

City of Cambridge
 Regular City Council Meeting
 Monday March 7, 2022
 6:30 P.M.
 Cambridge Community Building, 722 Patterson Street

The Cambridge City Council met in open and public session at the Cambridge Community Building, 722 Patterson Street on Monday March 7, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. Present were Mayor David Gunderson, City Council Members Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent were Council Members Vernita Saylor and Derek Raburn. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Kandra Kinne, Utility Supervisor David Houghtelling, City Attorney Lisa Shifflet and Economic Development Director Melissa Jackson. Visitors present were John Kutnink for the Cambridge EMTs, Genny Kubik for *The Valley Voice* and Jessica Fisher for *Tri Valley Health System*, Trevor Kubik and Brad Williams. Mayor Gunderson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Gunderson announced the Open Meeting Act is posted on the east wall of the meeting room and available for public inspection. Affidavit of Publication: Notice of the meeting was published in the Valley Voice on Thursday March 3, 2022, the designated method of giving notice. A copy is available at the office of the City Clerk and attached to these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of February 21, 2022 and the claims report. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve the minutes of February 21, 2022, and the claims report. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf; absent and not voting were Vernita Saylor and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present for the minutes of February 21, 2022, and the following claims:

<i>City of Cambridge</i>			
<i>Claims Report</i>			
<i>To Mayor and City Council</i>			
<i>7-Mar-22</i>			
<i>Period 02/22/2022 TO 03/07/2022</i>			
Check No.	Vendor, For	Amount	Dept. Total
<u>Combined Utility:</u>			
32598	Customer Refund Over Payment	42.42	
32599	Customer Refund Over Payment	101.12	
32660	Cambridge Post Office, Postage	284.61	
32601-32604	Payroll	4,750.21	
32605	void	0.00	
32606	Ag Valley, Fuel	1,290.61	
32607	BIC, Purchased Water	2,179.70	
32608	Brico Pest Control, Spray buildings	67.25	
32609	void	0.00	
32610	void	0.00	

32611	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	999.51	
32612	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	766.30	
32613	Employee Flex Spending	418.32	
32614	Diamond Vogel, Paint	287.42	
32615	Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies	30.45	
32616	Employee Vision	299.00	
32617	Hometown Leasing, Copier Lease	641.74	
32618	Municipal Supply, Water Dept. Supplies	4,830.41	
32619	Nebraska Public Health, Water Testing	30.00	
32920	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	333.61	
32621	River Valley Services, Repairs	310.79	
32622	Schaben Sanitation, Trash Pickup	13,972.09	
32623	Security Deposit Account, Refund Over Payment	28.60	
32624	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs	65.63	
32625	Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	171.63	
32626	Western Area Power Administration, Purchased Power	5,205.05	
ACH	Payroll	4,942.82	
ACH	American Family Life, Insurance	228.24	
ACH	Nebr. Dept. Revenue, State With holdings	920.11	
ACH	City of Cambridge, Utility	3,936.43	
ACH	Black hills Energy, Utility	1,100.88	
ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings	3,036.71	51,271.66
	<u>Security Deposit Account:</u>		
2063-2080	Security Deposit Refunds	4,225.00	4,225.00
	<u>City Account (General Fund):</u>		
49877-49890	Payroll	2,990.48	
49891	Ag Valley, Fuel	88.08	
49892	Amazon, Library Supplies	904.30	
49893	Amazon, Library Computers	3,990.00	
49894	Anew Travel Center, Fuel	169.61	
49895	Baker & Taylor, Library Books	383.54	
49896	Bound Tree Medical, Ambulance Supplies	160.68	
49897	CAMAS Publishing, Publications	402.75	
49898	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	59.27	
49899	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	496.92	
49900	Frontier, Police Phone	42.42	
49901	Furnas County Treasurer, Contract Law Enforcement	4,862.45	
49902	Gale, Library Books	158.63	
49903	Harlequin Reader Service, Library Reader Service	39.96	
49904	Maria Downer, Library Facebook Ads	18.00	
49905	Mark's Pharmacy, Ambulance Supplies	7.45	

