REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, October 5, 2020

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cambridge Community Center and remotely via Zoom ([www.cambridge-ia-us](http://www.cambridge-ia-us)) with the following council members present: Mayor Kovarik, Todd, Thom, Macki, McBreen (Zoom), Baxter. Visitors: Joe Marchesano, Crystal Hughes.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kovarik at 7:00 p.m. He led the council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kovarik asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 8th meeting. A motion by Thom, seconded by Baxter, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for with Crystal Hughes, Library Board, stating that they had hired a new Library Director. Her name is Erin Coughlin and she is from Ankeny. She is a former teacher and is currently working on her Library Arts degree. She will be starting on Tuesday. Mrs. Hughes also indicated that the Library Board will be meeting on Monday to develop a re-opening plan. They intend to reopen to patron usage but will likely not be doing children’s program initially.

Following is a summary of receipts for September: General Fund, $15,503.71; TIF/Special Fund, $27,957.18; Road Use Tax, $11,744.81; Debt Service, $2,130.45; C.U.T. Fire Fund, $1.74; Library Fund, $988.35; Garbage Utility, $7,222.97; Water Utility, $13,542.97; Sewer Utility, $9,722.85. Total Receipts: $88,815.03.

Following is a summary of disbursements for September: General Fund, $9,905.36; TIF/Special Fund, $2,007.20; Road Use Tax, $2,875.90; C.U.T. Fire Fund, $1,265.83; Library Fund, $222.56; Garbage Utility, $6,372.00; Water Utility, $5,349.39; Sewer Utility, $20,231.72. Total Disbursements: $48,229.96.

The following list of claims was presented to the council for October:

 AG SOURCE Analysis 728.50

 ALLIANT ENERGY Monthly Service 5,012.78

 AMES OUTDOOR SUPPLY Tires, Parts 1,437.48

 ANKENY SANITATION Service-September 6,372.00

 ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY Filters, Lights, Supplies 185.79

 CAMBRIDGE VOL. FIRE DEPT. Reimb. for Alternator 185.00

 CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT CO.Parts, Supplies 767.21

 CITY OF HUXLEY ¼ Police Contract 14,108.62

 EFTPS Fed. & FICA W/H 2,800.22

 FEH DESIGN Fees-Opera House 13,850.78

 GATEHOUSE MEDIA IOWA Publishing 20.12

 HAWKINS, INC. Water Treatment 1,084.63

 HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS Monthly Service 428.23

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 INTERSTATE BATTERY OF Supplies 130.95

 UPPER IOWA

 IOWA D N R Annual Water Use Fee 95.00

 I P E R S Retirement 1,769.31

 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL Supplies 301.74

 KEMPKER’S TRUE VALUE Supplies 110.66

 LEWIS LAW FIRM Legal Services 411.90

 MARCO Copier Rental, Supplies 147.94

 MENARDS Supplies 423.08

 MOLLY MAID OF ANKENY Cleaning Services 490.00

 LL PELLING CO. Street Maintenance 36,273.00

 PINGEL MUDJACKING, LC Sidewalk Repair 250.00

 SCHULING HITCH CO. Light Bar 94.27

 STAPLES Ink, Supplies 426.61

 STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA Subscription Fee 74.62

 ULINE Cleaning Supplies 522.00

 U.S. CELLULAR Monthly Service 73.21

 U.S. POSTMASTER Billing Postage 140.00

 WAGES Net Wages 7,256.41

 WELLMARK BC/BS Health Premium 3,955.86

 TOTAL CLAIMS $99,828.98

After discussion, a motion by Todd, seconded by Thom, to accept the receipts and approve all claims for payment. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The treasurer’s report, budget balances report, bank reconciliation and list of outstanding checks, and police report were presented and accepted by the council. The council continued the discussion concerning the speed limits by the elementary school with Huxley P.D. Officer Joe Marchesano. Current city code provides for a speed limit of 25 for both residential and school zones, and would not need to be amended. Officer Marchesano will look into where the 25 mph speed zone should transition into a higher speed on W. 4th Street, and how the county side of the street would be effected.

Reports from standing committees were asked for with the council discussing the letter from a resident following notification of a parking violation. Todd reported that the matter has been resolved. Thom informed the council that the next meeting of the Story County Economic Development Group would be held October 22nd via Zoom. He will plan to attend the meeting.

The first item under old business concerned the wastewater improvements project. The clerk reported that the application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for a CDBG had been denied for a second time. Jennifer Movall, Simmering-Cory Inc. had called to find out why it had been denied, and was told that projects that could effect the

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flood plain would no longer be eligible for CDBG funding. The clerk also reported that Story County Planning and Development had scheduled a public hearing for October 7th at 4:00 p.m. to consider our request for a Conditional Use Permit for our outfall pipe.

The next item concerned the Cambridge Opera House project. Thom reviewed the cost estimates from FEH Design for the project, and the bids that were submitted. The council discussed the viability and timing of the project. Thom recommended tabling the project for now, and discussing it further during FY22 budget preparations. At that time, the council could consider rebidding in hopes of getting a more favorable bid, or consider alternatives to the project plans. The council agreed.

The next item under old business concerned the review of the city code. The clerk reported that the public hearing for Ordinance No. 20-E relating to setting a time limit to complete construction projects will be held at the November regular council meeting.

The next item concerned the proposed purchase/exchange agreement with Larry and Ruth Purvis. The attorneys for the city and the Purvis’ are working on the paperwork for the exchange.

The next item concerned the request from Roger and Janet Thorson to annex their property on W. 4th Street to the city. Mayor Kovarik reported that the state is again objecting to the timing of the public hearing that was held in August, and it will have to be done again. The mayor scheduled the public hearing to consider the annexation for Monday, October 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the community center.

The last item under old business concerned the 2020 Derecho storm. Mayor Kovarik reported that the city is applying for FEMA reimbursement for expenses insurance won’t cover. This will include insurance deductibles, volunteer time, and reimbursement for Precision Underground.

The first item under new business was a request from Faith Baptist Church to use the community center on Wednesday nights to hold their youth group. Due to Covid-19 precautions, they don’t feel their church space is adequate for this group. After discussion, the council approved the use of the community center and waived the fee.

The next item concerned the annual I.M.W.C.A. inspection of city facilities and work practices. Recommendations include updating fire department member physicals, and confined space/slip and fall safety programs.

The next item was a request from Story County Planning and Development to review an application for a subdivision located within 2 miles of the city. The Hanks Residential Subdivision is located at 570th Avenue and 320th Lane, southwest of the city limits. After reviewing the application, the council will waive its right to review.

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The last item under new business concerned scheduling Beggar’s Night this year amid Covid-19 concerns. After discussion, the council to have Beggar’s Night this year on Saturday, October 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., for those residents that would like to participate. Safety guidance will be posted on the website and facebook.

Resolution No. 20-19, “City Street Financial Report”, was presented to the council. A motion by Thom, seconded by Todd, was made to approve the report that will be provided to the Iowa DOT. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 20-20, “Resolution Waiving Subdivision Review”, was presented to the council. A motion by Todd, seconded by Thom, was made to waive the city’s right to review the Hanks Residential Subdivision. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor/Council comment were asked for with the council discussing reopening City Hall to the public.

A motion by Thom, seconded by Todd, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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