

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, September 2, 2014

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members present: Macki, Taylor, Kovarik, Thom, Mayor DeYoung, Mortensen. Absent: None. Visitors: Dan Soda, Shelly Soda, Larry Purvis, Ruth Purvis, Jackie Kahler, Dale Hennick, Nathan Hovland, Steve Pelz, Susan Roberts, Ryan Schlater.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 with Larry and Ruth Purvis, 300 S. Race Street, addressing the council concerning flooding on their property. Mr. Purvis stated that 3 years of flooding due to a blocked or broken drain tile has caused damage to the grass, trees and outbuildings, including the loss of a welder. He also stated that the city acquired that drain tile in 2012 and that should have been plenty of time to have it repaired. He presented the council with photos and receipts for damages, and asked if the council would consider helping with the repairs. He does not yet have an estimate for repairing the welder. Mayor DeYoung asked him to get an estimate for the welder for the next council meeting, and indicated that the council would review his information.

Steve Pelz addressed the council with a proposal to paint the fire station. Mayor DeYoung referred his proposal to standing committees. He also asked about operating 4-wheelers on city streets. Nathan Hovland asked about operating snowmobiles on city streets. Mayor DeYoung responded that snowmobiles are allowed on the Heart of Iowa trail in the winter. They have a marked route from the trail to the gas station and are covered under the liability insurance for the trail.

Following is a summary of receipts for August: General Fund, \$11,999.93; Road Use Tax, \$9,381.40; Debt Service, \$125.59; C.U.T. Fire Fund, \$.80; Garbage Utility, \$5,563.58; Water Utility, \$10,304.36; Sewer Utility, \$5,163.47. Total Receipts: \$45,316.13.

The following list of claims was presented to the council:

AG SOURCE	Analysis	1,325.75
ALLIANT ENERGY	Monthly Service	3,273.15
ANKENY SANITATION	Service-August	5,678.29
BIG 8 TYRE CENTER	Repair	24.90
BROWN SUPPLY CO.	Storm Sewer Supplies, Repair Kit, Hose	1,194.50
CAMB. COUNTRY STORE	Charges (April-August)	2,523.45

COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP.	Root Control	477.44
CORY, RALPH	Replace Siding	2,858.72
CRETEX	Man Hole Supplies	1,268.00
DMACC	Water Treatment Course	450.00
LOLL, DENNIS	Appraisal	1,250.00
DOOR & FENCE STORE	Replace Overhead Doors	4,656.00
EFTPS	Fed. & FICA W/H	3,324.78
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	Pager Repairs	257.80
FELD FIRE	Compressor Service	600.00
FOX ENGINEERING	Consult-NPDES Permit	4,477.56
HAWKINS	Water Treatment	1,252.40
HEALTH ALLIANCE	Medical Premium	2,669.00
HUFF, DANA E	Utility Deposit Refund	80.00
HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Monthly Service	265.33
I A W E A	Course Fee	180.00
IOWA D O T	Supplies	38.02
IOWA ONE CALL	Service	22.70
I P E R S	Retirement	1,774.88
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	129.95
JOHNSON, JUSTIN	Utility Deposit Refund	80.00
A KING'S THRONE	Port. Restrooms	104.00
LOWE'S	Supplies	66.42
MENARDS	Supplies	345.56
LL PELLING CO.	Street Maintenance	41,120.45
PREFERRED PEST CONTROL	Inspect & Treat Bees	250.00
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	Property Taxes	1,068.00
TOTAL TOOL	Blower, Gas Cans	210.80
TRI AIR TESTING	SCBA Service	157.00
U.S. CELLULAR	Monthly Service	93.20
U.S. POSTMASTER	Billing Postage	115.60
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	Trimmer, Supplies	498.92
VETTER EQUIPMENT	Supplies	114.78
WAGES	Net Wages	6,751.30
WARG, DAN	Cemetery Maintenance	396.50
WELLMARK BC/BS	Dental Premium	192.80
WHEELER, LUCAS	Utility Deposit Refund	<u>80.00</u>
 TOTAL CLAIMS		 \$91,697.95

