REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, September 8, 2020

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2020, 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, Thom, McBreen (Zoom), Macki, Todd, Baxter. Absent: None. Visitors: Dale Hennick, Dona Cowman, 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 opened for public comment the hearing to consider Ordinance No. 20-A, “An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cambridge, Iowa, 2014, By Amending Chapter 41 (Pyrotechnics)”. No comments were brought forward by citizens in attendance, and no written comments were received prior to the hearing. A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to close the public hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor Kovarik opened for public comment the hearing to consider Ordinance No. 20-B, “An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cambridge, Iowa, 2014, By Adding A New Chapter, Chapter 140, To The Code Governing Driveways And Parking Pads”. No comments were brought forward by citizens in attendance, and no written comments were received prior to the hearing. A motion by Thom, seconded by Todd, to close the public hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor Kovarik opened for public comment the hearing to consider Ordinance No. 20-C, “An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cambridge, Iowa, 2014, By Adding Two (2) New Sections Limiting The Accumulation Of Junk And Failure To Maintain Structures To Chapter 50”. No comments were brought forward by citizens in attendance, and no written comments were received prior to the hearing. A motion by Macki, seconded by Baxter, to close the public hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor Kovarik opened for public comment the hearing to consider Ordinance No. 20-D, “An Ordinance Amending the Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cambridge, Iowa, 2014, By Adding A New Section Limiting The Parking In Yards To Section 69”. No comments were brought forward by citizens in attendance, and no written comments were received prior to the hearing. A motion by Todd, seconded by Macki, to close the public hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor Kovarik asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 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 Public Works Director Dale Hennick addressing the council. He reported that the display monitor for the controls at the water plant had gone out. He presented a proposal from SJE in the amount of $6,350.10 to

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replace it. After discussion, a motion by Thom, seconded by Todd, to approve moving forward with the repair. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Following is a summary of receipts for August: General Fund, $389.55; TIF/Special Revenue Fund, $8,887.14; Road Use Tax, $8,750.99; C.U.T. Fire Fund, $1.86; Library Fund, $1.64; Garbage Utility, $5,663.69; Water Utility, $10,986.55; Sewer Utility, $7,968.48. Total Receipts: $42,649.90.

Following is a summary of disbursements for August: General Fund, $4,872.92; TIF/Special Revenue Fund, $9,290.39; Road Use Tax, $1,371.65; C.U.T. Fire Fund, $528.63; Library Fund, $607.53; Garbage Utility, $6,441.91; Water Utility, $2,708.33; Sewer Utility, $15,177.72. Total Disbursements: $40,999.08.

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

 AG SOURCE Analysis 997.00

 ALLIANT ENERGY Monthly Service 5,012.78

 AMES OUTDOOR SUPPLY Tires, Chain Saw Supplies 1,165.03

 ANKENY SANITATION Service-August 6,372.00

 BIG 8 TYRE CENTER Truck Tires 780.00

 CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT Rental-Grapple, Trailer 915.00

 EFTPS Fed. & FICA W/H 2,425.36

 FIDELITY BANK Returned Check, Fee 105.00

 FOX ENGINEERING Fees 5,176.75

 GATEHOUSE MEDIA IOWA Publishing 610.94

 HACH Testing Supplies 411.42

 HAWKINS, INC. Water Treatment 274.20

 HEARTLAND CO-OP Fuel, Oil 1,637.69

 HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS Monthly Service 433.59

 INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF Supplies 119.85

 UPPER IOWA

 IOWA ONE CALL Service 29.80

 I P E R S Retirement 1,503.62

 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL Supplies 71.98

 KEMPKER’S TRUE VALUE Supplies 188.60

 KOVARIK, STEVE Reimb. For Food for 232.70

 Volunteers, Zoom Fees

 MARCO Copier Rental, Supplies 158.67

 MENARDS Tables, Supplies 919.33

 MOLLY MAID OF ANKENY Cleaning Services 490.00

 OVERDRIVE, INC. Subscription Fee 386.86

 SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY Service Call 595.74

 STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA Subscription Fee 62.00

 STOREY KENWORTHY Receipts Book, Utility Bills 459.00

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 STORY COUNTY TREASURER Property Taxes 1,150.00

 TOTAL TOOL Chain Saws 1,796.00

 U.S. CELLULAR Monthly Service 73.21

 U.S. POSTMASTER Billing Postage 105.00

 WAGES Net Wages 8,369.48

 WELLMARK BC/BS Health Premium 3,955.86

 TOTAL CLAIMS $46,984.46

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. Huxley P.D. Office Joe Marchesano addressed the council with a request from Chief Gerry Stoll to review the speed limits by the elementary school, and reported that their new speed checker had been in place on the street during the first week of school.

