

City of Cambridge
City Council Meeting
Monday March 6, 2023
6:30 P.M.
Cambridge Community Building
722 Patterson St

Pursuant to notice published in the Valley Voice on Thursday March 2, 2023, the Cambridge City Council convened in open public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on March 6, 2023 at the Cambridge Community Building, 722 Patterson Street. Present were Mayor David Gunderson, City Council Members Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris entering late, and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent was City Council Member Nora McGowen. City Staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Courtney Stanton, City Attorney Lisa Shifflet entering late and Utility Supervisor David Houghtelling. Visitors present were Genny Kubik for the *Valley Voice*, Al Rogers for *Twin Valley Public Power*, Jodi Cobb, Jessica Fisher. Mayor Gunderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Gunderson announced the open meeting law is posted on the east wall of the meeting room and available for public inspection.

Consent Agenda: The City Council received a copy of the minutes February 20, 2023 and the claims report. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by John Kutnink, to approve minutes of February 20, 2023 and claims report. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Jeff Ommert, John Kutnink and Vernita Saylor; Jeff Ommert abstained from voting on the claim for Ommert Technologies and voted yes on all other claims presented; absent and not voting was Nora McGowen and Mike Harris. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

City of Cambridge
Claims Report
To Mayor and City Council
3/6/2023
Period 2/21/2023 to 3/06/2023

Check No.	Vendor, For	Amount	Dept. Total
	<u>Combined Utility</u>		
33215	Twin Valleys Public Power District, Purchased Power	187,367.89	
33216	Cambridge Post office, Postage	312.00	
33217-			
33219	Payroll	3,504.58	
33220	Ag Valley, Fuel	322.86	
33221	Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Health Insurance	8,643.89	
33222	Brico Pest Control, Spray Buildings	67.25	
33223	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	271.10	
33224	Cambridge Telephone Company, Utility	792.67	
33225	David Houghtelling, Vision Benefit	106.00	
33226	Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies	79.50	

33227	Municipal Supply, Repairs	2,526.20	
	Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Water		
33228	Testing	30.00	
33229	Northwestern Mutual, Annuity	3,174.83	
33230	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	333.61	
32231	Paper Tiger Shredding, Shred Paper	40.00	
32232	River Valley Services, Repairs	233.70	
32233	Southwest Farm & Auto, Supplies	62.55	
33234	Sundance Power Pole Inspections, Inspect Power Poles	4,196.87	
33235	USABLE Life, Insurance	81.00	
33236	Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	170.21	
ACH	Payroll	8,463.32	
Tr	City of Cambridge, Transfer Library Grant	336.20	
Tr	Water System Extension, Transfer	1,083.37	
Tr	Sewer Improvement, Transfer	1,000.00	
ACH	Nebraska Unemployment Tax	123.69	223,323.29
	<u>City of Cambridge</u>		
50851-			
50866	Payroll	3,121.00	
50867	Ag Spray Equipment, Supplies	185.53	
50868	Ag Valley, Fuel	215.47	
50869	Blooms Collectibles, Flowers	57.00	
50870	CAMAS Publishing, Publications	177.94	
50871	Cambridge Telephone Company, Utility	487.61	
50872	David Gunderson, Lodging, Mileage	674.04	
50873	FR Customs, LLS, deposit for Thermal Imaging System	3,350.00	
50874	Frontier, Police Phone	42.42	
50875	Furnas County Treasurer, Police Contract	5,008.32	
50876	Greg Howerter, Health Insurance Deductible	1.05	
50877	Hamel Repair, Repairs	129.75	
50878	Mark's Pharmacy, Ambulance Supplies	97.62	
50879	Matheson Tri-Gas, Oxygen	104.72	
50880	Minden Machine Shop, Repairs	1,098.00	
	Nebraska Department of Environmental quality,		
50881	Testing	80.00	
50882	NMC Exchange, Repairs	933.00	
50883	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	91.92	
50884	Sandry Fire, Equipment and Supplies	3,163.50	
50885	Stryker, Ambulance Supplies	149.95	
50886	Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	96.74	
ACH	Payroll	3,156.56	
ACH	Five points Bank, Library Copier Lease	129.47	
ACH	Nebraska Unemployment Tax	42.47	

TR	City of Cambridge, Transfers	36,166.67	
Tr	Fire/Ambulance Sinking Fund, Transfer	1,747.50	
ACH	Eakes Office Solutions, Copier Lease	146.84	60,655.09
	<u>LB840</u>		
4653	CAMAS Publishing, Publications	706.00	
4654	Cambridge Telephone Company, Utility	69.77	
4655	Furnas County Clerk, Filing Fee	40.00	
4656	Melissa Jackson, Contract	928.17	
4657	MP Design, Business of the Month Ad	87.50	
4658	Waypoint Bank, Down Payment Assistance	10,500.00	12,331.44
	Totals	296,309.82	296,309.82

