

City of Cambridge
 City Council Meeting
 Monday September 19, 2022
 6:30 P.M.
 Cambridge Community Building
 722 Patterson St

Pursuant to notice published in the Valley Voice on Thursday, September 15, 2022, the Cambridge City Council convened in open public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on September 19, 2022 at the Cambridge Community Building, 722 Patterson Street. Present were Mayor David Gunderson, City Council Members Vernita Saylor, Jeff Ommert, Tony Groshong, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. City Staff present were City Clerk/Treasurer Kandra Kinne, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Courtney Stanton, Utility Supervisor David Houghtelling, and City Attorney Lisa Shifflet. Visitors present were Genny Kubik for the *Valley Voice*, John Kutnick for *Cambridge EMT*, Jessica Fisher *Tri Valley Health System*, Sam Jaeger, Howard Kester, Jan tenBensel, Brad Williams and Cheryl Haakenson. 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.

Public Hearing: Mayor Gunderson opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Explanation of Budget Amendments are as follows 2022-2023: Golf Donations \$90,000.00 received and paid to Cambridge Golf Club. Fire 2022 donations \$145,648.74 were received and paid out as determined by the Committee. Airport Donations \$65,000.00 received and paid to Cambridge Airport Authority. Transfer from Ambulance Memorial Funds \$24,000.00 for power load cot. Library Asbestos Removal \$49,999.00. TIF principal loan payments increased by \$20,989.15. There were no public comments and Mayor Gunderson closed the Public Hearing at 6:35.

Consent Agenda: The City Council received a copy of the minutes September 7, 2022 and the claims report. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the minutes of September 7, 2022 and the claims report. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert except claims for Ommert Tech, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn. Motion carried for the minutes of September 7, 2022 the following claims:

*City of Cambridge
 Claims Report
 To Mayor and City Council
 19-Sep-22*

Period 09/08/2022 TO 09/19/2022

Check No.	Vendor, For <u>Combined Utility:</u>	Amount	Dept. Total
32946	Ag Valley, Fuel	24.04	
32947	BIC, Purchased Water	10,802.65	
32948	BOK Financial, Loan Payment	285,575.69	
32949	BRICO Pest Control, Spray Buildings	100.00	
32950	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	21.65	

	32951	Card Member Services, Credit Card Payment	373.91	
	32952	Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies	123.50	
	32953	Hometown Agency, Insurance	22.00	
	32954	Macqueen Equipment, Repairs	197.65	
	32955	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs	13.93	
	32956	Twin Valleys Public Power District, Contract, Labor and Materials	7,660.56	
32957-32959		Payroll	3,766.37	
	32960	Twin Valleys Public Power District, Purchased Power	237,561.64	
	32961	Schaben Sanitation, Trash Pickup	15,465.70	
	32962	Hometown Leasing, Copier Lease	641.74	
	32963	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	333.61	
ACH		Payroll	5,425.84	
ACH		Black Hills Energy, Utility	153.63	
ACH		Nebraska Dept. Revenue, Sales Tax paid	11,689.50	
ACH		IRS, Federal With holdings	3,131.66	583,085.27

City Account (General Fund):