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

Reports from standing committees were asked for with Public Works Director Dale Hennick addressing the council concerning providing utilities to the trailer court. It is currently for sale, and Hennick asked for council approval to return to using a master meter system and billing the new owner for water, sewer and garbage. He indicated that maintaining individual meters on the trailers was costly. Several are not insulated and maintained properly and require meter change out frequently. Others are blocking shut-offs and make disconnection for non-payment impossible. After discussion, the council approved returning to a master meter system October 15<sup>th</sup> and informing the current owner of the property. They also approved purchasing a new meter and bringing in a dumpster for trash. Nathan Hovland addressed the council concerning his property at 515 (115) Water Street. He reported that he has been clearing trees and boarding windows to hamper access to the building, and that he has a contract to tear down the building. He is waiting for financing to be approved to begin work. After discussion, Mayor DeYoung stated that if there is no resolution to this matter by the October meeting, the council will begin action to abate the nuisance. A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to table action to abate this nuisance until the next regular council meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The clerk reported that a trial date of December 9th has been set for the Rohde claim. She and the public works director have been in contact with the ICAP attorney representing the city in this matter. The council discussed street repairs at First and Water Streets and the drainage tile in the southwest corner of the city. Public Works Director Hennick reported that the Kubota is in need of front end repair. The cost to repair is about \$1,000.00. After discussion concerning repair versus replacement, a motion by Macki, seconded by Taylor, to approve repairing the Kubota. Roll Call: All Ayes. Macki gave the council an update on the pond project. Signs still need to be made, and he is planning a grand opening for mid-October. He will provide a date at the October meeting.

Mortensen reported that the city had been approved for the Trees Forever Grant. A check has been received in the amount of \$9,240.00 to plant 88 trees at the cemetery. The council set a date for Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. for planting of the trees, with a rain date of October 25<sup>th</sup>. Strautman Tree Farm will be providing the trees and planting them. Volunteers will be needed to help with the planting, and the council discussed making contacts, and other details for the project. Mayor DeYoung reported that three bids have been received for painting fire station. After reviewing the bids, a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Macki, to hire Steve Pelz to do the job at a cost of \$6,800.00, and to complete the work by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Roll Call: All Ayes. Mayor DeYoung reported that he had received an offer to purchase the old cannery property from Iowa Pole Transfer. They offered \$20,000 to purchase 2 acres of property. They would be constructing a 60x80 shop worth approximately \$200,000. Mayor DeYoung

asked for council approval to offer them a counter offer of \$70,000; \$20,000 of cash up front and a \$50,000 forgivable loan when the building is completed. This establishes a more reasonable value for the property. After discussion, a motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to approve making the counter offer as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. Mayor DeYoung reported that Pete Kaser, Cambridge Apartments, is putting together a project to construct a new 8-plex and garages at 312 Sycamore Street. He is asking for tax incentives from the city for the million-dollar project. A motion by Macki, seconded by Mortensen, to authorize the Mayor to negotiate the incentives for the project. Roll Call: All Ayes. Mayor DeYoung reported that the ICS project is funded and ready to go. We still need to complete the survey, land swap with the Co-op, and the infrastructure plan.

The clerk reported that representatives from the State Auditor's office would be in City Hall from September 2-4 to do a periodic annual exam for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The city was randomly drawn from the audit pool, and there would not be additional fees charged for the exam.

The next item under new business was the rescue services contract offered by Story County Animal Control for FY2015. No changes have been made to the contract. A motion by Thom, seconded by Macki, to approve the contract. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The next item concerned Story County E-911 Funding Grants. Mayor DeYoung reported that \$20,000.00 is available for FY2015 and the deadline for submission is November 10<sup>th</sup>. He will talk with the fire chief about submitting an application for radios.

The last item under new business concerned a discussion of UTV use on city streets. Mayor DeYoung reported that a complaint had led to the enforcement of state code to not allow the operation of the vehicles on city streets. City code could be amended to allow their use and he would like to begin a dialog to see if this would be a good option for Cambridge. Ryan Schlater addressed the council with a request for an exemption from state code for UTV's to be allowed for fire department and rescue calls. The council approved the exemption.

Items discussed under Mayor/Council comments included a missing speed limit sign and the removal of trees on S. Main Street. Mayor DeYoung asked the council to consider donating unused park budget funds to the American Legion for the restoration of the mural. After discussion, a motion by Macki, seconded by Kovarik, to donate \$500 to the project. Roll Call: All Ayes.

A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Debra L. Thompson, City Clerk

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Scott A. DeYoung, Mayor

