

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, March 1, 2021

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 2021, 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, Macki, Todd, Baxter, McBreen (Zoom). Absent: Thom. Visitors: Dale Hennick, Joe Marchesano, Taylor Bassett, Nick Sorenson (Zoom), Larry Reinsch, Renae Claus.

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 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. A motion by Todd, seconded by Baxter, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for with Taylor Bassett, 202-4<sup>th</sup> Street, addressing the council to request an exception from the animal control ordinance for her three chickens. She explained that she had moved to Cambridge in January, and had read the ordinance from the wrong city and thought that chickens were allowed. It was not her intention to break the code. She would like to be able to keep the chickens, as they are her pets and even travel with her in the car. The area they would be kept in is large and fenced, and her neighbors would not be affected. She is prepared to pay a permit fee and allow for inspections. Mayor Kovarik indicated that the council would discuss her request and get back to her.

Larry Reinsch, Iowa Jeep Club & Show, addressed the council on behalf of the club to express appreciation for the use of the OHV park for their annual event. They enjoy meeting here, even holding their annual holiday event at the community center, and have been making donations to the fire department with event proceeds. They would like to make this year's donation to the city's parks and rec, and asked if the council had any ideas of projects they would like the donation to go toward. They also enjoy the opportunity for camping during the show event at the old ball diamond, and would encourage development of the area.

Officer Joe Marchesano, Huxley P.D., reported that Mark Kahler had received permission from the owner of the former Country Store to park his semi on their property. He also discussed two properties that had received complaints about their condition.

Nick Sorenson, Ames Chamber of Commerce, indicated that he would be periodically sitting in on council meetings, and that he is available to assist the council on economic development questions and projects.

Following is a summary of receipts for February: General Fund, \$1,756.41; TIF/Special Revenues Fund, \$10,293.53; Road Use Tax, \$7,228.26; Debt Service, \$26.10; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$2.23; Library Fund, \$1.36; Garbage Utility, \$6,445.35; Water Utility, \$11,204.06; Sewer Utility, \$8,790.50. Total Receipts: \$45,747.80.

Following is a summary of disbursements for February: General Fund, \$20,242.48; TIF/Special Revenues Fund, \$5,064.90; Road Use Tax, \$1,610.32; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$782.78; Library Fund, \$1,766.72; Garbage Utility, \$6,372.00; Water Utility, \$1,838.24; Sewer Utility, \$12,085.00. Total Disbursements: \$49,762.44.

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

AG SOURCE	Analysis	529.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	5,485.42
AMES OUTDOOR SUPPLY	Snow Blower	599.20
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-February	6,372.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books, DVD's	429.36
BARTLETT, MICHAEL	Refund Rental Fee	75.00
COUGHLIN, ERIN	Reimb. for Expenses	918.13
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	2,836.72
FEH DESIGN	Fees-Opera House	3,272.50
FELD FIRE	Fuel Pump	83.73
FOX ENGINEERING	Fees	11,076.00
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IOWA	Publishing	711.63
HAWKINS, INC.	Water Treatment	301.80
HEARTLAND CO-OP	Fuel	1,068.35
HOKEL MACHINE SUPPLY	Chemical	18.55
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	429.91
IAWEA	Registration Fee	50.00
INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF UPPER IOWA	Batteries	425.73
IOWA D O T	Sign Supplies	250.44
IOWA ONE CALL	Service	35.10
I P E R S	Retirement	1,862.63
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	96.57
KEMPKER'S TRUE VALUE	Supplies	256.35
LEWIS LAW FIRM	Legal Services	250.00
THE LIBRARY STORE	Slatwall Frame, Holders	252.15
MARCO	Copier Rental, Supplies	167.08
MENARDS	Supplies	224.38
MOLLY MAID OF ANKENY	Cleaning Services	500.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	Meters, Supplies	1,303.50
NATIONWIDE	Surety Bonds	443.00
SCHULING HITCH CO.	Oil	30.96
STATE AUDITOR	Periodic Exam Fee	1,500.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Monthly Service	73.73
U.S. POSTMASTER	Billing Postage	108.00
WAGES	Net Wages	8,814.94
WELLMARK BC/BS	Health Premium	<u>3,891.53</u>

TOTAL CLAIMS

\$54,743.89

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 Public Works Director Dale Hennick reporting that the part for the check valve at the water plant had arrived. He also provided an estimate of \$2,500.00 to replace the box on the work truck with a flat bed. The council discussed new code requirements for construction projects requiring a building permit. Macki discussed the archery range and pond projects, and mowing of the cemetery for the upcoming season. The clerk reported that the following employee salaries were submitted to the IRS/SSA for 2020 on W-2's: Erin Coughlin, \$2,156.25; Donald Erickson, \$14,199.29; Dale Hennick, \$58,303.43; David Knight, \$7,153.25; Steven Kovarik, \$1,500.00; Ruth Purvis, \$2,275.68; Jay Robinson, \$8,714.70; Anna Russell, \$936.30; Debra Thompson, \$43,328.61. McBreen reported that a story on the new library director will appear in the Tri-County Times on March 9<sup>th</sup>. She also produced a video with the library director to place on Facebook. She is currently working on a story and video about the Cambridge Fire and Rescue.

The first item under old business concerned the wastewater treatment system improvements project. The council reviewed the construction schedule for the project, and the need for an increase in sewer rates to pay for the project. They set a date for a public hearing to consider entering into a SRF loan for Monday, March 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cambridge Community Center and via Zoom.

The next item concerned the Cambridge Opera House project. Mayor Kovarik reported that a pre-bid meeting had been held. It was attended by 6-8 contractors. Bid opening will be this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. The council discussed financing options for the project.

The next item under old business concerned the 2020 Derecho storm. The clerk reported that the DNR, U.S. Forest Service and Trees Forever have hired Nick McGrath as their Community Disaster Recovery Coordinator to assist municipalities with tree related recovery. Mr. McGrath will be working out of the Trees Forever office in Marion. He will be contacting cities soon to survey their needs.

The last item under old business concerned amendment of the current city budget, and preparation of the budget for the city for FY2022. The council set a date for the public hearing to consider the budget for the city for Monday, March 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cambridge Community Center and via Zoom.

The first item under new business was a request to review a subdivision by Story County Planning and Development. The owner of the property to be divided is Jamie and Kristyn Nobiling. The council reviewed the application and plans, and will waive their right to further review of the subdivision.

The council also discussed fundraising plans for Ballard Post Prom, and discussed plans for a new home being built on S. Vine Street.

Resolution No. 21-04, "Resolution Waiving Subdivision Review", was presented to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by Todd, was made to approve the resolution. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor/Council comments were asked for with the council discussing the upgrade of our library to a Tier Three, and the potential for future residential and light commercial development.

A motion by Baxter, seconded by McBreen, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Debra L. Thompson, City Clerk

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Steven P. Kovarik, Mayor