

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, September 3, 2013

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members present: Mortensen, Taylor, Thom, Mayor DeYoung, Kovarik. Absent: Macki. Visitors: Dale Hennick, Drew Kamp.

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 August 5th meeting. A motion by Thom, seconded by Taylor, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for with Drew Kamp introducing himself as the Director of Story County Community Outreach for the Ames Chamber. He was awarded a one-year contract by the Board of Supervisors to work with 11 cities in the county on economic development resources and opportunities. He will be reporting to the Board twice a month and providing a formal report annually on his activities.

Following is a summary of receipts for August: General Fund, \$8,673.43; Road Use Tax, \$8,019.01; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$1,251.21; Garbage Utility, \$6,618.63; Water Utility, \$12,192.07; Sewer Utility, \$5,961.52. Total Receipts: \$42,715.87.

The following list of claims was presented to the council:

AG SOURCE	Analysis	694.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	3,436.22
ALLIED SYSTEMS, INC.	Lift Station Repair	1,037.47
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-August	5,627.45
BELLER DISTRIBUTING	Chemical	195.91
BIG 8 TYRE CENTER	Tire Repair	30.00
BROWN SUPPLY	Water Shut-offs	2,004.40
CAMB. VOL. FIRE DEPT.	Reimb. For Truck Repair	1,657.71
CENTRAL IOWA READY-MIX	Concrete	1,298.00
CENTRAL IOWA TELEVISIONING	Camera Sewer Main, Cutting Roots	4,350.00
CENTRAL IOWA TRADE SERVICES	Backhoe, Labor	3,000.00
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL	Chemical	1,477.90
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP.	Supplies	166.96
DORSEY & WHITNEY, LLP	Legal Services-SRF	5,000.00
DRAINTECH	Clean Sewer Main	390.00
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	2,667.55
FELD FIRE	Nozzle	306.00

HEALTH ALLIANCE	Medical Premium	2,383.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	268.94
IOWA D N R	Annual NPDES Permit Fee	210.00
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING	Traffic Control Signs	50.00
I P E R S	Retirement	1,402.74
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	59.89
A KING'S THRONE	Port. Restrooms	100.00
LEWIS LAW FIRM	Legal Services	300.00
LOWE'S	Bulbs	43.62
LUCKY STOP	June & July Charges	817.93
MENARDS	Supplies	531.53
MOODY ELECTRIC, INC.	Supplies	902.41
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	Storm Drain, Supplies	1,184.30
QUICK'S HARDWARE HANK	Supplies	214.64
RYERSON'S	Supplies	63.31
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	Property Taxes	1,894.00
STUMBO & ASSOCIATES	Drafting & Fieldwork	2,500.00
SWANSON, NICK	Net Wages	1,020.87
THOMPSON, DEBRA	Reimb. For Stamps & Copy Order	562.99
TOTAL TOOL	Cutter Wheel	13.56
TRI AIR TESTING	SCBA Maintenance	154.00
USA BLUE BOOK	Supplies	187.45
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	Supplies	68.14
VETTER EQUIPMENT	Repair Fuel Gauges	317.47
WAGES	Net Wages	5,639.53
WELLMARK BC/BS	Dental Premium	<u>192.80</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS		\$54,422.68

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 for July and August, bank reconciliation and police report were presented and approved by the council.

Reports from standing committees were asked for with the council considering entering into a maintenance agreement with Central Iowa Televising for sewer main maintenance. They are offering a 5-year contract with a \$3,000.00 per year minimum. The council reviewed the list of service rates. A motion by Thom, seconded by Mortensen, to enter into a contract with CIT for 5 years at a minimum rate of \$3,000.00 per year for sewer main maintenance services. Roll Call: All Ayes. The council also discussed the sewer back-up claims. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Mortensen, to

