

City of Cambridge
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday June 6, 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 June 6, 2022 at 6:35 P.M. Present were Mayor David Gunderson, City Council Members, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. City Council Members Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor were absent. City Staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Kandra Kinne, Utility Supervisor David Houghtelling, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Courtney Stanton. Visitors present were Jessica Fisher for *Tri Valley Health System*; John Kutnick for *Cambridge Ambulance/EMT*; Taylor Lewis, Leroy Hayes, Joyce Deaver, Justin Kulwicki, Matt Sweeney, Waid Vontz for *Cross Creeks Golf Course*; Genny Kubik for *Valley Voice*; Howard Johnson for *Ho Jo Hideaway*, Abby Schulte, and Daniel Ebbers.

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 May 12, 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 May 16, 2022, May 27, 2022 and the claims report. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022, May 27, 2022 with correct of date of SDL to June 18, 2022, and the claims report. Voting yes were Tony Groshong Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf; Jeff Ommert yes expect abstaining on claims for Ommert Technologies; absent and not voting were Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor. Motion carried by City Council Members present for the minutes of May 16, 2022, corrected Minutes of May 27, 2022 and the following claims:

*City of Cambridge
Claims Report
To Mayor and City Council
06/06/2022
Period 05/17/2022 TO 06/06/2022*

Check No.	Vendor, For	Amount	Dept. Total
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Combined Utility:

32749	Twin Valleys Public Power District, Purchased Power	172,298.72	
32750	Cambridge Post Office, Postage	284.08	
32751-32753	Payroll	3,387,080	
32754	Ag Valley, Fuel	471.90	
32755	BIC, Purchased Water	7,089.35	

	32756	Brico Pest Control, Spray Buildings	67.25	
	32757	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	52.02	
	32758	Cambridge Super Market	.50	
	32759	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	777.79	
	32760	Clint Wickizer, Social Security Refund	3,497.55	
	32761	Core & Main, Hydrant Repairs	4,067.16	
	32762	Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies	1,055.80	
	32763	Furnas County Treasurer, License Truck	2,985.00	
	32764	Hometown Leasing, Copier Lease	641.74	
	32765	Lord's, Inc., Supplies	12.60	
	32766	McCook Daily Gazette, Advertising	126.00	
	32767	Municipal Supply, Supplies & Repairs	2,188.20	
	32768	Nebraska Public Health Lab, Water Testing	30.00	
	32769	Olsson, Engineering Fees	5,326.30	
	32770	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	333.61	
	32771	Paper Tiger Shredding, Shred paper	40.00	
	32772	River Valley Services, Repairs	214.30	
	32773	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs	29.37	
	32774	United Postal Service, Permit Fee	265.0	
	32775	USA Blue Book, Supplies	933.72	
	32776	Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	170.46	
	32777	Western Area Power Administration, Purchased Power	3,586.21	
TR		Sewer Improvement Fund, Transfer	1,000.00	
TR		Water System Extension, Transfer	1,083.37	
ACH		Payroll	5,400.76	
ACH		Nebraska Department Revenue, Sales Tax	7,495.11	
ACH		City of Cambridge Utility	2,638.30	
ACH		IRS, Federal Tax With Holdings	2,947.63	
ACH		Nebraska Department of Revenue, State Withholdings	1,319.51	
ACH		American Family Life, Insurance	228.24	
ACH		Black Hills Energy, Utility	279.00	232,324.53

City Account (General Fund):

50104-50137	Payroll	5,571.55	
50118	Replace Lost Check 49867	46.17	
50138	ABC Abatement, Library Ceiling	46,000.00	
50139	Ag Valley, Fuel	907.45	
50140	Amazon, Library Supplies	1,215.78	
50141	Anew Travel Center, Fuel	125.87	
50142	Baker & Taylor, Library Books	195.71	
50143	Blooms, Plant	35.05	
50144	Bound Tree Medical, Supplies	231.34	
50145	Butler Memorial Library Foundation, Story Hour Support	217.74	
50146	CAMAS Publishing, Publication	402.44	

