



**MINUTES
COHASSET CITY COUNCIL
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021
7:00 P.M. REGULAR 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, Phil Hermel, and Tom Sutherland

Absent: None

Non Officio Members: Finance Director Max Peters, Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle, & Security Officer Dean Sutherland

3. **Resident Input:** A Resident from 8th Avenue reported that when the road was resurfaced there were some dips around the manholes and requested that the City make repairs. Mayor Hagy said it will be taken care of.

4. **Approve Agenda**

Additions: 5)K: Hire Environmental Attorney for the EAW process.

Deletions: None

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

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing RE: Huber Engineered Wood EAW

Mayor Hagy opened the public hearing and requested that this item be tabled until Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Mayor Hagy called for questions from the audience.

Cam Lewis, General Manager of the West Fraser OSP Mill in Solway, MN, read a statement in opposition to the project due to environmental concerns as well as timber availability. Lewis took questions from Council and was thanked for his time.

Chris Murray, Interim Legal Director for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, expressed issues with the EAW in its current form, mitigation of the environmental impact, and other concerns.

Brad Bauer stated he lives ¼ mile from the proposed Huber Wood plant and he has not heard a word from them. He has concerns about ground water and wondered what the plan is. Mayor Hagy stated he will get answers for them.

Ben Benoit, Environmental Director for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, spoke in opposition to Huber Wood project siting environmental issues.

A motion was made by Carlson/Sutherland to table this item until November 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

5. Administration

A. Approve 2022 Liquor Licenses for Euckers, Florio's and Rockets: *A motion was made by Hermel/Carlson to approve the 2022 liquor licenses as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

B. Approve Quote from Musco – Light Fixtures at Portage Park: *A motion was made by Carlson/Sutherland to approve the quote in the amount of \$14,965 from Musco. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

C. Approve Invoice from J&M Displays for Fireworks for Light the Night: *A motion was made by Carlson/Hermel to approve the invoice from J&M Fireworks in the amount of \$4000 for Light the Night fireworks. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.* Light the Night will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021.

D. Acknowledge Dan Toewe's Resignation from the PUC: *A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to accept Dan Toewe's resignation from the PUC. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.* Terry Bartz works as the PUC Liaison and stated Dan does a great job. Mayor Hagy added that he will be missed.

E. Approve \$1000 Donation to the GRHS Wrestling Team for Working at the Halloween Party: *A motion was made by Hermel/Sutherland to approve a \$1000 donation to the GRHS wrestling team. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

F. Approve Hiring of Ice Rink Attendants: *A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the hire of Benjamin Herfindahl & Hunter Stolley as part time rink attendants to a rate of \$12 per hr. effective November 10, 2021 dependent upon successful completion of background checks. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

G. Approve Resolution 2021-42 RE: Project Voyager: *A motion was made by Carlson/Hermel to approve Resolution 2021-42 in regard to Project Voyager. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

H. Approve Resolution 2021-43 Accept Funds from IRRRB Infrastructure Program: A motion was made by Bartz/Hermel to approve Resolution 2021-43. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

I. Motion to Certify 2021 Unpaid Balance to Itasca County as Special Assessments for Collection in 2022: A motion was made by Carlson/Bartz to certify 2021 unpaid balances to Itasca County as special assessments for collection in 2022. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

J. Motion to Place Liens on Parcels for Unpaid Balances: A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to place liens on parcels. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

K. Approve the Hire of an Environmental Attorney to Assist with the EAW: A motion was made by Carlson/Sutherland to approve the hire of an environmental attorney. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports and FYIs:

City Office and Shop will be closed November 11 & 12, 2021 for Veterans Day
Public Meeting - Downtown Marina Development Project; December 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Community Center.

The Halloween Party was well attended.

The City is offering house patrol – forms are available to the Community Center.

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 \$124,249.44
- B. Approve the October 12, 2021 City Council Minutes
- C. Acknowledge October 4, 2021 PUC Minutes
- D. Acknowledge October 6, 2021 PC Minutes

A motion was made by to Bartz/Carlson to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$129,249.44. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Mayor Hagy adjourned the meeting at p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair

Approved: 11/23/2021