

City of Cambridge
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 04, 2021
6:30 P.M.
Cambridge Community Building
722 Patterson St

Pursuant to notice published in the Valley Voice on Thursday, September 30, 2021, the Cambridge City Council convened in open public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on October 4, 2021 at the Cambridge Community Building, 722 Patterson Street. Present were Mayor David Gunderson, City Council Members Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent was City Council Member Derek Raburn. 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*, Jessica Fischer for *Tri Valley Health System*, and Wynn & Diane Miller. 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 September 20, 2021 and the claims report. The City Council received a copy of the minutes of September 20, 2021 and the claims report. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Mike Harris, to approve the minutes of September 20, 2021, and the claims report. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Derek Raburn was absent and not voting. Jeff Ommert abstained from voting on the claim for Ommert Technologies. Motion carried for the minutes of September 20, 2021, and the following claims:

*City of Cambridge
Claims Report
To Mayor and City Council
4-Oct-21*

Period 09/21/2021 TO 10/04/2021

Check No.	Vendor, For	Amount	Dept. Total
	<u>Combined Utility:</u>		
32344	Twin Valleys Public Power District, Purchased Power	252,346.87	
32345	Cambridge Post Office, Postage	280.90	
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32350	Payroll	6,158.26	
32351	Ag Valley, Fuel	505.05	
32352	American Agricultural Lab, Analysis	332.50	
32353	BIC, Purchased Water	7,510.80	
32354	void	0.00	
32355	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	267.08	
32356	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	19.29	
32357	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	743.05	
32358	City of Cambridge, Deposit Error	16,371.98	

	32359	Hometown Leasing, Copier Lease	641.74	
	32360	Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Shifflet, Attorney Fees	30.00	
	32361	Municipal Supply, water dept. supplies	336.19	
	32362	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	333.61	
	32363	Void	0.00	
	32364	Schaben Sanitation, Haul Roll Off Boxes	503.41	
	32365	Southwest Farm & Auto, Supplies, Repairs	38.37	
	32366	Uline, Supplies	177.46	
	32367	Utilities Section, Dues	165.00	
	32368	Verizon Wireless, Cell phones	165.33	
	32369	Western Area Power Administration, Purchased Power	5,262.38	
	32370	One Call Concepts, Locates	45.34	
Tr		Water System Extension, Transfer	1,083.37	
Tr		Sewer Improvement Fund, Transfer	1,000.00	
ACH		Payroll	2,591.12	
ACH		American Family, Insurance	228.24	
ACH		City of Cambridge, Utility	2,859.18	
ACH		Nebraska Dept. Revenue, State Withholdings	913.57	
ACH		IRS, Federal With holdings	2,700.03	
ACH		Waypoint Bank Return Item	17.00	303,627.12
		<u>Security Deposit Account:</u>		
2049-2050		Security Deposit Payments	600.00	600.00
		<u>City Account (General Fund):</u>		
	49495	Payroll	886.38	
	49496	Ag Valley, Fuel	250.74	
	49497	Amazon, Library Supplies	722.67	
	49498	American Library Association, Dues	111.00	
	49499	ARSL, Dues	15.00	
	49500	Baker & Taylor, Library Books	586.52	
	49501	Bernie Jones Auto, Repairs	65.55	
	49502	CAMAS Publishing, Publications	1,284.07	
	49503	Cambridge Chamber, Meeting Lunch	6.00	
	49504	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	43.80	
	49505	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	4.59	
	49506	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	12.99	
	49507	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	57.31	
	49508	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	509.61	
	49509	Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies	209.99	
	49510	Follett School Solutions, Library Supplies	922.19	
	49511	Furnas County Treasurer, Police Contract	4,579.21	
	49512	Gale, Library Supplies	158.63	
	49513	Hackel Construction, Swimming Pool Project	67,379.85	
	49514	Harlequin Reader Service, Library Service	29.96	

49515	Island Sprinkler Supply, Repairs	58.52	
49516	Employee Deductible	69.83	
49517	Library Journal, Subscription	99.00	
49518	Maria Downer, Facebook Ads	9.00	
49519	Martha Stewart Living, Library Subscription	15.00	
49520	Matheson Tri-Gas, Ambulance Oxygen	111.20	
49521	Employee Deductible	444.78	
49522	Miller & Associates, Flood Plain Administration	100.00	
49523	Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Shifflet, Attorney Fees	703.80	
49524	Nebraska Library Association, Dues	60.00	
49525	Nebraska Life Magazine, Library Subscription	24.00	
49526	NMC Exchange, Repairs	44.71	
49527	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	91.92	
49528	Real Simple, Library Subscription	22.00	
49529	Sandry Fire Supply, Fire Equipment & Supplies	4,619.15	
49530	Southwest Farm & Auto, Supplies, Repairs	492.39	
49531	Sunset Pool Supplies, Pool Supplies	586.72	
49532	Taste of Home, Library Subscription	18.00	
49533	Time, Subscription	15.00	
49534	Verizon Wireless, Cell phones	95.14	
	Payroll	3,654.56	
ACH	Payroll	2,521.20	
Tr	Fire Ambulance Sinking Fund, Transfer	1,696.66	
Tr	City of Cambridge, Transfers	33,250.00	
ACH	Eakes Office Solutions, Library Copier Lease	146.84	
ACH	City of Cambridge, Utility	4,130.62	
ACH	Nebr. Dept. Revenue, State Withholdings	90.15	
ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings	1,195.74	
ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings	195.64	132,397.63
	<u>TIF:</u>		
1155	Waypoint Bank, Harvest Meadows Loan Payment	78,072.50	78,072.50
	<u>LB840/ Revolving Loan/ HTC:</u>		
4458	Melissa Jackson, Chamber Lunch	8.00	
4459	CAMAS Publishing, Publications	529.50	
4461	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	49.33	
4462	Furnas County Clerk, Filing Fees	40.00	
4463	Melissa Jackson, Contract	760.00	
4464	Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Shifflet, Attorney Fees	80.00	1,466.83
	Total:	516,164.08	516,164.08

