

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, July 1, 2013

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 1, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members present: Kovarik, Thom, Mayor DeYoung, Mortensen. Absent: Macki, Taylor. Visitors: Barb McBreen, Dale Hennick, Gerry Stoll.

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

Mayor DeYoung asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 3rd meeting. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for with Barb McBreen addressing the council concerning the signs for the city park. She asked if they could be repaired and painted to improve the look of the park. Public Works Director Dale Hennick responded that he intends to replace them this summer with more durable materials.

Following is a summary of receipts and year-end transfers for June: General Fund, \$17,978.20; Road Use Tax, \$6,360.45; Economic Development Fund, \$2,777.00; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$8,830.00; Garbage Utility, \$5,537.33; Water Utility, \$100,743.90; Sewer Utility, \$40,223.86. Total Receipts: \$182,450.74.

The following list of claims was presented to the council:

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| AG SOURCE | Analysis | 544.00 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | Monthly Service | 2,856.22 |
| ANKENY SANITATION | Service-June | 5,562.25 |
| BALLARD COMM. SCHOOL | ½ Crossing Guard Expense | 2,897.72 |
| BIG 8 TYRE CENTER | Mower Tire | 103.95 |
| CAMBRIDGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY | Early Literacy Station | 1,200.00 |
| CENTRAL IOWA WATER ASSN. | Service | 3,795.59 |
| CITY OF AMES | ½ Solid Waste Contract | 3,762.85 |
| CITY OF HUXLEY | ¼ Police Contract | 9,900.00 |
| COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL | Chemical, Gloves | 862.51 |
| EFTPS | Fed. & FICA W/H | 3,216.45 |
| ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING | Pager Repair, Tower Fees | 779.33 |
| FOX ENGINEERING | Construction Admin. | 3,219.57 |
| HEALTH ALLIANCE | Medical Premium | 2,383.00 |
| HUMPHREY, ADAM | Cemetery Maintenance | 1,805.20 |
| HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS | Monthly Service | 271.39 |
| INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER | Supplies | 41.48 |

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| IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES | Member Dues | 557.00 |
| I M W C A | Worker's Comp. Premium | 6,411.00 |
| I P E R S | Retirement | 1,561.16 |
| A KING'S THRONE | Port. Restrooms | 100.00 |
| LOWE'S | Supplies | 71.60 |
| LUCKY STOP | April & May Charges | 930.24 |
| MAIN STREET DESIGNS | Pole Decorations | 4,227.13 |
| MATT PARROTT | Receipt Books | 162.59 |
| MENARDS | Shelving, Supplies | 390.92 |
| MUNICIPAL SUPPLY | Water Main Supplies | 95.20 |
| THE NEVADA JOURNAL | Publishing | 114.00 |
| L.L. PELLING CO. | Street Repairs | 72,246.12 |
| QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK | Supplies | 322.12 |
| SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY | SCBA Supplies | 3,148.91 |
| STAPLES | Paper, Ink, Supplies | 688.93 |
| STATE TREASURER | 2 nd Qtr. State W/H | 1,076.00 |
| STEFFEN | Trash Pump, Filter | 11,056.14 |
| SWANSON, NICK | Net Wages (2 mo.) | 1,956.86 |
| THOMPSON, DEBRA | Shelving Unit | 44.49 |
| U.S. CELLULAR | Monthly Service | 89.46 |
| U.S. POSTMASTER | Billing Postage | 112.20 |
| USA BLUE BOOK | Suction Hose | 455.40 |
| VAN WALL EQUIPMENT | Pole Saw, Supplies | 693.31 |
| WAGES | Net Wages | 5,568.11 |
| WARG, DANIEL | Floor Maintenance | 340.00 |
| WELLMARK BC/BS | Dental Premium | <u>192.80</u> |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | | \$155,813.20 |

After discussion, a motion by Kovarik, 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 police report were presented and approved by the council.

Reports from standing committees were asked for with the council discussing the water plant project and the request from Don Rohde to be reimbursed for his \$500 insurance deductible for a sewer back-up event. After discussion, a motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, to table this item and talk with the city attorney about the wording of the city's response. The council also discussed and approved hiring someone to televise this section of sewer to see if there is a problem in the main. The council discussed recent street repairs and a request from the Park Board to purchase "kid timbers" to surround the play equipment in the city park. Two estimates were received. After discussion, the council tabled this item in order to clarify the bids. Public Works Director Hennick

reported that the drinking fountain in the park had been vandalized and was no longer functioning. After discussion, the council felt that since it was purposely broken, not to replace it right away. Mayor DeYoung reported that he had attended the Connect Iowa project meeting for Story County and that he will not be pursuing this further. He also reported that the Story County Board of Supervisors has contracted with the Ames Economic Development Commission to work with communities on economic development activities. He also updated the council on the progress of the development of the old cannery site.

The first item under old business concerned the update of the city code. Thom reported that a draft for the Planning & Zoning Commission to review should be ready within 60 days.

The council discussed renewal of the city's insurance package for FY2014. The cost to renew with I.C.A.P. is \$10,130.13 and is down slightly from last year. After discussion, a motion by Thom, seconded by Mortensen, to approve and pay for the renewal. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The last item under old business concerned the proposed annexation by the City of Huxley. The clerk reported that a meeting of the State of Iowa City Development Board has been scheduled for July 10th at 1:00 p.m. to act of this annexation request.

The first item under new business was a request from the Cambridge/Union Township Fire Department to increase the reimbursement for calls from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per responder per incident. After discussion, a motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, to approve the increase. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor DeYoung reported that he had received a memo from Keith Morgan, Story County Emergency Management Coordinator, concerning the availability of Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds for specified projects. One of these projects is a safe room like the one just completed by the City of Huxley. He expressed interest in pursuing this project for the city. The first step is to submit a notice of intent by August 30th. After discussion, the mayor and council decided to talk with someone from Huxley about their project before proceeding.

The next item under new business was a request from Kevin Tully to be reimbursed for damages to his tractor incurred while working on the ATV park as a member of C.O.R.E. The council reviewed his claim and referred it to the city's attorney to respond.

The last item under new business concerned a reduction in the SRF interest paid by the city on its sewer revenue bonds. The clerk reported that the interest will be lowered from 3% to 1.75% for the remainder of the term. A resolution will need to be completed by the council to approve the rate reduction.

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Resolution No. 13-06, “Appropriation Transfer Between Activities Within Programs”, was presented to the council. A motion by Thom, seconded by Mortensen, was made to approve the budget amendments. The Mayor called for a roll-call vote. Kovarik: Aye; Mortensen: Ayes; Thom: Aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 13-07, “Administrative Budgetary Transfer”, was presented to the council. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, was made to approve the budget transfers. Roll Call: Ayes: Kovarik, Mortensen, Thom. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 13-08, “A Resolution Setting the Salaries for Employees of the City for the Year 2013/2014”, was presented to the council. A motion by Thom, seconded by Kovarik, was made to approve the employee salaries. Roll Call: Ayes: Kovarik, Mortensen, Thom. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 13-09, “Resolution Providing for Reduction of Interest Rate for Sewer Revenue Bond”, was presented to the council. A motion by Mortensen, seconded by Thom, was made to approve the interest reduction. Roll Call: Ayes: Kovarik, Mortensen, Thom. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Items discussed under good and welfare included the future extension of Main Street south, and the purchase of a new mosquito sprayer. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, to authorize the mayor to negotiate the purchase of a sprayer. Roll Call: All Ayes.

A motion by Mortensen, seconded by Thom, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Debra L. Thompson, City Clerk

Scott A. DeYoung, Mayor