to Loon Island Lane at an approximate cost of \$6000. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.* It was noted that the extension will bring in two to three customers and there will be a 2-3 year payback. Hagy noted that this item was an add-on to the agenda as it is time sensitive.

H. Rental to NCS Directional Drilling: *A motion was made by Carlson/Flinck to approve the rental of City property and the use of City water hydrants for two months for a fee of \$1000 per month to NCS Directional Drilling. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports and FYIs: All flower boxes, planter, etc. must be removed from grave sites at Wildwood Cemetery by October 1, 2020

Turkey bingo is cancelled

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.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Claims in the Amount of \$457,510.59
- B. Approve September 8, 2020 City Council Minutes
- C. Acknowledge August 3, 2020 PUC Minutes
- D. Acknowledge Cemetery Deed for Timothy & Joan Sipe
- E. Acknowledge Cemetery Deed for Kathy A. Zellmer Spawn

A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$457,510.59. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Hagy adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair

Approved: 10/13/2020