



**MINUTES
COHASSET CITY COUNCIL
305 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019
7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITYCOUNCIL 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, and Jason Tabaka

Absent with Notice: Tim Carlson, & Mary Flinck

Non Officio Members: None

3. **Resident Input:** None

4. **Approve Agenda**

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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

5. **Administration**

A. Amendment No. Four to the Mutual Aid Agreement for the City of GR Public Works and the City of Cohasset Public Works (Cemetery Sexton):

It was noted that although Cohasset contracts with the City of Grand Rapids for part-time cemetery sexton services, the City of Cohasset Public Works Department is still responsible for digging of graves, mowing, trimming, and other grounds maintenance. Fees to provide cemetery sexton services under the amendment are as follows:

January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020	\$53.43 per hour
January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021	\$55.03 per hour
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022	\$56.68 per hour

A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve Amendment Number Four (4) to the Mutual Aid Agreement for the City of Grand Rapids Public Works Department and the City of Cohasset Public Works Department with the fee schedule outlined above. Voting in favor: Bartz, Hagy & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Carlson & Flinck; Motion carried.

B. 2020 Contract for Civil Legal Services (John Licke): A proposal submitted by Attorney John Licke to provide civil legal services to the City of Cohasset was reviewed. It was noted that his fees have increased \$10 per hour. The hourly rate was for 2019 was \$150 per hour and the proposed hourly rate for 2020 is \$160 per hour. *A motion was made by Tabaka/Bartz to approve the 2020 contract from Licke at the rate of \$160 per hour. Voting in favor: Bartz, Hagy & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Carlson & Flinck; Motion carried.*

C. Past Due Utility Accounts for Collection as a Special Assessment with the Property Taxes Payable 2020: *A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to send the 2019 outstanding utility balances to Itasca County for collection as a special assessment with the property taxes payable 2020 as follows:*

PID#: 05-445-0110	Account#: 10018001	Amount: \$1349.13
PID#: 05-535-0760	Account#: 10033701	Amount: \$536.86
		TOTAL: \$1885.99

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

6. Miscellaneous Announcements, Reports, & FYI's: The City Office and Shop will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday & Wed., Jan. 1, 2020 for the New Year's Day.

The skating rink at Portage Park is open but conditions are questionable due to the warm temperatures.

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 \$178,474.94
- B. Approve the December 10, 2019 City Council Minutes

A motion was made by Bartz/Tabaka to approve the consent agenda and claims in the amount of \$178,474.94. Voting in favor: Bartz, Hagy & Tabaka; Voting against: None; Absent: Carlson & Flinck; Motion carried.

Mayor Hagy adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Karen Blair
Approved: 1/14/2020