

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, May 4, 2015

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members present: Kovarik, Macki, Thom, Mortensen, Mayor DeYoung, Taylor. Absent: None. Visitors: Joyce Williams, Barb McBreen, Joe Marchesano, Jo Lynn Lund.

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 opened for public comment the hearing to consider the sale of the property at 208 East Street, locally known as the old cannery. 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 Thom, to close the public hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor DeYoung asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 6th meeting. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Macki, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for Joyce Williams addressing the council concerning spraying the cemetery for dandelions.

Following is a summary of receipts for April: General Fund, \$86,749.26; Road Use Tax, \$5,942.32; Debt Service, \$9,605.36; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$.90; Garbage Utility, \$5,753.17; Water Utility, \$11,228.41; Sewer Utility, \$6,342.48. Total Receipts: \$125,621.90.

The following list of claims was presented to the council:

AG SOURCE	Analysis	694.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	3,467.39
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-April	5,576.82
BROWN SUPPLY CO.	Grates, Supplies	1,059.11
CAMBRIDGE LITTLE LEAGUE	FY15 Budget Allocation	1,500.00
DANKO	Foam Kit, Hand Pumps	1,057.72
DAVIS, MARVIN	Utility Deposit Refund	80.00
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	Legal Services (SRF)	650.00
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	2,462.33
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	Repairs	219.90
FOX ENGINEERING	Fees – Ind. Park	19,237.05
HEALTH ALLIANCE	Medical Premium	2,990.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	264.44
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC.	2014 Legislative Updates	750.00
IOWA ONE CALL	Service	20.70
I P E R S	Retirement	1,407.23
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Lawn Roller, Landscape Rake	171.67

A KING'S THRONE	Port. Restroom	77.00
MAIN STREET DESIGNS	LED Bulbs, Pole Decoration	2,493.43
MENARDS	Supplies	892.70
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	Hydrant, Supplies	3,054.30
PRECISION UNDERGROUND UTILITIES	Meter, Supplies	1,000.00
STATE TREASURER	1 st Qtr. Sales Tax	2,233.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Monthly Service	93.78
U.S. POSTMASTER	Billing Postage	102.00
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	Supplies	57.44
WAGES	Net Wages	6,824.20
WARG, DANIEL	Cemetery Maintenance	137.46
WELLMARK BC/BS	Dental Premium	<u>277.25</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS		\$58,850.92

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 expenditures report, bank reconciliation and police report were presented and approved by the council. The budget balances revenues report for April was not available for this meeting.

Reports from standing committees were asked for with Taylor reporting that the contractor the city had used for the appliance drop-off was no longer offering the service. The clerk reported that Ankeny Sanitation was increasing garbage rates by 4% effective July 1, and the council reviewed an update from Fox Engineering concerning the city's NPDES permit. Macki discussed extending a walking trail from the pond through the city and on adjoining property. The clerk reported that she had attended the SCEDG meeting in Huxley on April 23rd. The group is considering becoming part of the Keep Iowa Beautiful Hometown Pride Program. They will be meeting on May 14th at 9 a.m. in Gilbert to continue the discussion. The council discussed the status of the lease agreement with Lewis Law Firm for their building on Water Street. Mayor DeYoung indicated that he did not think that Lewis Law Firm was in a position at this time to end the contract. A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to authorize the mayor to negotiate a contract extension. Roll Call: All Ayes. Mayor DeYoung reported that he and Thom had met with an architect firm, FEH Associates, to prepare a conceptual plan for a new community center/multi-use building in the city. The building would house a community center that could potentially accommodate 150 people, the city hall and library. Potential funding was also discussed with Drew Kamp, Ames Chamber. Mayor DeYoung reported that he was applying for a technical assistance grant from the county to apply toward the fee for the conceptual plan. Mayor DeYoung also reported that he had an offer for Lot 3 of the Industrial Park and would be working on an agreement for that. He also reported that the paving of the industrial park started today. He had an

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estimate from Manatts to place crushed asphalt or millings on S. Water Street. The asphalt is coming from their Hwy. 69 project in Huxley. After discussion, a motion by Kovarik, seconded by Macki, to approve a contract with Manatts to place crushed asphalt on S. Water Street at a cost of \$16,100.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The first item under old business concerned the Cambridge Industrial Park. Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$75,950.88 for J&K Contracting was submitted. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, to approve the pay request. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The next item concerned the periodic annual exam being conducted by the State Auditor's office for the city for FY2014. As the deadline for completing the report for this exam is approaching, an extension of 3 months has been requested and granted.

The next item concerned amending the budget for the city for FY2015. After discussion, the council scheduled the public hearing to consider amending the budget for Monday, June 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Other items discussed under old business concerned the Prairie Meadows grant project, ATV registration forms and stickers, legislative updates for the city code, completion of the Little Free Library in Cambridge, and the Dollars for Scholars awards ceremony that is being held tonight. Mayor DeYoung reported that his wife, Michelle, will be attending and presenting the scholarship from the city.

The first item under new business concerned Skunk River Valley Days. Jo Lynn Lund, Cambridge Events Committee, addressed the council concerning the upcoming event. She discussed with the council the purchase of fireworks, the closing of certain streets during the weekend, and obtaining portable restrooms and garbage cans. She also discussed this year's parade route with the council. After discussion, a motion by Macki, seconded by Mortensen, to provide portable restrooms and garbage cans for the event. In addition, the council will make a donation of \$2,500 towards the fireworks. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The last item under new business concerned the 2015 Small City Workshops being held at various locations in Iowa in June. The workshops are sponsored by the Iowa League of Cities and this year's topic will be "Sustaining the Small City". Macki expressed an interest in attending one of the workshops.

Resolution No. 15-07, "Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property", was presented to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, was made to approve the sale of the property at 208 East Street to Berquist Properties. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Items discussed under Mayor/Council comments included a discussion concerning enforcement of traffic laws in the city, barking dog complaints, and storm safety for outdoor activities in the city.

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A motion by Macki, seconded by Mortensen, 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