Reports from standing committees were asked for with the council discussing recent street maintenance. Thom reported that he had applied for a Story County Urban Renewal Grant in the amount of $30,000.00 for a generator for the City Center. This grant requires a 25% city match.

The first item under old business concerned the wastewater improvements project. The clerk reported that a notice of violation from the Iowa DNR for exceeding effluent requirements had been received. The letter also indicates that they realize that we are working with their agency on a project to bring us into compliance. A memo from Steve Van Dyke, Fox Engineering, was also received indicating that the City would need to apply for a Conditional Use Permit from the county in order to install the new outfall pipe on Story County Conservation property. He doesn’t feel this will be a problem, but it does delay when we can bid the project. The council also discussed damage done to the baffle curtains at the lagoon from the 2020 Derecho storm. Public Works Director Hennick will be working with Fox Engineering and the city’s insurance adjustor on this matter.

The next item concerned the Cambridge Opera House project. Thom reported that the total bid cost is considerably more than the original estimate for the project. He is looking for council guidance on moving forward with the project. He asked that the council review the cost estimates and continue this discussion at the next meeting.

The next item under old business concerned the review of the city code. The clerk suggested that, after reviewing the contract to update the code from Iowa Codification, that the update be delayed until after the ordinance amendments the council is working on are complete. The council agreed to the delay. Thom reported that he had reviewed

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the 2020 Legislative Summary and recommended that the council enact all of the suggested code updates.

The next item concerned the hiring of a new library director. Dona Cowman, Library Board, reported that they had received several applications for the position, and are interested in two of them but that no offer had been made yet. She wanted to discuss salary options and whether the library can re-open to patrons. After discussion, Mayor Kovarik indicated that the council was firm on the salary the city could pay. He also recommended that the board put together a plan for a safe re-opening when the new library director is hired, if that person is comfortable doing that.

The last item under old business concerned the proposed purchase/exchange agreement with Larry and Ruth Purvis. No new information was available for this item.

The first item under new business concerned the 2020 Derecho storm that hit last month. The council discussed the damage by the storm, the assistance of volunteers to the city and residents, and the progress of the clean up efforts. Mayor Kovarik also discussed state and FEMA assistance to the city and individuals that would be available. Information on the assistance from FEMA will be posted to the city website as it is made available.

The next item was a request from Rob Keeling, 415 S. Vine Street, to rezone property he is purchasing from the Heartland Co-op north of his property. He would like to build a new home on the property. The clerk reported that city zoning maps list the property as A-1 Agricultural, which allows for the construction of a single family dwelling. Therefore, rezoning is not required. Mr. Keeling also asked for council approval to divide his existing property into two parcels. A motion by Macki, seconded by Baxter, to waive the subdivision requirement and allow the property to be divided. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The next item was a notice from Story County Planning and Development of a public hearing that was scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The hearing will consider a proposal from the Story County Board of Health to require the use of face coverings while in a public setting within Story County. Mayor Kovarik will attend the hearing.

The last item under new business was a request from the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution to proclaim that the week of September 17th to the 23rd is Constitution Week, and that September 17th is Constitution Day. Mayor Kovarik so declared and signed the proclamation.

Ordinance No. 20-A, “An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cambridge, Iowa, 2014 By Amending Chapter 41 (Pyrotechnics)”, was presented to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by Todd, was made to approve the ordinance on its final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried. The ordinance will take effect upon its publication.

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Ordinance No. 20-B, “An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cambridge, Iowa, 2014 By Adding A New Chapter, Chapter 140, To The Code Governing Driveways And Parking Pads”, was presented to the council. A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, was made to approve the ordinance on its final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried. The ordinance will take effect upon its publication.

Ordinance No. 20-C, “An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cambridge, Iowa, 2014 By Adding Two (2) New Sections Limiting The Accumulation Of Junk And Failure To Maintain Structures To Chapter 50”, was presented to the council. A motion by Baxter, seconded by Thom, was made to approve the ordinance on its final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried. The ordinance will take effect upon its publication.

Ordinance No. 20-D, “An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cambridge, Iowa, 2014 By Adding A New Section Limiting The Parking In Yards To Section 69”, was presented to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by Baxter, was made to approve the ordinance on its final reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried. The ordinance will take effect upon its publication.

Ordinance No. 20-E, “An Ordinance Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cambridge, Iowa, 2014 By Adding A New Section Setting A One Year Limit To Complete Construction After Being Issued A Building Permit To Chapter 165.18 Permits And Certificates”, was presented to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by Baxter, was made to approve the ordinance on its second reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried. The public hearing and final reading of the ordinance amendment will be at the regular October council meeting.

Mayor/Council comments were asked for Macki reporting on the opening of the Ballard Schools for the 2020/2021 school year. The council also discussed complaints received about the Garbage Guys property.

A motion by Macki, seconded by Baxter, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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