

City of Cambridge  
City Council Meeting  
Monday May 15, 2023  
6:30 P.M.  
Cambridge Community Building  
722 Patterson St

Pursuant to notice published in the Valley Voice on Thursday May 11, 2023, the Cambridge City Council convened in open public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on May 15, 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, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. City Staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Courtney Stanton and City Attorney Lisa Shifflet. Visitors present were Jim McGowen, Leroy Hayes, and Genny Kubik. 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 May 1, 2023 and claims report. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to approve minutes of May 1, 2023 and claims report. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

City of Cambridge  
Claims Report  
To Mayor and City Council  
5/15/2023  
05/02/2023 to 05/15/2023

Claim Number	Check No.	Vendor, For	Amount	Dept. Total
<u>COMBINED UTILITY and City Account</u>				
1	33335	NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENV., WATER TESTING	64.00	
	33360-			
2	33362	Payroll	3,967.76	
3	33363	AG VALLEY, FUEL	370.59	
	33364	American Agricultural Lab, Analysis	289.75	
4	33365	Axxent Buildings, Library Door Replacement	1,689.20	
5	33366	Bethany Stritt, Deductible	67.24	
6	33367	BIC, PURCHASED WATER	3,152.40	
7	33368	Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Insurance	13,444.06	
8	33369	Brico Pest Control, Spray Buildings	238.00	
9	33370	CAMAS Publishing, Publications	672.83	
10	33371	Cambridge Baseball, Sponsorship Sign	25.00	
11	33372	Cambridge Chamber, Bingo Prize Chamber Bucks	25.00	
12	33373	Cambridge General Store, continue on next check	0.00	

13	33374	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	262.26
14	33375	Cambridge Post office, Box Rent	240.00
15	33376	Cambridge Supermarket, Supplies	11.55
16	33377	Cambridge Supermarket, Supplies	28.24
17	33378	Card member Services, Postage, Zoom, Meals	213.26
18	33379	CenturyLink, Police Phone	59.96
19	33380	Cody Gerlach, Reimburse for Baseball Caps	172.37
20	33381	Collaborative Summer, Story Hour Supplies	298.18
21	33382	Core & Main, Water Hydrant	784.37
22	33383	Faw Garage, Repairs	929.00
23	33384	Frontier, Police Phone	42.42
24	33385	Furnas County Rodeo, Ad	25.00
25	33386	Gale, Library Books	87.46
26	33387	Hawkins, Inc., Pool Chemicals	2,204.96
27	33388	Jeff Quinn, Magic Kits	30.00
28	33389	John MacLeod, Reimburse Lumber and Supplies	84.08
29	33390	Lord's, Inc., Supplies	85.97
30	33391	Master True Value, Mower Blades, Mulch, Repairs	1,356.76
31	33392	Mike Tomlin, Deductible	190.41
32	33393	Miller & Associates, Fees	2,345.00
33	33394	Miracle Recreation, Slide	3,100.70
34	33395	Nebraska Depart. of Environmental Quality, Water Testing	1,200.00
35	33396	Nebraska Overdrive, Library Service	650.64
36	33397	Northwestern Mutual, Annuity	3,139.73
37	33398	Paper Tiger Shredding, Shred Paper	40.00
38	33399	Pioneer Woman, Subscription	24.00
39	33400	River Valley Services, Repairs	143.34
40	33401	Ryan Cramer, Supplies	174.00
41	33402	Schaben Sanitation, Trash Contract	16,271.67
42	33403	Shirley K's Coffee Shop, Bingo Cards	80.30
43	33404	South Central Nebraska Baseball, Fees	225.25
44	33405	South Central Nebraska Baseball, Fees	150.00
45	33406	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs & Supplies	1,746.85
46	33407	Twin Valleys Public Power, Contract	5,010.93
47	33408	USABLE Life, Insurance	81.00
48	33409	VI aero Wireless, Library Hot Spots	326.50
49	33410	Western Area Power Administration, Purchased Power	6,060.65
50	ACH	Payroll	8,001.27
51	ACH	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, Sales Tax	7,712.16
52	ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings	3,535.32
53	ACH	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, State With holdings	581.51
54	ACH	Black Hills Energy, Utility	1,294.58

		TOTAL		93,007.48
			<u>CITY OF CAMBRIDGE</u>	
55	TR	Transfer Baseball Fees to Baseball Account	1,945.00	
			Total	1,945.00
			<u>CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TIF:</u>	
56	1185	Cline Williams, Attorney Fees	205.00	
			Total	205.00
			<u>LB840 Economic Development:</u>	
57	4677	Waypoint Bank, Down Payment Assistance	15,000.00	
58	4678	Cambridge Chamber, Bran Ad	22.50	
59	4679	Card Member Services, Meeting Meal, Software	97.94	
60	4680	Waypoint Bank, Down Payment Assistance	10,800.00	
		Total		25,920.44
		TOTAL	121,077.92	121,077.92

**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 – Nothing to report

**D.** Planning Commission Reports – Kevin Banzhaf stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2023. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present. Mike Harris stated the motion, seconded by John Kutnink, to amend prior motion to state with the exception of Conditional Use Permit. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

**E.** Cemetery Report – Nothing to report

**F.** Library Report – Nothing to report

**G.** Museum Report – Nothing to report

**H.** Park Board Report – Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by John Kutnink, to approve Park Board Tree Advisory Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2023. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

**I.** Utility Supervisor Report – Dave Houghtelling reported that the pool will be filled soon and boiler with be started up.