Reports of Officers, Boards & Committees:

a. Miller & Associates – Swimming Pool Project

Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the Application and Certificate for pay request #2 to Hackel Construction for \$67,379.85. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Derek Raburn was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the Agreement for Grant Administration Services for ARPA funding/hourly bases Grant Administration \$70/hr; mileage \$.50/mile and reproduction services at cost. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Derek Raburn was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

b. Cemetery Report – Fairview Cemetery Foundation – Postponed by Foundation.

c. Library Report – Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to approve the Library Board Minutes of September 22, 2021. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Derek Raburn was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present. City Attorney Lisa Shifflet will meet with Library Director, Maria Downer, on Wednesday to review the By-Laws of the Butler Memorial Library Board.

d. Utility Supervisor Report – Dave Houghtelling reported on the following: he will be working on the new access road for the Catholic area of the Cemetery; water will be off at two services to repair the main valve at the swimming pool; Swanson Sign is repairing the Light Plan sign; and Figgins will sweep the excess armor coating gravel soon.

City Clerk/Treasurer Report – Kandra Kinne reported on the Nebraska Tax Advantage, the Financial Reports from July and August and the ambulance bond has been received.

e. Hospital Report – Jessica Fischer of Tri Valley Health System reported on the following: Flu shots; Heritage Plaza window project installation in mid-January; and Tri Valley critical needs for 2022.

Unfinished Business:

a. John & Valerie McLeod small generation interconnection applications for 1313 Galliger Street – waiting on electrical inspection.

New Business:

- a. Water Rates Ordinance No. 790 – second reading. Mayor Gunderson read the Ordinance No. 790 by title. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to approve Water Rates Ordinance No. 790. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Derek Raburn was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present for ordinance Number 790 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT MINIMUM RATES FOR PREMISES LOCATED WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, CONNECTION FEES; EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE, REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

b. Ordinance No. 795 – Amending Section 7-403 /Electric Department Installation Expense – first reading. Mayor Gunderson read Ordinance No. 795 by title. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to approve Ordinance No. 795 – Amending Section 7-403/Electric Department Installation Expense. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Derek Raburn was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present for the first reading of Ordinance Number 795 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 7-403 ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT ISNTALLATION EXPENSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

c. Ordinance No. 796 – Amending Section 7-406 Electric Department Repairs – First Reading. Mayor Gunderson read Ordinance No. 796 by title. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve Ordinance No. 796 – Amending Section 7-406 Electric Department Repairs. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Derek Raburn was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present for the first reading of Ordinance number 796 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 7-406 ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REPAIRS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

d. Ordinance No. 797 – Amending Section 7-410 Electric Department Trimming Trees – First Reading. Mayor Gunderson read Ordinance No. 797 by title. Public comment – explain at owners’ expense. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve Ordinance No. 797 – Amending Section 7-410 Electric Department Trimming Trees. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Derek Raburn was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present for the first reading of Ordinance number 797 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA AMENDING SECTION 7-410 ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT TRIMMING TREES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

e. Nuisance Abatement for 2022 – Tabled for more information. The City Council asked for a breakdown of costs for each section and an opportunity to make the sections more equal financially for budgeting purposes.

f. SK Inc. dba Cambridge Super Market – Special Designated Liquor License for Wednesday, December 1, 2021, with alternate of Wednesday, December 8, 2021 for Wine & Cheese Tasting Event. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Wednesday, December 1, 2021, with alternate of Wednesday, December 8, 2021 for Wine & Cheese Tasting Event. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony

Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Derek Raburn was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.'

g. Tree Trimming – A letter was sent to all customers in the last utility bill. An ad was also posted in the Valley Voice newspaper. City Attorney Lisa Shifflet recommended photos be taken of properties identified by a complainant. Question – can a landowner with limited income claim a hardship? Council will make a decision at the next Council meeting.

h. Citizen Comments – Diane Miller addressed Council. She is concerned about the safety of people in the community. She advised that for safety a street light is needed on the vacant lot at the entrance to the ethanol plant from Highway 47.

Adjournment:

Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Derek Raburn was absent and not voting. Motion carried by unanimously by City Council members present.

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

David Gunderson, Mayor