

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, May 3, 2021

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cambridge Community Center with the following council members present: Mayor Kovarik, McBreen, Thom, Macki, Todd, Baxter. Absent: None. Visitors: Dale Hennick, Joe Marchesano, Nick Sorenson.

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 April 5th meeting. A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for with Public Works Director Dale Hennick discussing with the council the hiring of someone to mow and trim the cemetery this season. He reported that several applications were received after the request was made on Facebook, and he and Dave Knight are in the process of reviewing them.

Following is a summary of receipts for April: General Fund, \$132,621.74; TIF/Special Revenues Fund, \$87,579.20; Road Use Tax, \$22,224.71; Debt Service, \$10,464.15; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$2.15; Library Fund, \$1.36; Garbage Utility, \$6,370.65; Water Utility, \$10,051.79; Sewer Utility, \$8,055.84. Total Receipts: \$277,371.59.

Following is a summary of disbursements for April: General Fund, \$33,714.25; TIF/Special Revenues Fund, \$1,859.21; Road Use Tax, \$12,655.30; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$7,543.12; Library Fund, \$1,117.52; Garbage Utility, \$6,456.00; Water Utility, \$7,305.83; Sewer Utility, \$29,667.23. Total Disbursements: \$100,318.46.

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

AG SOURCE	Analysis	376.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	4,175.57
AMES OUTDOOR SUPPLY	Blades, Oil, Filters	224.37
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-April	6,372.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books, DVD's	316.10
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	Parts	70.68
C.L. CARROLL CO.	Pay Request #1- Wastewater Project	23,640.75
COUGHLIN, ERIN	Reimb. for Expenses	353.63
DEMCO	Supplies	76.26
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	2,896.50
FEH DESIGN	Fees-Opera House	2,598.50
FOX ENGINEERING	Fees	4,086.50
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IOWA	Publishing	200.77
HAWKINS, INC.	Water Treatment	1,304.38

HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	427.73
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	Batteries	163.80
INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF UPPER IOWA	Batteries	155.90
IREAD	Supplies	94.30
I P E R S	Retirement	1,916.89
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	256.04
KEMPKER'S TRUE VALUE	Supplies	532.45
THE LIBRARY STORE	Book Pockets	129.29
MARC	Chemical	372.46
MARCO	Copier Rental, Supplies	147.94
MENARDS	Supplies	520.85
NEUMANN, ERIN	Overpayment, Utility	131.95
	Deposit Refund	
MOLLY MAID OF ANKENY	Cleaning Services	750.00
LL PELLING CO.	Premix, Delivery	2,021.52
PETTY CASH	Reimb. Postage, Supplies	72.06
STATE TREASURER	1 st Qtr. State W/H	1,282.00
STATE TREASURER	1 st Qtr. Sales Tax	126.00
STATE TREASURER	1 st Qtr. Water Excise Tax	1,616.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Monthly Service	73.81
U.S. POSTMASTER	Billing Postage	108.00
WAGES	Net Wages	8,677.79
WELLMARK BC/BS	Health Premium	3,891.53
C.L. CARROLL CO.	Pay Request #2-	59,375.00
	Wastewater Project	
TERRACON	Inspection Services-	
	Wastewater Project	<u>1,612.00</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS		\$131,147.57

After discussion, a motion by Macki, seconded by Todd, 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 Thom discussing water main breaks. Todd discussed solid waste and property violations, and scheduling an appliance/scrap metal pick-up event, potentially for the end of June. Public Works Director Hennick reviewed the estimate for street repairs prepared by LL Pelling Co. for this season. A motion by Macki, seconded by Todd, to approve \$41,905.60 in street maintenance for this season. Roll Call: All Ayes. Macki discussed hiring someone to

mow the cemetery, Memorial Day plans, and plans to coordinate volunteers to finish the clean up from the Derecho storm at Josiah Chandler. The council discussed representation for the Story County Economic Development Group. McBreen volunteered to act as the council's representative, and Baxter volunteered to act as alternate. McBreen reported that the article on the wastewater treatment system project had been published and posted online, with positive feedback on providing the information to the community.

The first item under old business concerned the wastewater treatment system improvements project. The clerk reported that the SRF loan was scheduled to close last Friday. The council reviewed the notes from construction progress meeting #2. Pay Request #2 to C.L. Carroll Co. in the amount of \$59,375.00 was submitted to the council. A motion by Todd, seconded by Macki, to approve the pay request and add it to this month's list of claims. Roll Call: All Ayes. An invoice from Terracon for special inspection services in the amount of \$1,612.00 was submitted to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by Baxter, to approve the invoice and add it to this month's list of claims. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The next item concerned the Cambridge Opera House project. The clerk reported that the city's financial advisor was still looking for the appropriate g.o. bond for the project. She also reported that Nick Sorenson, Ames Chamber of Commerce, had contacted Story County Planning and Development to confirm that the URA grant the city received for the project was still available. Mayor Kovarik and Thom reported that they had attended the pre-construction meeting with King Construction in April. Change Order #1 to add a 6" water service line in the amount of \$2,902.00 was submitted to the council. This change is being made to accommodate fire suppression equipment for the building. A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to approve Change Order #1. Roll Call: All Ayes. Thom indicated that special inspection services would be needed for the project to test soil compaction and concrete. Cory Sharp, FEH Design, is soliciting bids for the inspection services.

The next item under old business concerned the update of the city code. No new information was available.

The next item concerned the 2020 Derecho storm. Public Works Director Hennick is working with the city's insurance company to review the roofing claims and replacement of the access door at the City Center. The clerk reported that work on the FEMA grant is continuing. The council discussed a property that still had tree limbs down from the storm.

The last item under old business concerned the city budget for FY2021/22. The clerk reported that the public hearing to consider amending the current budget will be held at the next regular council meeting.

The first item under new business concerned Firemen's Days. It will be held this year on June 11-13. Events will include a parade, tenderloin dinner at the fire station, inflatables and food in the park sponsored by the churches, and fireworks.

The clerk reported that the Ballard Dollars for Scholars award night was held on April 21st. The city's scholarship was awarded to Emily Lanza.

The next item concerned the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, enacted on March 12th. The clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Steve Van Dyke, Fox Engineering, about the funding the city should receive. Eligible projects include water, sewer and broadband services.

The last item under new business concerned economic development in Story County. Nick Sorenson, Ames Chamber, addressed the council and asked that the Mayor make a proclamation that May 3-7 is "Economic Development Week". Mr. Sorenson discussed his personal history with economic development activities in Jefferson, and now for Story County. He is available to work with the city on obtaining grants, and with economic development and housing projects.

Ordinance No. 21-A, "An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cambridge, Iowa, 2014, By Amending Provisions Pertaining To Sewer Service Charges", was presented to the council. This increase is needed in order to pay for the Wastewater Treatment System Project. A motion by Macki, seconded by McBreen, was made to approve the rate increase on its first reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried. The second reading of the ordinance will be at the June regular council meeting.

Resolution No. 21-10, "Fiscal Year 22 Appointed Representative Form", was presented to the council. A motion by Todd, seconded by Macki, to appoint McBreen and Baxter to represent the council on the Story County Economic Development Group. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 21-11, "Fiscal Year 22 Annual Eligibility Determination Form", was presented to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by McBreen, to approve the resolution providing eligibility information for Story County Economic Development Group funds. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor/Council comments were asked for with the council discussing a project that ISU is working on to establish a portable power grid that could be used in case of an emergency power outage, and information about the last day of school for Ballard and ISU.

A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.