

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, March 7, 2016

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members present: Kovarik, Mortensen, Todd, Thom, Mayor DeYoung. Absent: Pelz. Visitors: Joe Marchesano, Rhiannon Taylor, Carol Payne, Kevin O'Connor.

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 proposed budget for the city for FY2017. No comments were brought forward by residents in attendance, and no written comments were received prior to the hearing. A motion by Thom, seconded by Kovarik, to close the public hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor DeYoung opened for public comment the hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the city's Urban Renewal Plan. No comments were brought forward by residents in attendance, and no written comments were received prior to the hearing. A motion by Kovarik, 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 February 8th meeting. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Todd, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for with Carol Payne discussing the condition of a property in Cambridge with the council. Kevin O'Connor addressed the council concerning the availability of funds to help with building maintenance in the city's business district.

Following is a summary of receipts for February: General Fund, \$10,635.82; TIF Fund, \$1,069.40; Road Use Tax, \$8,547.90; Debt Service, \$69.91; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$3,152.03; Garbage Utility, \$6,289.74; Water Utility, \$10,017.88; Sewer Utility, \$6,346.64. Total Receipts: \$46,129.32.

Following is a summary of expenditures for February: General Fund, \$22,441.14; Road Use Tax, \$6,375.12; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$2,556.71; Garbage Utility, \$5,715.35; Water Utility, \$4,992.89; Sewer Utility, \$1,461.71. Total Expenditures: \$43,542.92.

The following list of claims was presented to the council:

AG SOURCE	Analysis	821.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	4,187.56
AMES OUTDOOR SUPPLY	Filters	371.40
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-February	5,744.75
AWWA-IA	Course Fee	190.00
CAMBRIDGE VOL. FIRE DEPT.	2015 Fire/Rescue Calls	3,525.00

CAMBRIDGE VOL. FIRE DEPT.	Reimb. Truck Repair	333.28
DOOR & FENCE STORE	Receiver	35.00
DOUGLAS, ANDREW	Utility Deposit Refund	83.67
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	2,551.72
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	Pager Repair	128.95
GATEHOUSE MEDIA	Publishing	128.19
HAWKINS, INC.	Water Treatment	291.25
HOKEL MACHINE SUPPLY	Supplies	12.42
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	266.69
I P E R S	Retirement	1,434.01
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	62.94
MENARDS	Supplies (Comm. Center)	1,040.24
MOMAR	Course Fee	30.00
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	Supplies	304.09
STATE AUDITOR	Periodic Exam Fee	1,200.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/ MATT PARROTT	Printing Order	483.67
STUMBO & ASSOCIATES	Surveying Service	3,012.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Monthly Service	93.91
U.S. POSTMASTER	Billing Postage	105.00
WAGES	Net Wages	6,890.58
WELLMARK BC/BS	Health Premium	<u>3,338.29</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS		\$36,665.86

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.

Reports from standing committees were asked for with the clerk reporting that one of the blower motors at the lagoon was out. Public Works Director Dale Hennick is looking into rebuilding it if possible. The council reviewed the bids received at the March regular meeting for the storm drain project on Park Street. As the bids were not calculated for the same specifications, Mayor DeYoung asked Precision Underground to rebid. The council reviewed the three bids. A motion by Todd, seconded by Kovarik, to hire Precision Underground to complete the storm drain project on Park Street at a cost of \$24,566.40. Roll Call: All Ayes. The clerk submitted a proposal from Dan Warg to mow the cemetery for the 2016 season. The council tabled action on the proposal until the April regular meeting.

The first item under old business concerned updating the city code related to keeping bees in residential areas. After researching the issue, Thom recommended that a

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section be added to the city's existing nuisance statutes to prohibit the keeping of bees within the city limits. Existing hives/boxes would be grandfathered and allowed to stay. After reviewing the proposed section, the council approved the code amendment and directed the clerk to prepare the ordinance.

The next item under old business concerned preparation of the budget for the city for FY2016/2017. The clerk reported that the FY2016 budget amendment will be prepared for the May regular council meeting.

The last item under old business concerned the proposed purchase of the property on Race Street next to the city's maintenance buildings from the Nazareth Lutheran Church. The public hearing to consider this purchase will be held on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Items discussed under new business included a dilapidated property in the city, and the sale of the remaining lots in the Industrial Park.

Resolution No. 16-02, "Adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes", was presented to the council. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, was made to approve the budget for the city for FY2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Kovarik, Mortensen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16-03, "Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Cambridge Urban Renewal Area", was presented to the council. A motion by Thom, seconded by Todd, to approve the plan amendment. Roll Call: Ayes: Kovarik, Mortensen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Items discussed under Mayor/Council comments included an e-mail received by the Mayor requesting that the ban on guns on public property be lifted, and parking at the ball diamonds.

A motion by Thom, seconded by Kovarik, 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