reimburse Don and Jane Rohde for their insurance deductible for the January 19th back-up, provided they will sign a waiver of liability for the payment. Roll Call: All Ayes. Public Works Director Dale Hennick reported that he had an estimate of \$3,890.00 for replacement of the effluent flow meter at the lagoon. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, to table this item until budget workshops later in the year. Roll Call: All Ayes. The council discussed solid waste violations for two properties in the city. The council discussed the request from the Park Board to purchase and place “kid timbers” around the play equipment in the park. Public Works Director Hennick reported that the 4’ lengths included 1 spike for installation and that the timbers currently in the park are the 6’ length and quality. After discussion, a motion by Kovarik, seconded by Mortensen, to purchase 360’ of the 6’ timbers, spikes, and pea gravel at an approximate cost of \$5,490.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. Public Works Director Hennick reported that the staking of the cemetery addition was done. The council discussed seeding and fencing of the addition. Hennick submitted a proposal from Des Moines Steel Fence for \$10,540.00 for 1,240’ of chain link fence and 1 double gate for the west and south sides of the addition. The council tabled scheduling this work until FY2015. The council discussed changes in the city’s bank accounts, and the Ballard Business Association, including their new website and the golf outing.

The first item under old business concerned the update of the city code. Thom reported that Planning & Zoning had met on August 26th to begin their review of the code. They divided the code into sections for each member to read and review. They will meet again on September 16th. Some of the issues raised by P & Z concerned a city curfew, regulations for solicitors, and a time limit for parking at the Veteran’s Memorial. Thom suggested a limit of 2 hours, the same as for the city park. The council approved and Public Works Director Hennick will look into getting the signs.

The next item concerned the application for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds for a safe room for the city. Mayor DeYoung reported that the application had been returned because it was too large for the \$1 million grant limit. He will resubmit with a smaller plan. The council discussed potential locations for the construction. A fee agreement letter from Struxture Architects was submitted to the council for their services on this project. After reviewing the letter, the council had questions concerning the fee structure. Mayor DeYoung will contact them and clarify. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Thom, to authorize the mayor to sign the fee agreement letter. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The last item under old business was a request from Aaron and Cassie Croker to close and purchase the east/west alley adjoining their property at 307 East Street. Mortensen reviewed the plat and the location of the utilities in the affected alleys. After further discussion, Mayor DeYoung asked for a roll call vote from the council about pursuing this matter further: Kovarik, no; Thom, no; Taylor, no; Mortensen, no. The council decided to leave the alley as is.

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The first item under new business concerned regular city elections on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. The clerk reported that nomination papers for the mayor and three council positions are available now. The deadline for submitting completed papers is Thursday, September 19, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. A notice will be published in the Tri-County Times and posted at the usual places.

An application for a beer permit was submitted by Pari, Inc., dba Cambridge Country Store, effective October 1, 2013. After discussion, a motion by Thom, seconded by Kovarik, to approve the permit. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The next item under new business was the contract from Story County Animal Control for animal rescue services for FY2014. The clerk reported that there are no changes in the contract from last year. A motion by Kovarik, seconded by Taylor, to approve the contract. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The next item concerned vacancies on the city's Board of Adjustment. Mayor DeYoung reported that there are two vacancies on the board and nominated Kathy Thom and Dan Soda to fill the positions for their meeting scheduled for September 4th. The council had no objection and the nominations were approved.

The clerk reported that Jolene Randall, Knapp-Tedesco, had reported that there would be a 12% in the city's health insurance premiums with the current provider and asked if the council would like to shop it out to other companies. After discussion, the council asked to renew with the current provider.

The last item under new business concerned the Story County Freedom Rock that will be located in Maxwell. They are looking for sponsors for the project, and the clerk distributed the information and application forms.

Items discussed under good and welfare included an interest in allowing residents to keep chickens in the city. Taylor will look into it and bring a proposal to the council.

A motion by Thom, seconded by Kovarik, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Debra L. Thompson, City Clerk

Scott A. DeYoung, Mayor