REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, December 7, 2020

The Cambridge City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cambridge Community Center and remotely via Zoom ([www.cambridge-ia.us](http://www.cambridge-ia.us)) with the following council members present: Mayor Kovarik, Baxter, Todd, Thom, Macki, McBreen (Zoom). Absent: None. Visitors: Joe Marchesano, Mark Kahler.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kovarik at 7:00 p.m. He led the council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kovarik asked of there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 2nd meeting. A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Comments from the audience were asked for with none brought forward.

Following is a summary of receipts for November: General Fund, $29,958.23; TIF/Special Revenues Fund, $14,858.86; Road Use Tax, $17,450.61; Debt Service, $710.07; C.U.T. Fire Fund, $27,398.33; Library Fund, $2,671.72; Garbage Utility, $6,454.36; Water Utility, $11,377.44; Sewer Utility, $9,401.10. Total Receipts: $120,280.72.

Following is a summary of disbursements for November: General Fund, $8,282.73; TIF/Special Revenues Fund, $19,308.46; Road Use Tax, $934.00; C.U.T. Fire Fund, $25,235.15; Library Fund, $1,833.11; Garbage Utility, $6,372.00; Water Utility, $22,370.03; Sewer Utility, $6,921.30. Total Disbursements: $91,256.78.

The following list of claims was presented to the council for December:

 AG SOURCE Analysis 529.50

 ALLIANT ENERGY Monthly Service 4,314.96

 ANKENY SANITATION Service-November 6,372.00

 BAKER & TAYLOR Books, DVD’s 356.47

 CEDAR RAPIDS BANK & Interest Payment-City Center 12,537.50

 TRUST

 CHARD-BERGSTROM, CINDY Utility Deposit Refund 80.00

 CITY OF AMES ½ Solid Waste Contract 4,342.00

 DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP Legal Service-Urban Renewal 5,000.00

 Plan Amendment, REDLG Note

 EFTPS Fed. & FICA W/H 2,761.82

 FELD FIRE Service Air Compressor 700.00

 FIDELITY BANK Returned Check & Fee 190.03

 FOX ENGINEERING Fees 15,001.00

 GATEHOUSE MEDIA IOWA Publishing 487.10

 HAWKINS, INC. Water Treatment 1,178.49

 HEARTLAND CO-OP Fuel 1,603.97

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 HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS Monthly Service 424.02

 INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY Supplies 28.80

 CENTER

 IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY Interest Payments- 5,602.50

 Water & Sewer Bonds

 IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSN. Dues, Mutual Aid 415.00

 IOWA ONE CALL Service 38.90

 I P E R S Retirement 1,783.47

 IOWA RURAL WATER ASSN. Annual Dues 225.00

 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL Supplies 549.85

 KEMPKER’S TRUE VALUE Supplies 273.82

 MENARDS Supplies 714.84

 MOLLY MAID OF ANKENY Cleaning Services 490.00

 ROBERTS, TRACEY Clean Comm. Center 50.00

 SOUTH STORY BANK & TRUST Interest Payment-Fire Truck 1,089.08

 ULINE Hand Towels 192.16

 U.S. CELLULAR Monthly Service 73.23

 U.S. POSTMASTER Billing Postage 140.00

 USA BLUE BOOK Pump, Drum Lifter 1,292.99

 WAGES Net Wages 8,410.11

 WELLMARK BC/BS Health Premium 3,955.86

 COUGHLIN, ERIN Reimb. for Expenses 297.20

 MARCO Copier Rental, Supplies 150.44

 IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES Shelving System 1,029.00

 TOTAL CLAIMS $82,681.11

After discussion, a motion by Macki, seconded by Todd, to accept the receipts and approve all claims for payment. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The treasurer’s report, budget balances report, bank reconciliation and list of outstanding checks, and police report were presented and accepted by the council.

Reports from standing committees were asked for with Thom submitting a request from Kevin Tully, the new owner of the trailer court, to bill each of the residents separately for their utility bills. Mayor Kovarik indicated that the city had done that a few years ago and it was a lot of extra work for our public works director to maintain the individual meters, and he would prefer that the billing stay the same. The council agreed. The clerk reported that Assistant Librarian Ruth Purvis had submitted her resignation. She and her husband have sold their house and are moving to far to continue working for the library. The library board and director are looking for a replacement.

The first item under old business concerned the wastewater improvements project. Steve Van Dyke, Fox Enginering, has reported that the Conditional Use Permit has been

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approved by Story County, and the Flood Permit should be issued soon. They are working on the design for the new facilities and plan on having the project ready for bids in January, 2021. They are also working on the NPDES discharge permit for the new outfall. Woodruff Construction has ordered the new baffle curtain to replace the unit that was damaged by the derecho storm, and anticipate that the new unit will be installed this month.

The next items under old business concerned the Cambridge Opera House Project and the update of the city code. No new information was presented for these items.

The last item under old business concerned the 2020 Derecho storm. One estimate has been submitted for the roof repairs. The city will need to get two more in order to apply for FEMA grant funds for this project. Mayor Kovarik reported that more damage had been found on the tractor when Van Wall Equipment took it apart. They estimated that it will cost an additional $3,000 to repair it. Public Works Director Dale Hennick has contacted the insurance adjuster and will submit this estimate.

Mark Kahler, 502-4th Street, joined the meeting at this time to address the council concerning parking of his semi on the street near the former Country Store. He indicated that he had heard the council had a problem with this, and wanted clarification on the issue, as there are other residents in the city that park their semis on the street. Mayor Kovarik responded that city code allows the parking of the tractor on the street, but not the trailer.

The first item under new business was the FY2020 Annual Financial Report for the city. The clerk presented the report for the council’s information and review. The report has been published in the city’s official newspaper and has been submitted to the state.

The last item under new business was a letter from Ballard Dollars for Scholars to the council concerning sponsoring a scholarship again this year. The council will review the request during budget discussions in January.

Ordinance No. 20-F, “Floodplain Management Ordinance”, was presented to the council. A motion by Todd, seconded by Macki, was made to approve the ordinance on its second reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Baxter, Macki, McBreen, Thom, Todd. Nays: None. Motion carried. The public hearing and final reading of the ordinance will be at the January regular council meeting.

Mayor/Council comments were asked for with the council discussing building permit issues, and the impact of Covid-19 on Story County residents and businesses.

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A motion by Macki, seconded by Thom, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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