



**MINUTES
COHASSET CITY COUNCIL
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020
7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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: Austin Miller, IEDC

3. Resident Input: None

4. Approve Agenda

Additions: Austin Miller, IEDC; & Item 5) G – Postponement of Action on Planning Commission Recommendations on EAW Requirements and Resorts & Campgrounds

Deletions: None

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

Austin Miller introduced himself as a new resident of Cohasset and a new employee at IEDC and announced he looks forward to working with the community. Mayor Hagy invited Miller to attend a 2021 Cohasset EDA meeting.

5. Administration

A. Approve Resolution 2020-25 Adopting Final 2020 Tax Levy Collectible in 2021: *A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve Resolution 2020-25 adopting the final 2020 tax levy collectible in 2021. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

B. Approve Resolution 2020-26 Adopting Final 2020 Tax Levy Collectible in 2021: *A motion was made by Carlson/Flinck to approve Resolution 2020-26 adopting the final 2020 tax levy collectible in 2021 as follows:*

General Fund	\$2,936,500.00
Economic Development Authority	\$100,000.00

TOTAL LEVY \$3,036,500.00

Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried. Peters noted that this is the first time in eight years that the levy has been raised.

C. Approve League of Minnesota Cities Liability Coverage Waiver Form: *A motion was made by Flinck/Carlson to approve the League of Minnesota Cities Liability Coverage Waiver Form. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

D. Approve Seasonal Hire of Ben Reis & Hayden Whirley for Portage Park Skating Rink: *A motion was made by Flinck/Carlson to approve the seasonal hire of Ben Reis and Hayden Whirley at a pay rate of \$13 per hour. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

E. Past-due Utility Accounts for Collection as Special Assessments with the Property Taxes Payable 2021: *A motion was made by Tabaka/Carlson to approve the following past due accounts to be sent to Itasca Count for Collection as follows:*

Special Assessments	\$10,306.31
Lien upon Property	\$408.50
Blight Clean-up	\$4627.29

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

F. Approve Quote for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for the New Community Center Senior Center: Councilor Terry Bartz explained that two bids were obtained with a significant price difference between them. After some negotiation to obtain comparable quality furniture from each company the bid amount from Sonus was changed. *A motion was made by Carlson/Flinck to approve the low bid from Sonus Interiors in the amount of \$56,840 for the furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the newly constructed Cohasset Senior Center. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

G. Postponement of Action on Planning Commission Recommendations on EAW Requirements and Resorts & Campgrounds: Mayor Hagy thanked the Cohasset Planning Commission for their efforts on this issue. Hagy recommended that in the interest of transparency this item is tabled until COVID restrictions are lifted and the City can provide advance notice to allow for public input. *A motion was made by Carlson/Tabaka to table this item as outlined above. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.*

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports and FYIs:

Security Officer Dean Scherf cautioned residents to be careful when ice fishing on local lakes and to check ice conditions before venturing out.

There is no ice on the Portage Park rink due to the warm temperatures.

Councilor Tim Carlson gave a shout out to City staff for hosting the drive by chili feed and fireworks display. Hagy noted it was a nice celebration that hopefully provided a lift for the many area residents who came out to enjoy the fireworks and treats. A special thank you to Dorie LaShomb who prepared the chili.

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 \$33,844.53
- B. Approve November 24, 2020 City Council Minutes
- C. Acknowledge November 2, 2020 EDA Minutes
- D. Acknowledge Cemetery Deed for Betty Virden

A motion was made by Tabaka/Flinck to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$33,844.53. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, Flinck, & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair

Approved: 12/22/2020