

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, September 7, 2021

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cambridge Community Center with the following council members present: Barb McBreen, Mayor Steven Kovarik, Michael Macki, David Thom, Whitney Baxter, Tricia Todd. Absent: None. Visitors: Andrew Allen, Joe Marchesano, Dale Hennick.

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.

A motion by Thom, seconded by Todd, to approve the agenda for the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. Mayor Kovarik asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 2nd meeting. A motion by Macki, seconded by Baxter, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for with Andrew Allen, President and CEO, YSS, addressing the council concerning a building project they are proposing for rural Cambridge. He discussed his history with YSS, first as a client and now as president and CEO. He discussed the history of the project, including the donation of the land. He indicated that the facility will house 70 beds, and will provide residential addiction treatment services, emergency shelter, and school programs. He discussed staffing of the facility, utility services, and the timeline for construction. They hope to break ground in the spring of 2022, and have the facility completed by August of 2023. He answered the council's questions, and discussed concerns, including "elopement".

Following is a summary of receipts for August: General Fund, \$59,865.41; TIF/Special Revenues Fund, \$9,948.18; Road Use Tax, \$7,683.23; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$4,600.23; Library Fund, \$1.38; Garbage Utility, \$6,795.04; Water Utility, \$10,906.14; Sewer Utility, \$153,706.43. Total Receipts: \$253,506.04.

Following is a summary of disbursements for August: General Fund, \$27,474.77; TIF/Special Revenues Fund, \$19,986.90; Road Use Tax, \$6,341.40; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$1,432.62; Library Fund, \$4,871.98; Garbage Utility, \$6,472.10; Water Utility, \$3,786.12; Sewer Utility, \$77,823.47. Total Disbursements: \$148,189.36.

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

AG SOURCE	Analysis	282.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	5,103.60
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-August	6,491.06
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books, DVD'S	1,283.35
BELDIN, JOSH	Utility Deposit Refund	100.00
BOOKS SYSTEMS, INC.	Atrium System	3,040.00
BROWN SUPPLY CO.	Hydrant Supplies	277.00
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	Blade Kit, Filters	263.81

CITY OF HUXLEY	Police Contract	56,434.48
COUGHLIN, ERIN	Reimb. for Expenses	332.80
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	Legal Services-TIF/GO Bond	8,500.00
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	2,972.57
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	EMS Supplies	251.57
FEH DESIGN	Fees-Opera House	6,101.75
FIDELITY BANK	Returned Check	201.28
FOX ENGINEERING	Fees	7,631.50
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IOWA	Publishing	68.06
HAWKINS, INC.	Water Treatment	1,046.22
HEARTLAND CO-OP	Fuel	1,343.20
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	424.51
IOWA D N R	NPDES Annual Fee	210.00
IOWA ONE CALL	Service	40.70
I P E R S	Retirement	1,871.39
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	Street Signs	359.90
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	Radio Subscriber Fees	5,089.88
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	88.51
KEMPKER'S TRUE VALUE	Supplies	347.78
MALLON, BARBARA	Rent Refund	150.00
MARC	Chemical	117.09
MARCO	Copier Rental, Supplies	215.83
MENARDS	Supplies	757.44
MOLLY MAID OF ANKENY	Cleaning Services	500.00
MOMAR	Chemical	2,341.44
SIGN PRO	Sign	90.00
SNAPPY'S USED CARS	Dump Trailer	9,082.00
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	Property Taxes	1,176.00
STOREY KENWORTHY	Utility Bills	264.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Monthly Service	190.25
U.S. POSTMASTER	Billing Postage	160.00
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	Mower, Tractor Parts	1,274.49
WAGES	Net Wages	9,640.89
WELLMARK BC/BS	Health Premium	3,891.53
C.L. CARROLL CO.	Pay Request #6- Wastewater Project	70,062.50
KING KNUTSON CONSTRUCTION CO.	Pay Request #4- Opera House Project	<u>22,813.30</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS		\$232,884.18

After discussion, a motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to accept the receipts and approval 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 reporting that the water main to the Opera House project was complete. Each unit will have an independent water meter. Todd discussed the status of the dilapidated property on Sycamore Street, and penalties for code violations. The clerk reported that the library was hosting a conference entitled "A Community Conversation: Mental Wellness" on September 21st. McBreen reported that the location of the October meeting of the SCEDG had been moved to Huxley to correspond with the 2021 Economic Development Summit scheduled for the afternoon. Cambridge will host the January 2022 meeting. Steele Harter has been hired by the Ames Chamber of Commerce to work with the Board of Supervisors on economic development issues. The clerk submitted the report from Fire Chief Mat Kahler for 2020. After reviewing the report, a motion by Macki, seconded by Todd, to approve the annual chief payment of \$1,000 for 2020. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The first item under old business concerned the wastewater treatment system improvements project. Pay Request #6 to C.L. Carroll Co. in the amount of \$70,062.50 was submitted to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to approve the pay request and add it to this month's list of claims. Roll Call: All Ayes. The clerk submitted a proposal on behalf of Fox Engineering to hire Story County Conservation to provide seeding for the outfall sewer for \$150.00. After discussion, a motion by Thom, seconded by Baxter, to approve the proposal. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The next item concerned the Cambridge Opera House project. Pay Request #4 to King Knutson Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$22,813.30 was submitted to the council. A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to approve the pay request and add it to this month's list of claims. Roll Call: All Ayes. Thom discussed the progress meeting that was held on August 24th, and that he will be soliciting quotes for appliances for each unit. The council also discussed a plan for locks for the units, and the status of change orders for the project.

Other items discussed under old business with no action taken were the city code update, the 2020 Derecho, Alliant Energy's request for an easement, and the ICAP grant.

The next item concerned city elections. The clerk reported that the deadline for submitting completed nominations papers is Thursday, September 16th at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. The council discussed the process for filing the vacancy for Todd's council seat when she moves.

The last item under old business concerned the American Rescue Plan Act. The clerk reported that the city had received the payment for Round #1. Mayor Kovarik reported that the project to upgrade the water meter reading system would meet ARPA requirements, but would need to be reviewed by an engineer to ensure that the system

would be appropriate for our needs. A motion by Macki, seconded by Baxter, to approve the meter reading system upgrade, and proceed with the engineering review. Roll Call: All Ayes. The council also discussed potential projects for the second ARPA allotment that will come next year, including the installation of storm drains.

Under new business, Mayor Kovarik discussed a potential housing development on S. Vine Street, with 10 homes constructed on acre lots. The council discussed the capability of the existing sewer main servicing the street to accommodate the development.

Mayor/Council comments were asked for with Macki discussing the growth of Ballard Schools.

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