

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, November 4, 2019

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members present: Mayor Kovarik, Macki, Todd, McBreen, Thom, Pelz. Absent: None. Visitors: Marcia Kisner, Dale Hennick, Michael Peterson, Jayne Grauerholz, Mike Bacino, Jamie Bacino, Joe Marchesano.

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 October 7th meeting. A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for with Mike Bacino, Des Moines, addressing the council concerning his interest in buying Lot #4 in the Cambridge Industrial Park. He made a presentation to the council about his business, RNH Transport. It provides transport services to the Midwest area for items that are urgent or don't require the use of a semi trailer. It is based on the "hot shot" hauling concept, developed in the oil fields in the south to get critical parts to repair rigs. They currently have two trucks and trailers, and will employ drivers and service personnel at the location. He discussed his plan to construct a 50 x 120 building, rock a portion of the lot for parking, and enclose it with fencing. The inside of the building will be used to house their office and dispatch center, equipment maintenance and to store loads. There will be no hazardous materials stored on the property. After further discussion, the council authorized the Mayor to negotiate the terms of a sale with Mr. Bacino.

Pastor Marcia Kisner, Nazareth Lutheran Church, addressed the council with a request to use the Community Center on April 24-26, 2020, for their play. The play this year is "Drinking Habits" and will be part of an ongoing fundraising effort to repair the bell tower at the church. She also asked that the rental fee be waived for this event. The council approved the request.

Jayna Grauerholz, 411 Sycamore Street, addressed the council concerning a message from the Huxley P.D. about their boat that is illegally parked at the property. The council discussed the process for making contacts about parking violations and how it can be resolved. She asked that the council consider amending the code to be more flexible for property owners. She and her father, Michael Peterson, 316 W. 4th Street, also discussed open burning in the city and asked the council to consider placing restrictions on that.

Following is a summary of receipts for October: General Fund, \$54,119.03; TIF Fund, \$141,283.38; Road Use Tax, \$10,279.56; Debt Service, \$10,051.51; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$1.00; Library Fund, \$1,750.25; Garbage Utility, \$7,368.32; Water Utility, \$11,594.38; Sewer Utility, \$9,645.31. Total Receipts: \$246,092.74.

Following is a summary of disbursements for October: General Fund, \$38,009.65; Road Use Tax, \$31,533.00; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$93.66; Library Fund, \$1,829.23; Garbage Utility, \$6,649.54; Water Utility, \$20,405.94; Sewer Utility, \$1,838.24. Total Disbursements: \$100,359.26.

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

AG SOURCE	Analysis	813.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	4,216.83
AMES OUTDOOR SUPPLY	Supplies	60.85
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-October	6,789.87
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	Parts	135.04
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books, DVD's	891.40
BIRDS & BLOOMS	Subscription	10.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees/Costs	85.00
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP.	Chemical	449.81
DEMCO	Book Stands	67.55
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	2,701.43
ENVIRONMENTAL PROPERTY SOLUTIONS, INC.	Asbestos Removal Contract- 222 Water	2,880.00
gWORKS	License, Support Fees	2,056.19
HAWKEYE TRUCK EQUIP.	Parts	40.00
HAWKINS, INC.	Water Treatment	1,500.83
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	424.08
I.M.W.C.A.	Audit Premium	181.00
INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF UPPER IOWA	Batteries	192.90
IOWA ONE CALL	Service	20.80
I P E R S	Retirement	1,736.18
KEMPKER'S TRUE VALUE	Supplies	95.99
MARC	Chemical	480.77
MARCO	Copier Rental	270.80
MENARDS	Supplies	594.31
MOLLY MAID OF ANKENY	Cleaning Services	720.00
STATE TREASURER	3 rd Qtr. State W/H	1,555.00
STATE TREASURER	3 rd Qtr. Sales Tax	127.00
STATE TREASURER	3 rd Qtr. Excise Tax	1,883.00
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	Rescue Services	45.50
SWANDER, MARY	Honorarium, Expenses	500.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Monthly Service	72.55
U.S. POSTMASTER	Billing Postage	105.00
VISA	Supplies	89.48

WAGES	Net Wages	8,898.36
WEEKS CONSTRUCTION, INC.	Sidewalk Repair/Replacement	7,160.00
WELLMARK BC/BS	Health Premium	<u>4,081.61</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS		\$51,932.62

After discussion, a motion by Macki, 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.

Reports from standing committees were asked for with the council discussing parking and solid waste violations. Macki reported that he had reviewed Dan Mortensen's notes concerning the development of an archery range at the old ball diamond. He will be contacting and visiting other local ranges for their suggestions and recommendations. Thom reported that the county URA grant had been awarded for the former legion property and that the Story County Economic Development Group had awarded \$2,500.00 in pool funds to apply to design fees. The council also discussed the REDLG loan and the derelict building grant application for this project. Future development of the Cambridge Apartments was also discussed with the council approving a letter of support for their financing efforts. McBreen discussed upgrading the city's web page. A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to approve the creation of a new website at a cost not to exceed \$500 per year. Roll Call: All Ayes. The council also discussed the process of beginning long range planning for the city.

The first item under old business concerned the Wastewater Treatment System Project. One proposal was received to perform grant writing and administration services for the application and administration of a CDBG grant. That was from Simmering-Cory at a cost of \$21,000.00. A motion by Todd, seconded by Macki, to approve hiring Simmering-Cory. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The last item under old business concerned city elections. Election day is tomorrow for 2 four-year council seats.

The first item under new business was an application from the Tattered Toad for renewal of their liquor license. After reviewing the application, a motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to approve the license. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The last item under new business was a request to review the zoning for the property at 216 Water Street, currently a hair salon and zoned for commercial purposes. The request was made by a realtor representing an interested buyer that would like to use the building as a residence. After discussion, the council determined that due to the limited amount of commercial property in the city, not to change the zoning.

Resolution No. 18-19, "Urban Renewal Area TIF Indebtedness/Increment Tax Reconciliation", was presented to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by McBreen, was made to approve the resolution. Roll Call: Ayes: Macki, McBreen, Pelz, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor/Council comments were asked for with the council discussing a request for a building permit for a commercial property, and fire radios.

A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Debra L. Thompson, City Clerk

Steven P. Kovarik, Mayor