	50473	Ag Valley, Fuel	296.50	
	50474	Blooms Collectibles, vests	757.00	
	50475	BOK Financial, Loan Payment	26,999.54	
	50476	Bound Tree Medical, Supplies	565.64	
	50477	BRICO Pest Control, Spray Buildings	353.75	
	50478	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	955.02	
	50479	Cambridge Super market, Supplies	29.83	
	50480	Card Member Services, Credit Card Payment	53.05	
	50481	Century Link, Police Phone	59.96	
	50482	David Houghtelling, Insurance Deductible	83.21	
	50483	Extreme Ag, Chemicals	100.00	
	50484	Sandry Fire Supply, Supplies	3,055.70	
	50485	Sandry Fire Supply, Supplies	1,372.00	
	50486	Scotties Potties, Service Fee	90.00	
	50487	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs	50.94	
	50488	Tri Valley Health Systems, Pre-Employment Physical	242.60	
	50489	Twin Valleys Public Power, Utility	82.31	
	50490	West Central Nebraska Development District, Nuisance Abatement	2,730.00	
	50491	Payroll	774.84	
	50492	Mike Tomlin, Deductible	1,566.89	
	50493	Furnas County Treasurer, Police Contract	5,008.32	
	50494	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	91.92	
ACH		Payroll	228.56	
ACH		Black Hills Energy, Utility	153.92	
ACH		Nebraska Department of Revenue	18.84	
ACH		Eakes Office Solutions, Copier Lease	146.84	
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Tr	City of Cambridge, Monthly Transfer	33,250.00	
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Tr	Fire/Ambulance Sinking Fund, Monthly Transfer	1,696.66	
Tr	Fire/Ambulance Sinking Fund, Monthly Transfer	1,696.66	
Tr	Sewer Improvement Fund, Monthly Transfer	1,000.00	
Tr	Sewer Improvement Fund, Monthly Transfer	1,000.00	
Tr	Water System Extension & Replacement, Monthly Transfer	1,083.37	
Tr	Water System Extension & Replacement, Monthly Transfer	1,083.37	120,074.08
	<u>City of Cambridge TIF:</u>		
1172	BOK Financial, Loan Payment	4,985.46	4,985.46
	<u>LB840/ Revolving Loan/ HTC:</u>		
4590	Dave & Andela Taylor, Fire 2022 Donations	1,100.00	
4591	Cambridge Rural Fire, Fire 2022 Donations	1,622.00	
4592	Cambridge Volunteer Fire, Fire 2022 Donations	104,953.64	
4593	Card Member Services, Credit Card Payment	119.21	
4594	City of Arapahoe, Fire 2022 Donations	500.00	
4595	City of Cambridge, Fire/Ambulance Fund Fire 2022 Donations	37,973.10	
4596	Furnas County Clerk, Filing Fee	40.00	
4597	Intrado Interactive Services, Web Page Support	1,309.47	
4598	Village of Bartley, Fire 2022 Donations	500.00	
4599	Village of Holbrook, Fire 2022 Donations	500.00	
4600	Village of Wilsonville, Fire 2022 Donations	500.00	149,117.42
Total:		857,262.23	857,262.23

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 – Planning Commission minutes from September 14, 2022 were approved. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the minutes of September 14, 2022. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Cemetery Report – Cemetery minutes from September 14, 2022 were approved. Reappointment for Virginia Roberts to Cemetery Board was approved. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the minutes of September 14, 2022 and reappointment of Virginia Roberts. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Library Report – Nothing to report.

G. Museum Report – Museum Board minutes from August 17, 2022. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to approve the minutes of August 17, 2022. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Park Board Report – Park Board minutes from September 13, 2022 were approved. Jeff Ommert made the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong to approve minutes of September 13, 2022. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Utility Supervisor Report – Dave Houghtelling reported the emergency well is working again.

J. City Clerk/Treasurer Report – Kandra Kinne reported she is purchasing two new self-cleaning ovens for the community building. Financial reports through July 2022 have been included in packets. Kandra will contact another company to look at the door in the community room. The Preliminary Power Rates from Twin Valleys Public Power have been included in packets and the rate adjustment will not affect purchased power cost for the next fiscal year. We will not be receiving sales tax in September 2022. Sales tax received for September 2022 will not cover all the Nebraska Tax Advantage refund for September and \$2,674.80 will be deducted next month.

K. City Attorney – Nothing to report.

L. Hospital Report – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

A. Howard Kester, Sam Jaeger and Jan tenBensel were in attendance to report on the walking trail to harvest meadows. Mayor Gunderson commented that the golf board should be approached about using the cart path for part of the walking trail. Sam will talk with the golf board members and Patti Endecott to get permission for walking trail from both parties. Jan tenBensel stated the bridge has been paid for and the reason for the walking trail is to keep kids safe and off the highway bridge. Howard stated that they did not have finances for the sidewalk and would make those decisions after the bridge was placed. Council discussed and made comments regarding finances and plans for the sidewalk and thought it would be a good idea to have finances and plans in place before bridge was placed. City Engineers need to be contacted regarding ADA requirements.

B. Motion to Approve Base Limitation Percent Increase 2.50% for the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Derek Raburn, to approve Base Limitation Increase 2.50%. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion to Approve Allowable Increase Additional One Percent Council/Board Approved Increase 1.00%. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to Approve Allowable Increase Additional One Percent Council/Board Approved Increase 1.00% for the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution 2022-09-01 Resolution to set Property Tax Levy. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Kevin Banzhaf, to approve Resolution 2022-09-01. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09-01
(Resolution to set property tax Levy)**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Cambridge passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Cambridge that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Cambridge, by a majority vote; resolves that;
The 2022-2023 property tax request be set at:

General Fund	\$260,988.01
Public Safety Bond	\$17,520.00

The total assess value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by -3% percent. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.522626 per \$100 of assessed value. The City of Cambridge proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be .504566 per \$100 of assessed value.

Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Cambridge will decrease last year's budget by 22% percent.

