



**MINUTES
COHASSET CITY COUNCIL
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 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, and Security Officer Dean Scherf

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. **Approve Agenda**

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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

4A. **7:05 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING RE: HUBER ENGINEERED WOOD EAW**

Mayor Greg Hagy opened the public hearing with the following statement:

We appreciate the all the interest in the HEW project. An Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) is required by State law to assess the potential environmental impacts from the proposed project. The City takes its role as a responsible Government unit seriously and we are taking time to do this right. I recommend we postpone the decision regarding the need for an EIS while additional information is obtained. I also recommend a new 30-day comment period is provided if the EAW is changed. This will allow the proposer to provide additional information to address some of the substantiated comments and allow stakeholders to have a full opportunity to comment on the updated materials. The Project Proposer Huber Engineered Woods agrees to postpone the City's decision on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement until March 8, 2022 to obtain the requested information.

The following motion was made by Bartz/Carlson: I move that the need for an EIS is postponed until March 8, 2022 while additional information is obtained. If the EAW is revised based on new information, the revised EAW be filed and notice posted for additional public comment. Staff will provide written notice of this action to the Project Proposer, the EQB Staff

and any person who has submitted any comments on the EAW. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

5. Administration

A. Park and Recreation Update: Park and Rec Coordinator Stephanie Kessler was not available. *A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to table this item until the Tuesday, December 14, 2021 City Council Meeting. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

B. Continuing Education for Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle: Zoning Officer Greg Tuttle requested the following continuing education: Handicap accessibility training on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, registration is \$135, and septic training on Friday, January 14, 2022, registration is \$280. Approval includes any applicable mileage and travel expenses. *A motion was made Carlson/Sutherland to approve the continuing education as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

C. Approve Purchase of Parcel Number: 05-010-4423 for \$175,000: *A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the purchase of PIN: 05-010-442 for \$175,000. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.* It was noted that this property is to the east of Wildwood Cemetery. It is undecided what the future of the property is.

D. Approval the Hire of Deputy Clerk Crystal Jarvi at a pay rate of \$40,000 per year dependent upon a successful background check and drug test with a start date to be determined: *A motion was made by Sutherland/Carlson to approve the hire of Crystal Jarvi as Deputy Clerk as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports and FYIs:

Light the Night is cancelled except for the fireworks and tree lighting which will start at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2.

The volunteer appreciation event is postponed until further notice

The City office and shop will be closed November 25 & 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

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 \$111,530.34

B. Approve the November 9 & 16, 2021 City Council Minutes

A motion was made by Carlson/Sutherland to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$111,530.34. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Hermel, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Mayor Hagy adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair

Approved: 12/14/2021