

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, March 9, 2020

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members present: Mayor Kovarik, Thom, Todd, McBreen, Macki, Baxter. Absent: None. Visitors: Mark Kahler, Joe Marchesano, Dale Hennick, John Stowe, Alex Read, Barb Read.

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 February 3rd and 17th meetings. 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 Alex Read, Ames, addressing the council with a proposal to construct and install bat houses in the city as an Eagle Scout Project. He made a presentation to the council outlining the benefit of bats in controlling the mosquito population, and the plans and costs of building 3-4 bat houses. He would plan to complete the project by May 30th. After discussion, a motion by Macki, seconded by Baxter, to approve the project and to grant \$600.00 in park funding to build and install 4 bat houses on city property. The location of the bat houses would be determined at a later date. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mark Kahler, 502-4th Street, addressed the council concerning placing a concrete pad/driveway on the south edge of his property to park his motor home. After discussion, Mayor Kovarik approved the project. He asked Mr. Kahler to provide a diagram of the proposed driveway, and indicated there would be no fee if the project was completed this summer.

John Stowe, 205-3rd Street, addressed the council with a water quality issue he is having at his home. After discussion, he agreed to work with Public Works Director Dale Hennick on the issue.

Public Works Director Hennick discussed hiring someone to help with the trimming at the cemetery this season. Macki volunteered to help find a Ballard student for the temporary job. Hennick also discussed the purchase of a new boat to be used for lagoon maintenance. This is a budget item and is on the list of claims for March.

Following is a summary of receipts for February: General Fund, \$50,637.25; TIF Fund, \$1,058.61; Road Use Tax, \$10,202.79; Debt Service, \$66.64; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$1.99; Library Fund, \$2,001.39; Garbage Utility, \$6,419.59; Water Utility, \$9,990.18; Sewer Utility, \$8,606.86. Total Receipts: \$88,985.30.

Following is a summary of disbursements for February: General Fund, \$23,000.10; Road Use Tax, \$1,925.75; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$7,972.66; Library Fund, \$576.71; Garbage Utility,

\$6,564.87; Water Utility, \$2,703.81; Sewer Utility, \$1,436.44. Total Disbursements: \$45,179.34.

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

AG SOURCE	Analysis	400.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	5,835.06
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-February	6,561.12
ARNOLD MOTOR	Lift Supports	91.96
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books, DVD's	229.35
BALLARD DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS	Scholarship	400.00
BROWN SUPPLY	Manhole Frame, Cover	247.00
CAMBRIDGE VOL. FIRE DEPT.	Reimb. For Truck Repair	991.68
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	Skid Broom Repair	223.39
CENTRAL IOWA TOWING	Service Call	250.00
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	2,809.82
FALLON, ED	Honorarium, Travel	140.00
FEH DESIGN	Fees-Opera House	8,280.00
FOX ENGINEERING	Fees	9,968.50
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IOWA	Publishing	143.95
HACH	Testing Supplies	90.76
HAWKINS, INC.	Water Treatment	325.20
HEARTLAND CO-OP	Oil	69.90
HOKEL MACHINE SUPPLY	Parts	11.23
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	422.51
IOWA ONE CALL	Service	33.30
I P E R S	Retirement	1,795.10
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	63.97
KEMPKER'S TRUE VALUE	Supplies	177.76
LEWIS LAW FIRM	Legal Services	375.00
MARCO	Copier, Supplies	146.94
MENARDS	Supplies	409.28
MOLLY MAID OF ANKENY	Cleaning Services	490.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	Cover, Marking Flags	153.00
ROBERTS, TRACEY	Clean Comm. Center	175.00
RUSSELL, ANNA	Reimb. For Supplies	13.35
TRACKER BOAT CENTER	Boat – Lagoon	1,045.00
TRI AIR TESTING	SCBA Service	195.01
U.S. CELLULAR	Monthly Service	72.93
U.S. POSTMASTER	Billing Postage	105.00
VISA	Supplies	47.07
WAGES	Net Wages	8,432.57
WELLMARK BC/BS	Health Premiums	<u>3,955.86</u>

TOTAL CLAIMS

\$55,178.07

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 a dilapidated property in the city and a drainage issue on S. River Street. Macki discussed the bat house and archery range projects. Thom reported that the Derelict Building grant for the Opera House was submitted on February 20th. He also discussed the potential for an investor in the project. The council discussed applying for a grant for an electronic sign, and the new city website.

The first item under old business concerned the Wastewater Treatment System Project. The clerk reported that the city's application for a CDBG grant had been denied, primarily due to the uncertainty of the easement for the new outfall being granted by Story County. The environmental review for the project is progressing with the DNR.

The next item concerned the Cambridge Opera House project. Two public hearings related to the project have been scheduled: the first to approve the project plans and specs has been scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall; and the second to consider amending the city's URA plan to include the Opera House project for Monday, April 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The next item concerned the budget for the city for fiscal years 2020/21. The public hearing to consider adopting the budget for FY2021 has been scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The last item under old business concerned the review of the city code related to fireworks and building codes. Todd presented a draft of proposed changes to the sections on fireworks, driveways, building permits, and solid waste. The council will review the draft and continue discussion at the next regular meeting.

The first item under new business was an announcement by the Story County Board of Supervisors that the Technical Assistance to Communities Program has been continued for FY2020. The council reviewed the requirements for the program. After discussion, the council decided to make an application for funds for engineering fees related to the wastewater treatment improvements project.

Resolution No. 20-05, "Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment", was presented to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by Todd,

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was made to approve the resolution. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor/Council comments were asked for with the council discussing the use of electronic meetings due to state and federal guidelines related to the Covid-19 threat. Mayor Kovarik will look into this.

A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Debra L. Thompson, City Clerk

Steven P. Kovarik, Mayor