Mike Harris entered.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees

A. Miller and Associates – Nothing to report

B. Economic Development Director Report – Nothing to report

C. Ambulance/Fire Reports – Cambridge Rescue Services Minutes January 23, 2023. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert to approve Cambridge Rescue Service minutes of January 23, 2023. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Mike Harris, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert and Vernita Saylor; absent and not voting was Nora McGowen. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

D. Planning Commission Reports –

E. Cemetery Report – Nothing to report.

F. Library Report – Library Board Minutes February 15, 2023. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor to approve Library Board minutes of February 15, 2023. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Mike Harris, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert and Vernita Saylor; absent and not voting was Nora McGowen. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

G. Museum Report – Nothing to report.

H. Park Board Report – Nothing to report.

I. Utility Supervisor Report – Dave Houghtelling reported new slide in the park has been ordered and should ship sometime in April. The city has been working on manholes with M&A in Harvest Meadows, should be fixed within the next week. Dave has been testing nitrate levels for BIC, which are to be done once a year.

J. City Clerk/Treasurer Report – Courtney Stanton reported utility accounts have internally been audited. During the internal audit there were a few errors found and corrected. One utility account will receive a refund due to not being on an all-electric rate. Debbi Runner with Rotary has requested a letter of recommendation from the city council. Swings in the park are needing to be replaced, will look into funding and replacing swings. Courtney will be attending clerk school March 12th -17th.

K. City Attorney – Nothing to report.

New Business:

- A.** Jodi Cobb Chairman for Medicine Creek Days Fireworks was present to ask for donations for the 2023 Medicine Creek Days Celebration. This year the total cost of fireworks is \$6,000.00 and the contract was negotiated at \$5,500.00. Jodi reported that the Committee is doing fundraisers. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert to approve giving \$2,000.00 for fireworks. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Mike Harris, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert and Vernita Saylor; absent and not voting was Nora McGowen. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.
- B.** Al Rogers was present to report on the 2023 Pole Testing Results. A total of 809 poles were tested. Out of those 71 had below ground heart or shell rot conditions. The overall rejection rate was 9%. The main concern was heart rot: 11 high priority poles and 31 medium priority change outs. Al will work with the city scheduling to work on the high priority poles and budgeting.
- C.** David Houghtelling, Utility Supervisor will be resigning in February 2024. The City of Cambridge will start open the job search now.
Lisa Shifflet entered late.
- D.** Sharla Laverack submitted an application to keep chickens. Sharla did not have permission from all property owners within 150 feet. Application was tabled. John Kutnink stated the motion, seconded by Kevin Banzhaf to table the application for Sharla Laverack to keep chickens. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Mike Harris, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert and Vernita Saylor; absent and not voting was Nora McGowen. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.
- E.** Kahshoe Enterprises, LLC SDL April 29, 2023. Mike Harris stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to approve SDL for April 29, 2023. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Mike Harris, Jeff Ommert, John Kutnink and Vernita Saylor; absent and not voting was Nora McGowen. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.
- F.** Cross Creeks Golf Links SDL March 31, 2023. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by John Kutnink, to approve SDL for March 31, 2023. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Mike Harris, Jeff Ommert, John Kutnink and Vernita Saylor; absent and not voting was Nora McGowen. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.
- G.** City of Cambridge Nuisance Abatement Agreement 2023 was approved with correction of end date. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve Nuisance Abatement Agreement 2023 with correction of end date. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Mike Harris, Jeff Ommert, John Kutnink and Vernita Saylor; absent and not voting was Nora McGowen. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.
- H.** Southwest Nebraska Land Bank Interlocal Agreement was discussed. Lisa Shifflet recommended the City Council review the amount of funds and agreement. If the City of Cambridge chooses to move forward with joining the Land Bank they would then move forward with approving ordinances.
- I.** Schaben Sanitation is doing the annual price adjustments based on the CPI increase will be 5.99% according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Effective April 1, 2023. Courtney Stanton, City Clerk did reach out to Schaben Sanitation for further information regarding how the CPI increase is figured. Ordinance No. 814 an Ordinance amending section 7-502, sanitation department; collection by contractor for the City of Cambridge revised municipal ordinances 2020; repealing Ordinance No. 803; repealing any ordinances in conflict; setting effective date. First reading.

John Kutnink stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 814. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Mike Harris, Jeff Ommert, John Kutnink and Vernita Saylor; absent and not voting was Nora McGowen. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

- J. Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services Harvest Meadows Tenth Subdivision was reviewed. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by John Kutnink, to approve Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services Harvest Meadows Tenth. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Mike Harris, Jeff Ommert, John Kutnink and Vernita Saylor; absent and not voting was Nora McGowen. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

Adjournment:

Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by John Kutnink, to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. Voting yes were Kevin Banzhaf, Mike Harris, Jeff Ommert, John Kutnink and Vernita Saylor; absent and not voting were Nora McGowen. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

Attest: _____
Courtney Stanton, City Clerk/Treasurer

David Gunderson, Mayor