



MINUTES
COHASSET CITY COUNCIL
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021
6:45 CLOSED CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6:45 CLOSED City Council Work Session for Salaried Contract Discussion

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, and Tom Sutherland

Absent: Phil Hermel

Non-Officio Members: Finance Director Max Peters, Security Officer Dean Scherf

Other: Residents; Robert Mertz, Harlow Zeppelin, Ron Johnson, and Bob Mrowiec

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. **Approve Agenda**

Additions: Donating 13- 22 rifles, cases, ammunition and gun safe to Itasca County Gun Club.

Deletions: None

A motion was made by Sutherland/Carlson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried

7:00 P.M. Public Hearing to Set Final Budget & Levy

Mayor Hagy opened the public hearing and called for questions from the audience.

Residents:

Robert Mertz, 22876 Old Trapper Road Cohasset, MN 55721

Harlow Zeppelin, 22517 Old Trapper Road Cohasset, MN 55721

Ron Johnson, 24589 Old Still Road Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Bob Mrowiec, 37143 Loon Drive Cohasset, MN 55721

All voiced concern over higher taxes with the new projects and developments taking place. They questioned what the tax increase will be used for.

The initial tax increase will help invest in the projects and developments. Once the projects and developments are created, the taxes coming from these projects will alleviate resident taxes.

Mayor Hagy closed the public hearing.

5. Administration

A. Update with Park and Rec Coordinator Stephanie Kessler

- Family Skate – Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. No hockey will be allowed at this time to allow an open rink for skaters.
- Snowshoe Rental Program - rentals are from Thursdays afternoon to Tuesdays afternoon. Stephanie plans on being at the trail on Thursdays with the extra snowshoes to allow Cohasset and non-Cohasset residents to utilize the snowshoe program.
- Social Media platform has had positive outreach to members of the community.
- Spring Mini – Sports sampler – mid April – Cohasset kids K, 1st, 2nd grade 30 minutes of yoga, soccer, T-ball, basketball and football. Kayleigh Svoboda to assist.

B. Approve North Country Nation Scenic Trail Hiking Trail Route through City Property.

Discussion was held.

C. Cemetery Buy Back of Two Cemetery Lots: A motion was made by Bartz/Carlson to approve the buyback of two plots at \$245.00 to Alvin Houg. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Carlson, and Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: Hermel. Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2021-45 Adopting the Final Budget for the City of Cohasset, MN:

Max Peters - Current taxes \$730,000 increase union increase 2.75 percent increase.

A motion was made by Bartz/Sutherland to approve Resolution 2021-45 Adopting the Final Budget for the City of Cohasset, MN. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: Hermel and Carlson. Motion carried.

E. Resolution 2021-46 Adopting the Final 2021 Tax Levy Collectible in 2022

A motion was made by Sutherland/Bartz to approve Resolution 2021-46 Adopting the Final 2021 Tax Levy Collectible in 2022 in the amount of \$3,886,500.00. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: Hermel and Carlson. Motion carried.

F. Donation of 13 - 22 rifles, cases, ammunition and gun safe to Itasca County Gun Club.

A motion was made by Sutherland/Bartz to approve donation of 13- 22 rifles, cases, ammunition and gun safe to Itasca County Gun Club for gun safety training. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Sutherland; Voting against: None; Absent: Hermel and Carlson. Motion carried.

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports and FYIs:

- The City of Cohasset Office and Shop will be closed Thursday, December 23rd and Friday December 24th for the Christmas Holiday.
- Dean Scherf was notified that stakes are being placed in the right of way of the River Road snowmobiles trail. He will be handling the removal of the stakes. Scherf noted that the Designated City Trail is not marked at this time.

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 \$311,489.13
- B. Approve the November 23, 2021 City Council Minutes
- C. Acknowledge November 1, 2021 PUC Minutes
- D. Acknowledge October 5, 2021 EDA Minutes
- E. Acknowledge November 3, 2021 PC Minutes

A motion was made by Bartz/Sutherland to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$311,489.13. Voting in favor: Hagy, Bartz, Sutherland; Voting against: None; Hermel, Carlson: None. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Mayor Hagy adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Deputy Clerk Crystal Jarvi

Approved: 12/28/2021