

City of Cambridge
City Council Meeting
Monday, July 19 2021
6:30 P.M.
Cambridge Community Building
722 Patterson St

Pursuant to notice published in the Valley Voice on Thursday, July 15, 2021, the Cambridge City Council convened in open public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on July 19, 2021 at the Cambridge Community Building. Present were Mayor David Gunderson, City Council Members Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. City Staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Kandra Kinne, Utility Supervisor Dave Houghtelling and City Attorney Lisa Shifflet. Visitors present were Genny Kubik for the *Valley Voice*; Tyra Bailey for *Casey's General Store*; Larry Maatsch and John Kutnink for the *Cambridge EMTs*; Howard Johnson for *HoJo's Hideaway*; Jessica Fisher for *Tri Valley Health System*; Steve Johnson for *Northwestern Mutual*; and Brad Williams. 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: Minutes of July 6, 2021 and the claims report. The City Council received a copy of the minutes of July 6, 2021 and the claims report. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to approve the minutes of July 6, 2021, and the claims report. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried for the minutes of July 6, 2021, and the following claims report by City Council members present:

<i>City of Cambridge</i>			
<i>Claims Report</i>			
<i>To Mayor and City Council</i>			
<i>19-Jul-21</i>			
<i>Period 07/07/2021 TO 07/19/2021</i>			
Check No.	Vendor, For	Amount	Dept. Total
<u>Combined Utility:</u>			
32213-32217	Payroll	6,161.09	
32218	Ag Valley, Fuel	280.92	
32219	American Agricultural Lab, Wastewater testing	244.75	
32220	Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Insurance	10,401.72	
32221	CAMAS Publishing, publications	57.20	
32222	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	99.94	
32223	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	15.97	
32224	Card member Services, Postage and Supplies	309.69	
32225	City of Cambridge, Deposit error	4,723.80	
32226	Dutton-Lainson, Supplies	480.45	
32227	Eakes Office Solutions, Folders	37.99	

32228	Jim's Triple D Service, Tires	979.80	
32229	Utility Customer refund	191.00	
32230	Lakeside Equipment, Grease	340.00	
32231	Municipal Supply, Supplies	131.57	
32232	Nebraska Power Review Board, Dues	582.45	
32233	Nebraska Public Health, Water Testing	30.00	
32234	Northwestern Mutual Life, Annuity	2,735.90	
32235	Region 12 American Backflow, Registration	170.00	
32236	Southwest Farm & Auto, Supplies	24.04	
32237	Twin Valleys Public Power, Contract, Repairs, Utility	8,859.33	
32238	USABLE Life, Life Insurance	81.00	
ACH	Payroll	2,750.76	
ACH	Black Hills Energy, Utility	94.16	
ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings	2,816.23	
ACH	Nebraska Department of Revenue, Sales Tax	8,845.84	51,445.60
	<u>City Account (General Fund):</u>		
49275-49287	Payroll	3,674.35	
49288	Ag Valley, Fuel	632.13	
49290	Akrs Equipment, Repairs	43.29	
49291	Bernie Jones Auto, Repairs	64.56	
49292	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	146.32	
49293	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	23.96	
49294	Card member Services, Postage and Supplies	57.98	
49295	CenturyLink, Police Phone	59.96	
49296	David Gunderson, Mileage	29.23	
49297	First Central Bank, Final Library Computer Loan Payment	177.23	
49298	Furnas County Treasurer, Police Contract balance	141.62	
49299	Employee Health Deductible	2.21	
49300	Kandra Kinne, Mileage	29.23	
49301	Larry Maatsch, Reimburse Lodging	492.99	
49302	Lord's, Inc., Supplies	131.43	
49303	Miller & Associates, Flood Plain Administration	100.00	
49304	Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Attorney Fees	770.00	
49305	Nebraska State Fire Marshall, Boiler Inspection	81.00	
49306	Paulsen's, Gravel	431.50	
49307	River Valley Services, Repairs	357.40	
49308	Southwest Farm & Auto, Supplies	4.99	
49309	Terry Hotchkiss, Reimburse Lodging	189.78	
49310	Twin Valleys Public Power, Utility	59.85	
49311	Waypoint Bank, Golf Loan Payment	1,545.00	
ACH	Payroll	1,791.95	

ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings	1,013.41	
ACH	Nebraska Department of Revenue, Sales Tax	533.86	
ACH	Black Hills Energy, Utility	497.66	
ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings	4.98	13,087.87
	Pool Concessions:		
563	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	157.45	
ACH	Nebraska Department of Revenue, Sales Tax	62.79	220.24
	Baseball Concessions:		
222	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	259.23	
223	Jennifer Raburn, Supplies	72.89	
ACH	Nebraska Department of Revenue, Sales Tax	3.49	335.61
	TIF:		
1119	Cline Williams, Attorney Fees	70.00	70.00
	LB840/ Revolving Loan/ HTC:		
4429	Card member Services, Postage and Supplies	103.08	
4430	City of Cambridge, Distribution of Sales Tax	22,517.65	
4431	Cross Creek Golf Links, Distribution of Sales Tax	7,029.28	
4432	Flagship Publishing, Business Promotions	722.00	30,372.01
	Total:	95,531.33	95,531.33

Unfinished Business:

Ambulance Bid – Larry Maatsch and John Kutnink, Cambridge EMTs, addressed Council and reviewed the bid for a new ambulance. Discussion was held regarding additional equipment needs for radios and cots. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to accept the proposal from American Response Vehicles for a 2022 AEV Traumahawk Type III Custom 172" x 96" x 72" Ford E450, 7.3L Gasoline Ambulance for \$222,730.00 as stated in the July 15, 2021 proposal. Delivery will be 240 to 300 days after confirmation. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees:

a. Planning Commission Report – Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to approve the following Site Plan and Land Use Permit Applications: Phil Schlagel at 510 Parker Street for a fence; and the City of Cambridge at 115 Nelson Street for swimming pool renovation. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf.

b. Utility Supervisor Report – Dave Houghtelling reported on the following: Figgins Construction has completed street work; a water line break on Nevada Street; controls repaired at the water tower; contractor here tomorrow to look at pool and schedule start date; the pool will close August 1; and a new water valve was installed on Parker Street.

c. Clerk/Treasurer Report – Kandra Kinne reported on the following: received first half of ARPA NEU payment of \$88,670.86; financial report complete for June 30, 2021; meter reading was delayed as the belt clip failed. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to purchase another belt clip for backup for meter reading. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously.

d. City Attorney Report – Lisa Shifflet reported on the details of the initial organizational meeting of the Southwest Nebraska Land Bank meeting recently held in McCook. By-Laws will need to be written and inter-local agreements prepared. The Board for the Land Bank will be comprised of one voting member from each community. Kevin Banzhaf volunteered to represent the City of Cambridge.

e. Hospital Report - Jessica Fisher reported on the following: Thrift Store thefts are decreasing; motion lights are installed at the Thrift Store; Heritage Plaza is doing well; hospital newsletter due soon; and staff is staying current on the COVID Delta Variant.

Unfinished Business:

Net Metering – City Attorney Lisa Shifflet reported on net metering. She is preparing a policy similar to that of Twin Valleys Public Power District, but will need a rate schedule.

New Business:

a. Employee Health Insurance Renewal – Steve Johnson of Northwestern was present for health insurance questions. Insurance premiums increased 8.48 percent. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the increase with the employee to pay 20 percent of the premium. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously.

b. HoJo’s Hideaway Special Designated Liquor Permit for August 28, 2021 – Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to approve the Special Designated Liquor Permit for HoJo’s Hideaway for August 28, 2021. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Casey’s General Store, Manager License – Tyra Bailey, local manager for Casey’s General Store, was present for questions. She advised that Krystal Carter should be designated as Manager for all Casey’s stores in Nebraska. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Derek Raburn, to have Krystal Carter designated as the manager for liquor licensing purposes for Casey’s General Store in Cambridge. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Jake & Carmon Swisher Lease Agreement – Derek Raburn stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Cambridge and Jake & Carmon Swisher for Lot 2, Harvest Meadows 5th for a period of one year at \$150 per month. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Golf Course Sign Lease – The proposed Sign Lease Agreement between the City of Cambridge and Cross Creek Golf Links lacks a termination clause. The golf board will review at its next meeting. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Derek Raburn, to approve the Sign Lease Agreement between the City of Cambridge and Cross Creek Golf Links with the addition of a termination clause for a term of five years at \$1. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn and Kevin Banzhaf. Mike Harris abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

a. Brad Williams discussion to request Modification to Cambridge Zoning Regulation 12-102 – Brad Williams will meet with City Attorney Lisa Shifflet who is researching other municipalities in this situation.

b. Mayor and City Council Comments – Mayor Gunderson advised that he had discussion with the State of Nebraska about using the south water well for de-watering which is located in the flood plain.

c. Public Comments – None

Adjournment: Mike Harris stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to adjourn City Council Meeting at 7:37 P.M. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest: Kandra J. Kinne, City Clerk/Treasurer

David Gunderson, Mayor