

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, July 7, 2014

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members present: Mortensen, Taylor, Kovarik, Macki, Thom, Mayor DeYoung. Absent: None. Visitors: Dale Hennick, Barb McBreen, Kevin O'Connor, Richard Scott, Larry Purvis, Ruth Purvis, Joe Marchesano.

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 2nd meeting. A motion by Macki, seconded by Kovarik, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for with Mayor DeYoung stating that Kevin O'Connor, 215 Water Street, had requested a hearing with the council concerning the junk vehicle violation notice he received. Mr. O'Connor stated that he had received a violation notice for an unregistered storage truck, camper, boat/trailer and another trailer. The trailers are all registered, and he intends to keep one of them. The camper has been sold, and the other items he has listed for sale. He has parked the items behind his buildings on Water Street in a "compound" fashion to try and cut down on the incidents of vandalism, theft and trespassing he has experienced. When the items are gone, he would like to extend his north fence to be even with the one he has at 209 Water. He asked for additional time to sell the remaining items: August for the storage truck, and September for the boat/trailer. He will scrap any items that don't sell by that time. The council had no objection to allowing the additional time.

Richard Scott, 516 Sycamore Street, addressed the council concerning the junk vehicle violation notice he received for a 2000 white Ford Ranger. First, he expressed his feelings about receiving the notice. He felt the city was micro-managing enforcement of the new code, and heavy-handed in the method of delivering the notice. He stated that the vehicle is worth \$1,800.00 and he had intended to repair it, with the help of family. He hasn't had that help, and will now send the truck to the junkyard. He asked the council to allow him an additional 30 days to get this done. The council had no objection to allowing the time.

Larry and Ruth Purvis, 300 S. Race Street, addressed the council concerning the flooding problems they continue to face during periods of heavy rain. Mr. Purvis stated that the drain tile is plugged in the field west of their property and something needs to be done. Mayor DeYoung responded that he had already talked with the public works director about the situation. CIT is coming this week to televise and clean the existing drain. After the source of the problem is determined, the council will discuss options to help alleviate it.

Following is a summary of receipts and transfers for June: General Fund, \$11,774.17; Road Use Tax, \$7,611.27; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$16,001.16; Garbage Utility, \$6,517.22;

Water Utility, \$59,727.65; Sewer Utility, \$5,488.71. Total Receipts and Transfers: \$118,484.60.

The following list of claims was presented to the council:

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| AG SOURCE | Analysis | 582.25 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | Monthly Service | 3,025.25 |
| ANKENY SANITATION | Service-June | 5,617.25 |
| CITY OF AMES | ½ Solid Waste Contract | 3,762.85 |
| CITY OF HUXLEY | ¼ Police Contract | 11,079.73 |
| COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP. | Lagoon Chemical | 385.99 |
| VALLERIE CORY ESTATE | Utility Deposit Refund | 55.95 |
| DANKO | Gear, Hose | 1,696.45 |
| EFTPS | Fed. & FICA W/H | 2,370.29 |
| ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING | Repairs, Tower Fees | 1,536.20 |
| FELD FIRE | Wildland Gear, Supplies | 1,808.00 |
| FIDELITY BANK | Returned Items | 230.00 |
| HACH | Testing Supplies, Lagoon Sampler | 3,930.03 |
| HAWKINS | Water Treatment | 596.84 |
| HEALTH ALLIANCE | Medical Premium | 2,669.00 |
| HEARTLAND CO-OP | Diesel, Roundup | 1,909.68 |
| HOKEL MACHINE SUPPLY | Medical Oxygen, Stamp Set | 98.13 |
| HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS | Monthly Service | 263.99 |
| INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER | Supplies | 23.92 |
| INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF UPPER IOWA | Supplies | 111.60 |
| I.C.A.P. | FY2015 Insurance Renewal | 10,676.53 |
| IOWA D N R | Annual Water Supply Fee | 96.69 |
| IOWA D O T | Signs, Gas Cans | 1,685.36 |
| IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES | Annual Dues | 607.00 |
| I.M.W.C.A. | FY2015 Worker's Comp. Renewal | 6,419.00 |
| I P E R S | Retirement | 1,285.94 |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL | Flag Pole, Supplies | 125.96 |
| KAY PARK RECREATION | Trash Cans (Pond) | 1,475.00 |
| LOWE'S | Staking Supplies | 103.53 |
| MAIN STREET DESIGNS | Pole Decorations | 1,399.99 |
| MENARDS | Rebar, Supplies | 428.30 |
| QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK | Supplies (2 mo.) | 287.42 |
| RACOM CORPORATION | Lights for Truck | 2,139.74 |
| SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY | SCBA Testing, Service | 834.30 |

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| STAPLES | Office Supplies | 107.08 |
| STATE TREASURER | 2 nd Qtr. State W/H | 905.00 |
| STEPHENS MEDIA IOWA | Publishing | 392.04 |
| U.S. CELLULAR | Monthly Service | 93.33 |
| U.S. POSTMASTER | Billing Postage | 115.60 |
| VAN WALL EQUIPMENT | Tiller | 329.95 |
| WAGES | Net Wages | 6,670.92 |
| WARG, DAN | Cemetery Maintenance | 366.02 |
| WARG, DAN | Floor Maintenance | 340.00 |
| WELLMARK BC/BS | Dental Premium | <u>192.80</u> |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | | \$78,153.06 |

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, 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 Dale Hennick reporting that Don Erickson would be attending his first water class in August to work towards certification. Mayor DeYoung reported that recent rains indicate that the new storm drain system is working. The city received a warning about the level of the Skunk River and the possibility of basement flooding, and that didn't happen like it did in 2010. The council reviewed the contract for engineering services related to determining how the city will meet new requirements for the sewer permit. After discussion, a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Macki, to approve the contract at a price not to exceed \$10,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. Public Works Director Hennick reported that the west portion of the cemetery addition has been staked and is ready for use. Mayor DeYoung reported that the ICS project is moving forward.

The first item under new business concerned the insurance renewal for the city for FY2015. The council reviewed the proposal by ICAP at a rate of \$10,676.53. A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to decline excess liability coverage. Roll Call: All Ayes. A motion by Macki, seconded by Kovarik, to approve the standard renewal from ICAP at the rate listed above. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The last item under new business concerned a running event that will use city streets. Mayor DeYoung reported that he had been contacted by the race director for the Rival Game Relay. The event will be held September 11th -12th before the Iowa/Iowa State football game. The council reviewed the route maps. Mayor DeYoung reported that they are also looking for local volunteers to cheer on the runners, pass out water and give directions.

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Resolution No. 14-07, “Appropriation Transfer Between Activities Within Programs”, was presented to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by Kovarik, was made to approve the budget transfers. Roll Call: Ayes: Kovarik, Macki, Mortensen, Taylor, Thom. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 14-08, “Administrative Budgetary Transfer”, was presented to the council. A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, was made to approve the budget transfers. Roll Call: Ayes: Kovarik, Macki, Mortensen, Taylor, Thom. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 14-09, “Resolution Setting the Salaries for Employees of the City for the Year 2014/15”, was presented to the council. A motion by Thom, seconded by Kovarik, was made to approve the resolution. Roll Call: Ayes: Kovarik, Macki, Mortensen, Taylor, Thom. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comments from the Mayor and Council included a complaint about the starting time of the fireworks during Skunk River Valley Days, and about the ATV park. The council also discussed home insurance rates in the city, the water rate increase, and the standing water at 4th & Race Streets.

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