**J.** City Clerk/Treasurer Report – Courtney Stanton included Financial Statement for period ending April 30, 2023 and Sales Tax Report for May 2023 in the amount of \$44,652.70. Courtney asked the City

Council if they would like to change the format of the meeting agenda to include more items on the consent agenda.

**New Business:**

- A. Jim McGowen was present to discuss operations of the baseball field. Jim asked for clarification for who is responsible for the irrigation system, fertilizing and mowing. Jim also addressed the council about hiring a baseball director for the 2024 season and how it has worked in the past.
- B. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve Resolution No: 2023-05-01 Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2022-06-06-Declaration of Nuisance Property. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

**Resolution No: 2023-05-01**

**Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2022-06-06 – Declaration of Nuisance Property**

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge is engaged in a Nuisance Abatement process; and

WHEREAS, the City appointed West Central Nebraska Development District as Nuisance Officer; and

WHEREAS, WCNDD identified and confirmed that in its opinion a nuisance exists as defined by Federal, State, County or City law; and the City Council, at a regular meeting, identified nuisance property, supported by evidence; and

WHEREAS, WCNDD now has evidence that the nuisance violation declared in Resolution No. 2022-06-06, is abated and the property cleared of nuisances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cambridge, Nebraska, rescinds Resolution No. 2022-06-06 on the following property:

**2022 CAM 007 – 1021 North Street., Cambridge NE**

PASSED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2023.

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David Gunderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Courtney Stanton, City Clerk

Mike Harris stated the motion, seconded by John Kutnink, to approve Resolution No: 2023- 05-02 Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2022-08-10-Declaration of Nuisance Property. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

**Resolution No: 2023-05-02**

**Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2022–08–10 – Declaration of Nuisance Property**

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge is engaged in a Nuisance Abatement process; and

WHEREAS, the City appointed West Central Nebraska Development District as Nuisance Officer; and

WHEREAS, WCNDD identified and confirmed that in its opinion a nuisance exists as defined by Federal, State, County or City law; and the City Council, at a regular meeting, identified nuisance property, supported by evidence; and

WHEREAS, WCNDD now has evidence that the nuisance violation declared in Resolution No. 2022-08-10, is abated and the property cleared of nuisances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cambridge, Nebraska, rescinds Resolution No. 2022-08-10 on the following property:

**2022 CAM 008 – 1015 North St., Cambridge NE**

PASSED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2023.

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David Gunderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Courtney Stanton, City Clerk

Nora McGowen stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve Resolution No: 2023- 05-03 Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2022-06-08-Declaration of Nuisance Property. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

**Resolution No: 2023-05-03**

**Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2022–06–08 – Declaration of Nuisance Property**

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge is engaged in a Nuisance Abatement process; and

WHEREAS, the City appointed West Central Nebraska Development District as Nuisance Officer; and

WHEREAS, WCNDD identified and confirmed that in its opinion a nuisance exists as defined by Federal, State, County or City law; and the City Council, at a regular meeting, identified nuisance property, supported by evidence; and

WHEREAS, WCNDD now has evidence that the nuisance violation declared in Resolution No. 2022-06-08, is abated and the property cleared of nuisances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cambridge, Nebraska, rescinds Resolution No. 2022-06-08 on the following property:

**2022 CAM 010 – 921 Park Ave., Cambridge NE**

PASSED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2023.

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David Gunderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Courtney Stanton, City Clerk

Kevin Banzhaf stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve Resolution No: 2023- 05-04 Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2022-06-18-Declaration of Nuisance Property. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

**Resolution No: 2023-05-04**

**Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2022–06-18 – Declaration of Nuisance Property**

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge is engaged in a Nuisance Abatement process; and

WHEREAS, the City appointed West Central Nebraska Development District as Nuisance Officer; and

WHEREAS, WCNDD identified and confirmed that in its opinion a nuisance exists as defined by Federal, State, County or City law; and the City Council, at a regular meeting, identified nuisance property, supported by evidence; and

WHEREAS, WCNDD now has evidence that the nuisance violation declared in Resolution No. 2022-06-18, is abated and the property cleared of nuisances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cambridge, Nebraska, rescinds Resolution No. 2022-06-18 on the following property:

**2022 CAM 028 – 1105 Neosha St., Cambridge NE**

PASSED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2023.

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David Gunderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Courtney Stanton, City Clerk

**Adjournment:**

- C. Leroy Hayes was present for Cross Creeks Golf Links to address the council about purchasing equipment through the City of Cambridge to then lease to the Golf Course. Equipment to be purchased is a tractor around \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 and a mule around \$8,000. 00. Leroy stated the equipment they own right now is not working and needs to be replaced. John Kutnink stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to approve purchase of equipment through the City of Cambridge to be paid back through Golf Course income. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Courtney Stanton, City Clerk/Treasurer

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David Gunderson, Mayor