50147	Void	0.00
50148	Void	0.00
50149	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	845.68
50150	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	233.93
50151	Cambridge Post Office, Box Rent	84.00
50152	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	52.74
50153	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	544.23
50154	Crane River Theater, Page to Stage Session	450.00
50155	David Houghtelling Deductible	266.06
50156	Demco, Library Supplies	35.84
50157	Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies	209.51
50158	Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies	346.99
50159	Extreme Ag, Grass Seed	257.50
50160	Frontier, Police Phone	42.42
50161	Furnas County Treasurer, Police Contract	4,862.45
50162	Gale, Library Books	118.44
50163	Greg Howerter, Deductible	179.33
50164	Harlequin Reader Service, Library Reader Service	30.69
50165	Intellicon, Library 3 year license	1,510.00
50166	League of Nebraska Municipalities, Registration	890.00
50167	Lifemed Safety, rechargeable Batt Laerdal	188.40
50168	Lockenour Jones, Refund Sponsorship	25.00
50169	Lord's, Inc., Supplies	1,776.66
50170	Maria Downer, Facebook ads	18.00
50171	Mark's Pharmacy, Ambulance Supplies	17.51
50172	Matheson Tri Gas, Oxygen	114.44
50173	Megan Vargas, Reimburse Supplies	390.08
50174	Mike Tomlin, Deductible	1934.51
50175	Miller & Associates, Engineering Fees	1,190.00
50176	Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Attorney Fees	938.59
50177	Nebraska Statewide EMS Conference, Registration	750.00
50178	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	91.92
50179	Paulsen, Inc., Gravel	4,213.48
50180	River Valley Services, Repairs	1,029.33
50181	Sandry Fire, Supplies	381.95
50182	Scotties Potties, Rent	90.00
50183	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs	181.70
50184	Terry Hotchkiss, Reimburse Lodging	385.30
50185	United Postal Service, Box Rent	84.00
50186	Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	96.83
50187	Viaero Wireless, Library Hot Spots	50.50
50188	Wanda Warwick, Reimburse Cookies	10.75
Tr	City of Cambridge, Transfers	33,250.00

Tr	Fire/Ambulance Sinking Fund, Transfer	1,696.66	
ACH	IRS, Federal Tax Withholdings	1,271.78	
ACH	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	174.66	
ACH	Payroll	500.69	
ACH	IRS Federal Tax Withholdings	208.75	
ACH	City of Cambridge, Utility	2,892.02	
ACH	IRS, Federal Tax Withholdings	423.15	
ACH	Nebraska Department of Revenue, State Withholdings	129.38	
ACH	Eakes Office Solutions, Copier Lease	146.84	
ACH	Black Hills Energy, Utility	1,398.42	125,979.99
	<u>Cambridge Pool Concessions:</u>		
567	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	12.99	12.99
	<u>City Baseball League:</u>		
221	The Sports Shoppe, Supplies	1,358.39	
222	Cole Nickerson, Field Marker	91.75	1,450.14
	<u>City Baseball Concessions:</u>		
161	Carey Rohr, Supplies	143.20	
162	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	633.22	
	<u>City of Cambridge TIF:</u>		
1166	Waypoint Bank, Loan Payoff	207,654.51	
1167	Cline Williams, Attorney Fees	75.00	207,729.51
	<u>LB840/ Revolving Loan/ HTC:</u>		
4552	CAMAS Publishing, Publications	706.00	
4553	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	64.25	
5444	Melissa Jackson, Contract	2,026	2,797.03
	Total:	571,070.61	571,070.61

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

a. Library Report –Library minutes of May 11, 2022 were contained in City Council packets was reviewed and approved. Jeff Ommert made the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to approve the Library Minutes. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting were Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

b. Utility Supervisor Report - Dave Houghtelling reported on the following: Capacitors to the Ethanol Plant were not working for 6 days and the Ethanol Plant would usually be charged a penalty, however, if the issue is resolved by June the penalty will be waived. Twin Valley’s Public Power District has shown interest in purchasing the Line truck in January 2023. City Attorney Lisa Shifflet will draw an agreement for the purchase of the truck to Twin Valley’s. The exterior of the bathrooms at the South Park Restrooms has been painted and showers have been updated with hot water. Dave has been spraying weeds.

