

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, April 7, 2014

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members present: Kovarik, Macki, Mortensen, Thom, Taylor. Absent: Mayor DeYoung. Visitors: Angie Plager, Rob Plager, Ronda Ceynar, Susan Roberts, Steve Pelz, Rebecca Hasbrouck, Nathan Hovland, Dale Hennick, Joe Marchesano, Michael Cravens.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Kovarik at 7:00 p.m. He led the council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kovarik asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 3rd and 10th 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 Nathan Hovland addressing the council concerning the notice to abate nuisance he received for his property at 515 Water Street. He discussed with the council the condition of the structure on that property and indicated he would need some time to tear it down. He asked that the deadline for abating the nuisance be extended to the end of July, 2014. The council indicated that the age of the structure would lead them to expect that it may have asbestos present, and if it does, special removal would be required. A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to extend the deadline for abating the nuisance at 515 Water Street to August 1, 2014. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Ronda Ceynar addressed the council concerning the United Methodist Youth Group's Service Day on May 3rd, 2014, beginning at 8:30 a.m. She indicated they were looking for individual and community projects they could work on. Public Works Director Dale Hennick told her that he would like to replace the railroad tie planters on Water Street with landscaping brick if that's the kind of project they're looking for. She said it was and they could discuss details after the meeting.

Michael Cravens, 314 W. 4th Street, addressed the council concerning drainage issues on that street. He stated that water tends to puddle on the south side of the street and asked where the drains were located, and if they were functional. Public Works Director Hennick responded that he was making plans to regrade that street to allow water to flow properly.

Steve Pelz addressed the council concerning a project to move a house from Maxwell to a lot on S. Sycamore Street in Cambridge. After discussion, the council asked him to work with the public works director concerning installation of utilities.

Rebecca Hasbrouck and Angie Plager, Cambridge Events Committee, addressed the council with several requests for the June celebration. They included a parade route change, street closings, fencing, portable restrooms, fireworks, and new signs related to the name change for the event. The council discussed and approved all items but

the signs. They asked for price quotes for the signs and tabled further discussion until the next regular meeting.

Following is a summary of receipts for March: General Fund, \$14,050.93; Road Use Tax, \$7,759.53; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$1.88; Gargage Utility, \$6,310.33; Water Utility, \$10,416.82; Sewer Utility, \$5,735.35. Total Receipts: \$44,274.84.

The following list of claims was presented to the council:

AG SOURCE	Analysis	674.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	4,770.66
AMES SEED CAPITAL LLC	Registration Fee	25.00
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-March	5,557.25
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT	Repair	152.79
CITY OF HUXLEY	¼ Police Contract	11,039.19
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL	Root Control	428.08
DANKO	Boots, Hoods	1,359.31
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	2,137.26
FELD FIRE	Wildland Gear, Lights	7,983.85
FIDELITY BANK	Returned Check & Fee	205.00
HAWKINS	Water Treatment	401.23
HEALTH ALLIANCE	Medical Premium	2,669.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	262.36
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	Tables, Grills	6,293.00
I P E R S	Retirement	1,149.34
ISU TREASURER	Fire School Reg. Fees	85.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	268.92
LEWIS LAW FIRM	Legal Services	100.00
MENARDS	Supplies	468.47
MOMAR	Registration Fee	30.00
NEVADA JOURNAL	Publishing	591.93
PARI INC.	Jan.-March Charges	691.19
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	Supplies (2 mo.)	479.27
STATE TREASURER	1 st Qtr. State W/H	952.00
STORY CO. MAYOR'S ASSN.	Annual Dues	30.00
THOMPSON, DEBRA	Copy Order	89.04
ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS	Gloves, Supplies	781.28
U.S. CELLULAR	Monthly Service	93.31
U.S. POSTMASTER	Billing, Notice Postage	262.60
WAGES	Net Wages	5,669.15
WELLMARK BC/BS	Dental Premium	<u>193.64</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS		\$55,893.87

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After discussion, a motion by Macki, seconded by Mortensen, to accept the receipts and approve all claims for payment. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The treasurer's report, bank reconciliation and police report were presented and approved by the council. The budget balances report was not available for this meeting.

Reports from standing committees were asked for with Public Works Director Hennick discussing with the council the consumer notification for a positive bacteria sample that the city is required to send to all water utility consumers. He explained that the sample was from one contaminated faucet at a testing location. The faucet was sanitized and subsequent samples have been negative. The notice will be mailed to all consumers by April 9th. He also reported that a water main break on S. Race Street has been repaired. The council discussed scheduling an appliance pick-up again this year for the city. Taylor will contact Midwest Recovery. The council also discussed a complaint about drainage in the ditch on S. Water Street. The council reviewed the plans from Windstream to install fiber optic line in the city. Precision Underground is the contractor for the project and have almost completed their work within the city limits. The council discussed hiring someone to mow the cemetery this summer, as a decision has not been made on the hiring of a new assistant public work director. A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to hire Daniel Warg to mow the cemetery at a rate \$11.00/hr. for this summer only. Roll Call: All Ayes. The council also discussed the price for lots in the cemetery addition. They tabled this item under the next regular meeting. Mortensen discussed his progress with finding a grant for planting trees at the cemetery. He gathered information from the council to assist in completing an application for a Trees Forever grant from Alliant Energy. The council tabled discussion on fire station repairs until the next regular meeting. The clerk reported that she had attended the spring meeting of the Story County Economic Development Group in Roland on April 3rd. One of the actions taken was to increase the number of meetings they will have each year, increasing from two to four.

The first item under old business concerned the budget for the city for FY2014/15. The council scheduled the hearing to consider amending the current city budget for Monday, May 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The next item concerned the renewal of the 28E Agreement with the Resource Recovery Center for solid waste disposal. The clerk reported that she had heard from Ankeny Sanitation concerning rates. The council tabled a decision on this item until the next regular meeting.

The last item under old business concerned the hiring of an assistant public works director for the city. The clerk reported that 5 applications have been received. Mayor Pro-Tem Kovarik reported that Mayor DeYoung will be forming a hiring committee to review the applications and conduct interviews.

The first item under new business was the FY2015 Law Enforcement Contract from the City of Huxley. The new rate is \$44,318.93, and includes a \$5.59 per capita fee for Story County dispatch services. A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to approve the police contract for FY2015 from the City of Huxley. Roll Call: All Ayes. Mayor Pro-Tem Kovarik reported that he had attended the recent E911 meeting and submitted a grant request for radios for the fire department.

The next item was a proposal from L.L. Pelling Co. for street maintenance for the city for FY2015. The council reviewed the proposed rates. After discussion, a motion by Macki, seconded by Taylor, to hire L.L. Pelling Co. to perform street maintenance for the city for FY2015. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The last item under new business was the announcement that Story County Planning & Development will be sponsoring a Community Technical Assistance Program grant again this year. Thom reported that he is working on an application to fund the preparation of a site plan for property that the city owns on S. Water Street. After further discussion, a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Taylor, to proceed with the application for funds. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Items discussed under good and welfare included the CEC Spring Fling, burning complaints, and complaint about ATV's operating on the bike trail.

A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Debra L. Thompson, City Clerk

Steven Kovarik, Mayor Pro-Tem