49906	Matheson Tri Gas, Ambulance Oxygen	104.72	
49907	Mead Lumber, Fence Repairs	216.29	
49908	Employee Deductible	667.88	
49909	Miller & Associates, Consulting Service	1,155.00	
49910	Mother Earth News, Library Subscription	17.00	
49911	Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Attorney Fees	390.00	
49912	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	91.92	
49913	River Valley Services, Repairs	403.75	
49914	Scholastic, Library Subscription	190.48	
49915	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs	33.46	
49916	Stryker Sales, Ambulance Supplies	870.75	
49917	Time, Library Subscription	20.00	
49918	Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	97.25	
49919	Virginia Roberts, Reimburse for solar light	37.72	
49920	Employee Deductible	87.32	
ACH	Payroll	3,393.07	
ACH	Nebr. Dept. Revenue, State With holdings	63.75	
ACH	City of Cambridge, Utility	3,065.42	
ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings	1,253.07	
ACH	Black hills Energy, Utility	1,348.41	28,281.80
	<u>LB840/ Revolving Loan/ HTC:</u>		
4516	void	0.00	
4517	Cambridge Chamber, Meeting Meal	8.00	
4518	CAMAS Publishing, Publications	706.00	
4519	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	61.95	
4520	Flagship Publishing, Business Promotion	1,235.00	
4521	Furnas County Clerk, Filing Fee	40.00	
4522	Melissa Jackson, Contract	1,210.00	3,260.95
	Total:	87,039.41	87,039.41

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

a. Economic Development Director Report - Melissa Jackson advised Council of the following items: Internship grant for the Library; Down payment Assistance (3); Façade grants (2); a new housing rehab grant program was approved; three new houses will be under construction in Harvest Meadows this Spring. Melissa reported there will be three vacancies on the Citizen Advisory Board and replacements will be needed.

b. Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Report – Melissa Jackson requested \$1800 assistance for funding Medicine Creek Days fireworks. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to approve the City funding \$1,800 for Medicine Creek Days fireworks. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf; absent and not voting were

Vernita Saylor and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

c. Ambulance/Fire Reports – John Kutnink reported there were 14 runs in February. He also advised that power load cot training for EMTs was held last week. The upgrade will be delivered and installed.

d. Utility Supervisor Report - Dave Houghtelling reported on the following: a new generator cost for the upgrade will total \$226,885 as a result of the switchgear being separate from the generator. Kevin Banzhaf stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to approve the additional cost of \$28,200 to the generator project. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf; absent and not voting were Vernita Saylor and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present. Dave further reported that the sewer camera project is behind schedule due to the cold weather; flow at the sewer plant was restricted last week; the sewer jetter pump needs repairs; and that Dave and Mike Tomlin attended training in Kearney on backflow.

e. City Clerk/Treasurer Report – Kandra Kinne advised that the audit is nearly complete and the report will be ready at the next meeting. She also reported that a nuisance letter was sent to a citizen, and the Notice of Taxable Status from Furnas County Assessor was received.

f. Hospital Report – Jessica Fisher advised that Tri Valley Health System has free Covid Rapid Test Kits available for the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Kylie Koeppen – Permit to keep laying hens at 915 Niobrara Street - Kylie Koeppen has submitted a Permit Application to Keep Fowl and attached the permission form from neighboring residents. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve the Permit Application to Keep Fowl of Kylie Koeppen. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf; absent and not voting were Vernita Saylor and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

b. Ordinance No. 799 – An Ordinance amending the Cambridge, Nebraska Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations Reports of 2015, Revised August 2020; Amending Article 2, Section 2-503 Conditional Uses adding Automotive and Truck Sales; to repeal other conflicting ordinances and sections and direct the publication of this ordinance and to provide an effective date – First Reading. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to approve Ordinance No. 799 on first reading Amending Article 2, Section 2-503 Conditional Uses adding Automotive and Truck Sales. Mayor Gunderson read the Ordinance by title. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf; absent and not voting were Vernita Saylor and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present for the first reading of Ordinance No. 799.

C. Ho Jo's Special Designated Liquor Permit – April 9, 2022 – Kevin Banzhaf stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve the Special Designated Liquor Permit of Ho Jo's Hideaway for an event on April 9, 2022. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf; absent and not voting were Vernita Saylor and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

d. Cross Creek Golf Links Special Designated Liquor Permit – April 1, 2022 – Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to approve the Special Designated Liquor Permit of Cross Creek Golf Links for an event on April 1, 2022. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf; absent and not voting were Vernita Saylor and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

e. Employment Applications – No action.

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Miller & Associates – Pool Project – Mayor Gunderson reported on a Pool Construction Meeting held on March 2. The contractor advised that the project is on schedule. There is a 12-week delivery for the chemical tank. The contractor is trying to locate other supplies.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:05 p.m. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf; absent and not voting was Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

Attest: Kandra J. Kinne, City Clerk/Treasurer

David Gunderson, Mayor