c. City Clerk/Treasurer – Kandra Kinne reported that there will be a new email for the City Clerk and Melissa Jackson will add to the City of Cambridge website. It was brought to the council’s

attention that two contracts in the Harvest Meadows subdivision have no sidewalks and one contract does have a sidewalk and is zoned for commercial, no action will be needed. Kandra will continue to work with City Attorney Lisa Shifflet on what to do for cash only customers. Nebraska Tax Advantage sales tax refund report was included for review. Kandra and Courtney will be attending finance conference next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Hojo's Hideaway – Special Designated Liquor Permit for July 16, 2022 at the community building for a wedding. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris to approve the Special Designated Liquor Permit at the Cambridge Community Building for July 16, 2022. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting were Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

b. Hojo's Hideaway – Special Designated Liquor Permit for July 23, 2022 at the community building for Werkmeister fundraiser. Mike Harris stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong to approve the Special Designated Liquor Permit at the Cambridge Community Building for July 23, 2022. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting were Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

c. Amateur's – Special Designated Liquor Permit for June 24, 2022 at the community building. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris to approve the Special Designated Liquor Permit at the Cambridge Community Building for June 24, 2022. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting were Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

d. Permit to keep chickens – Abby Schulte's permit to keep chickens at 816 Pacific St was approved. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting were Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

e. Cross Creek Golf Course-

1. Sales tax issue Ordinance No. 804 will move forward with 1st Reading Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting were Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present for the following Ordinance No. 804:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA CONTINUING TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT (.50%) UPON THE SAME

TRANSACTIONS WITHING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE ON WHICH THE STATE OF NEBRASKA IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE A TAX, AND ESTABLISHING ANE FFECTIVE DATE OF APRIL 1, 2025.

2. Well #2 repairs and replacements were discussed. Well #2 is not working and not able to water the entire golf course without it. City council members were asked if there is any funding through the city for assistance regarding this matter or if the city could cosign on a loan for financing through the bank. Cross Creek Golf Course received a quote from Downey Well Drilling out of Lexington for \$35,000 to replace the well. City Council stated that the funds were not in this year's budget, however they would be able to cosign on a loan for up to \$40,000. Golf board will negotiate terms at the bank regarding the loan. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert to cosign for financing to replace well #2 at Cross Creek Golf Course. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting were Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.
- f. Pinpoint Shareholders Notice was reviewed.
- g. League Insurance Government Health Team proposal was reviewed. In order to get better benefits with less deductible it was decided that at this time the city continue with what they currently have as the cheapest was \$4,000 more per month.
- h. Terry provided statement of property value. Mayor David Gunderson will be in contact will Hackel Construction regarding the updated value of the pool for property tax value.
- i. Schaben Sanitation sent a letter regarding an annual price adjust increase of 7.9% for Solid Waste Collection & Disposal Rate. Effective June 1, 2022, however the City has 30 days to act. Ordinance 780 was amended and new Ordinance 803 includes rates with the adjusted increase of 7.9%. 1st Reading Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris to. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting were Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present for the frist reading of Ordinance No 803 as follows:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-502, SANITATION DEPARTMENT; COLLECTION BY CONTRACTOR FOR THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE REVISED MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES 2020; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 780; REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; SETTING EFFECTIVE DATE.
- j. Jessica Fisher for Tri Valley Health System –Annual Health Fair will be June 17, 2022 at the Community Building from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. Tri Valley Health System enjoyed hosting Hackel construction during their stay at the plaza.
- k. Ambulance EMT – John Kutnik reported that the ambulance is in manufacturing and final touches on design are being done. Projected date for completion should be the week of July

17. John has been working with the Department of Health and Human Services and Nebraska grant money for items such as new monitors.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris , to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:55 p.m. Voting yes were Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting were Derek Raburn and Vernita Saylor; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

Attest: Kandra J. Kinne, City Clerk/Treasurer

David Gunderson, Mayor