

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, January 4, 2016

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members present: Todd, Mortensen, Kovarik, Thom, Pelz, Mayor DeYoung. Absent: None. Visitors: Dale Hennick, Barb McBreen, Michael Crumb, Tracey Crumb, Madison Lanza, Emily Lanza, Molly Cibbits.

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.

The first item on the agenda was the swearing in of newly elected council members. Tricia Todd and Zachary Pelz were sworn in by Mayor DeYoung to serve 4-year terms.

The next item was the appointment of the Mayor Pro-Tem, City Attorney and Standing Committees for the 2016 calendar year. A motion by Thom, seconded by Mortensen, to nominate Kovarik as Mayor Pro-Tem. Roll Call: All Ayes. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, to nominate Michael Lewis, Lewis Law Firm, as city attorney. Roll Call: All Ayes. The following council appointments to standing committees were made: Water-Mortensen; Sewer/Solid Waste-Pelz; Road-Kovarik; Cemetery/Park/Library-Todd; and Finance/Economic Development-Thom.

Mayor DeYoung asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 7th 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 thanking the Cambridge volunteer fire department and first responders for their rescue services for her mother-in-law, Erma Wilson, on New Years' Day.

Following is a summary of receipts for December: General Fund, \$12,273.04; TIF Fund, \$5,889.81; Road Use Tax, \$8,923.51; Debt Service, \$385.47; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$8,382.25; Garbage Utility, \$5,584.51; Water Utility, \$10,599.10; Sewer Utility, \$5,879.30. Total Receipts: \$57,906.99.

The following list of claims was presented to the council:

AG SOURCE	Analysis	567.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	3,425.43
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-December	5,833.05
BALLARD DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS	Scholarship	350.00
BIG 8 TYRE CENTER	Tractor Tires	1,450.00
CITY OF HUXLEY	¼ Police Contract	11,300.95
COUNTRY STORE (PARI INC.)	Charges (Mar.-Nov.)	2,897.11
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	2,733.30
FIDELITY BANK	Returned Item	124.16

FOX ENGINEERING	Fees – Ind. Park, NPDES Permit	529.88
GATEHOUSE MEDIA	Publishing	355.04
HAWKINS, INC.	Water Treatment	776.75
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	263.21
IOWA D O T	Sign	104.28
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSN.	Dues, Mutual Aid	539.00
I P E R S	Retirement	1,400.04
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	259.35
KIMTEK CORPORATION	Unimog Skid	7,585.00
MENARDS	Heater, Supplies	228.90
STATE TREASURER	4 th Qtr. State W/H	1,168.00
STORY COUNTY AUDITOR	Election Expenses	1,072.44
THOMPSON, DEBRA	Reimb. Mileage & Expenses	162.98
U.S. CELLULAR	Monthly Service	93.66
U.S. POSTMASTER	Billing Postage	140.00
USA BLUE BOOK	Hose, Supplies	491.79
WAGES	Net Wages	7,204.14
WELLMARK BC/BS	Dental Premium	<u>192.80</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS		\$51,248.26

After discussion, a motion by Thom, seconded by Mortensen, 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 accepted by the council.

The monthly correspondence was reviewed, including emergency contact information for Alliant Energy.

Reports from standing committees were asked for with the council discussing the blocked intake at W. 4th and Park Streets, the updated compliance schedule for the city's NPDES permit as prepared by Fox Engineering, and snow removal. Mayor DeYoung reported that we will be working with Dorsey & Whitney to guide us through the process of updating the city's urban renewal plan and the potential for using TIF funds to help finance the proposed new community/multi-use center. A motion by Thom, seconded by Kovarik, to hire Dorsey & Whitney to assist with these items. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The first item under old business concerned renewal of health and dental insurance policies for city employees. The clerk reported that the city was changing to Wellmark BC/BS for health, dental and vision insurance for the 2016 calendar year. Their premium is an 11% increase from the previous provider.

The last item under old business concerned updating the city code to address yard setbacks for accessory buildings, and to look into the issue of keeping bees in residential areas. Thom distributed sample code revisions provided by Iowa Codification related to beekeeping. They currently don't have anything related to yard setbacks for accessory buildings. Mayor DeYoung asked the council to review the material for discussion at the next regular council meeting. The council discussed the issue of yard setbacks for accessory buildings and decided not to pursue a change in city code at this time.

Applications for renewal of their liquor license and beer permit were submitted by Cambridge Country Store (Pari Inc.). After reviewing the applications, a motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, to approve both renewals. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The next item under new business concerned prosecution of a cigarette violation for Cambridge Country Store. The clerk reported that a Huxley PD undercover operation resulted in the sale of vapor products to a minor at the store in October, 2015. The clerk pled guilty and has paid a fine for the violation. The Iowa Department of Justice is asking if the city would like to pursue civil action against the store for the violation, or let the DOJ handle the matter. After discussion, the council decided not to pursue further action against Cambridge Country Store.

The last item under new business concerned preparation of the budget for the city for FY2016/17. The council set the date for the first budget work session for Monday, January 18, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Items discussed under Mayor/Council comments included a discussion of recent flooding, and the sale of the lot at the corner of 4th & Sycamore Street. A home will be brought in, then placed on a foundation in the spring. Mortensen reported that little league registration has started. Applications are available on-line, at City Hall, or by calling him at (515) 202-9838. The deadline for returning completed forms in the end of February.

A motion by Thom, seconded by Todd, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Debra L. Thompson, City Clerk

Scott A. DeYoung, Mayor

