

City of Cambridge
Special City Council Meeting
Wednesday December 22, 2021
5:15 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 Wednesday December 22, 2021 at 5:15 P.M. Present were Mayor David Gunderson, City Council Members Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent was City Council Member Mike Harris.

Notice of Public meeting was posted at the Cambridge Post Office, First Central Bank and Waypoint Bank on December 21, 2021. Mayor Gunderson announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room and available for public inspection.

The purpose of the meeting was the Final Reading of Ordinance No. 798 as amended. Motion by Derek Raburn, seconded by Tony Groshong to approve the final reading of Ordinance No. 798 as amended. Mayor Gunderson read the Ordinance by title and called for the vote. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting was Mike Harris, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present for the final reading of Ordinance No. 798 as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 798

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, Article 1-205 entitled "City Council: Number and Qualifications"; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections and direct the publication of this ordinance and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA;

Section 1. Chapter 1, Section 205, entitled: "City Council; Number and Qualifications is amended to read as follows:

1-205 CITY COUNCIL; NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS

- A. The City Council shall consist of six residents of the City who are registered voters. All council members shall be nominated and elected on a nonpartisan ballot unless the city provides for a partisan ballot by ordinance. **Terms of office shall begin on the first regular meeting of the council in December following the statewide general election.**
- B. Unless the city wishes to elect council members at large as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §32-554, members of the council shall be elected by wards.
 1. The city shall be divided into not less than two nor more than six wards, as may be provided by ordinance of the City Council, and each ward shall contain, as nearly as practical, an equal portion of the population;

2. Each ward of the city shall have at least two council members elected in the manner provided in the Election Act; no person shall be eligible to the office of council member who is not at the time of the election an actual resident of the ward for which he or she is elected and a registered voter; and,
3. Such wards shall be substantially equal in population as determined by the most recent federal decennial census.
4. The City shall stand divided into the following wards as set forth herein:
 - a. Ward I shall consist of all the territory within the city limits lying east of the center line of Shole Avenue and North of the center line of Nelson Street to Niobrara Street and all property North of Niobrara Street and all property east of the center line of Payne Street and North of Highway 6/34 to county Road 410, then all property East of Road 410 both North and South of Highway 6/34.
 - b. Ward II shall consist of all the territory within the city limits lying east of the center line of Shole Avenue and south of the Center Line of Nelson Street to the Center Line of Payne Street, all property South of Highway 6/34, except property east of Road 410.
 - c. Ward III shall consist of all the territory within the city limits lying North of Highway 6/34 and west of the Center line of Shole Ave to the center line of Niobrara Street and then continuing said line west to the city limits.

Section 2. Any other Ordinance or section passed and approved prior to passage, approval and publication of this ordinance and in conflict with its provision is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§17-102 through 17-104, 32-533, 32-553, 32-557) (Amending Ordinance No. 798, 12//2021)

Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Derek Raburn, to adjourn at 5:20 P.M. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Jeff Ommert, Derek Raburn, and Kevin Banzhaf, absent and not voting was Mike Harris, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

Attest: Kandra J. Kinne, City Clerk/Treasurer

David Gunderson, Mayor