A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before September 30, 2022

Motion by Vernita Saylor, seconded by, Kevin Banzhaf to adopt Resolution # 2022-09-01

Voting yes were:

Vernita Saylor
Jeff Ommert
Mike Harris
Derek Raburn
Kevin Banzhaf
Tony Groshong

Voting no were: None

Passed and approved this 19th day of September 2022.

David Gunderson, Mayor

Attest: Kandra J. Kinne, City Clerk/ Treasurer
(S E A L)

E. Ordinance 807 - to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance No. 807. Derek Raburn stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to waive three readings. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve Ordinance 807. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 807

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the annual appropriation bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Cambridge. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Furnas County, Nebraska, for the use by the levying authority.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Passed and adopted this 19th day of September 2022.

City of Cambridge
David Gunderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kandra J. Kinne, City Clerk

(S E A L)

F. Cole Nickerson and Cody Gerlach were not in attendance to give updates on Baseball Field project.

G. Nuisance Abatement – Taylor Stone of West Central Nebraska Development District was present via Zoom. She reported 53 courtesy letters were sent, 41 properties have been cleared, 1 property is under new ownership, 4 scheduled for abatement, 2 properties to rescind and 4 properties to abate. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Derek Raburn, to rescind properties CAM 003 & CAM 004. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to abate properties CAM 008, CAM 010, CAM 011 and CAM 028. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously. Taylor asked the council to discuss an adoption of rates and fee schedule and a tow location. The City Council discussed both and will look into a resolution.

New Business:

A. Employee Salaries - Ordinance No. 808. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Derek Raburn, to waive three readings. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to approve Ordinance No. 808. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously

**City of Cambridge
Furnas County, Nebraska
Ordinance No. 808**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, establishing annualized salaries and wages for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 of the employees, repealing all prior conflicting ordinances and ordering the publication of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Mayor and City Council Salaries set by Ordinance No. 695, Approved October 4, 2010.

Section 2. The hourly rate to be paid, from October 1, 2022, to full time and part time employees for fiscal year 2022-2023 are established as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Utility Supervisor	\$40.70/Hr.
City Clerk/ Treasurer	\$33.96/Hr.
Office Assistant	\$17.83/Hr.
Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer	\$21.80/Hr.
Water Operator	\$27.77/Hr.
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	\$25.96/Hr.
Librarian	\$1,514.99/month
Librarian Assistant	\$13.30/Hr.
Librarian Assistant	\$12.92/Hr.
Librarian Assistant	\$12.00/Hr.

Museum Director	\$12.54/Hr.
Museum Assistant	\$11.31/Hr.
Temporary/Part-time/Summer Maintenance (Parks & Mowing) (Seasonal Employment)	\$14.13/Hr.
Temporary/Part-time/Summer Maintenance (Cemetery & Mowing) Seasonal Employment)	\$11.14/Hr.
-Swimming Pool, Current Wage. Wage for summer 2022 will be set by motion when hired. (All Seasonal Employment)	
Swimming Pool Manager (Summer-Seasonal)	\$14.55/Hr.
Swimming Pool Assistant Manager	\$11.00 to \$11.40/Hr.
Life Guard	\$9.00/Hr. to 9.40/Hr.
Volunteer Firemen	\$10.00/Hr. while called out
EMTs	\$30.00/Hr. while called out
Ambulance Drivers	\$10.00/Hr. while called out

Section 3. The Salaries provided by this Ordinance will be effective after passage and approval of this ordinance.

Section 4. All prior ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed

Section 5. This Ordinance take effect after approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 19th day of September, 2022.

City of Cambridge:

David Gunderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kandra J. Kinne, City Clerk/Treasurer
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B. Resolution 2022-09-04 –A Resolution for Adopting Policies for Acceptance of Payment for any and all City Services, Fees, Utility Debts, and/or Other Debts Due to the City of Cambridge; When Requiring Cash Payment of Utilities and Other Billings. Will be added into City Council packets for the next meeting.

C. Ordinance No. 809 – An Ordinance Approving the Revised Utility Easement; of Property to the City of Cambridge, Furnas County, Nebraska; Harvest Meadows Fourth; Providing for Certification to the County Clerk of Furnas County, Nebraska; Establishing an Effective Date After Approval and Publication According to Law. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve first reading for Ordinance 809. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris, Kevin Banzhaf, and Derek Raburn; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Derek Raburn, to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Jeff Ommert, Tony Groshong, Derek Raburn Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf; none voted no. Motion carried by unanimously.

Attest: _____
Kandra J. Kinne, City Clerk/Treasurer

David Gunderson, Mayor