

City of Cambridge
City Council Meeting
Monday, February 15, 2021
6:30 P.M.
Cambridge Community Building
722 Patterson St

Pursuant to notice published in the Valley Voice on Thursday, February 11, 2021, the Cambridge City Council convened in open public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on February 15, 2021 at the Cambridge Community Building. Present were Mayor David Gunderson, City Council Members Vernita Saylor, Mike Harris, Derek Raburn, Tony Groshong and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent was City Council Member Jeff Ommert. City Staff present were Utility Supervisor David Houghtelling, City Clerk/Treasurer Kandra Kinne; and City Attorney Lisa Shifflet. Visitors present were Genny Kubik for *The Valley Voice*; Howard Johnson for *Ho Jo's Hideaway*; Morgan Farquhar, Attorney at Law; and Cody Gerlach representing Baseball. 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 February 1, 2021 and the claims report. The City Council received a copy of the minutes of February 1, 2021 and the claims report prior to this meeting and additional claims report at this meeting. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Derek Raburn, to approve the minutes of February 1, 2021 and the claims report. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Mike Harris, Derek Raburn and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent and not voting was Jeff Ommert, none voted no. Motion carried by City Council members present for the minutes of February 1, 2021, and the following claims report:

<i>City of Cambridge</i>			
<i>Claims Report</i>			
<i>To Mayor and City Council</i>			
<i>15-Feb-21</i>			
<i>Period 02/02/2021 TO 02/15/2021</i>			
Check No.	Vendor, For	Amount	Dept. Total
	<u>Combined Utility:</u>		
31921	Cambridge Telephone Company	745.02	
31922-31928	Payroll	9,500.27	
31929	Ag Valley, Fuel	289.78	
31930	Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Insurance	10,631.14	
31931	BRICO Pest Control, Spray Buildings	67.25	
31932	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	132.00	
31933	Card Member Services, Postage	337.70	
31934	City of Cambridge, Deposit Error	125.00	
31935	Eakes Office Solutions, Supplies	52.96	
31936	John Ekberg, Refund Credit on Account	32.59	
31937	NMC Exchange, Repairs	423.11	

31938	Northwestern Mutual, Annuity	2,930.87	
31939	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs	53.99	
31940	Twin Valleys Public Power, Utility	3,462.34	
31941	USABLE Life, Life Insurance	81.00	
31942	Western Area Power Administration	5,688.31	
ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings	3,155.45	37,708.78
	<u>Security Deposit Account:</u>		
2029-2030	Security Deposit Refunds	300.00	300.00
	<u>City Account (General Fund):</u>		
48777	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	421.16	
48778	League of Nebraska Municipalities, Registration	790.00	
48779	Ag Valley, Fuel	55.11	
48780	Bound Tree Medical, Supplies	153.82	
48781	Card Member Services, Postage, Frame	91.00	
48782	CenturyLink, Police Phone	119.92	
48783	Employee Deductible	26.30	
48784	Faw Motor Company, Repairs	681.48	
48785	FedEx, Return Freight	110.53	
48786	First Central Bank, Fire Equipment Loan Payment	793.92	
48787	Frontier, Police Phone	45.37	
48788	Employee Deductible	54.47	
48789	Employee Deductible	320.46	
48790	Municipal Clerk Institute, Registration	616.00	
48791	void	0.00	
48792	NMC Exchange, Repairs	1,599.29	
48793	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs	88.23	
48794	Twin Valleys Public Power District, Utility	59.85	
48795	Waypoint Bank, Golf Loan Payment	1,545.00	7,571.91
	<u>TIF:</u>		
1108	Cline Williams, Attorney Fees	70.00	70.00
	<u>LB840/ Revolving Loan/ HTC:</u>		
4362	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	48.95	
4363	Card Member Services, Meals, Adobe	130.78	
4364	City of Cambridge, Distribution Sales Tax	17,946.61	
4365	Cross Creek Golf Links, Distribution Sales Tax	5,697.61	
4366	Elwood Housing Project, Workforce Housing	10,000.00	
4367	NEDA, Dues	150.00	
4368	Ryan Sheely, Refund Over Payment	250.00	34,223.95
	Total:	79,874.64	79,874.64

Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees:

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission recommended the re-appointment of Vicki Brown. Derek Raburn stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the re-appointment of Vicki Brown to the Planning Commission. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent and not voting was Jeff Ommert, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

Citizen Advisory Board – The Citizen Advisory Board recommended the appointment of Kim Cramer and the re-appointment of Tammy Sexton and JoLee Ebbers. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the appointment of Kim Cramer and the re-appointment of Tammy Sexton and JoLee Ebbers to the Citizen Advisory Board. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent and not voting was Jeff Ommert, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

Planning Commission – Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to approve the Planning Commission minutes of February 10, 2021. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent and not voting was Jeff Ommert, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

Utility Supervisor – Dave Houghtelling reported on snow removal and generation due to the extreme cold temperatures.

City Clerk/Treasurer – Kandra Kinne reported on the following: Citizen Advisory Board meeting on February 17; Kandra, MiKayla Kent, Assistant Clerk; Mayor David Gunderson; and City Attorney Lisa Shifflet participated in Mid-Winter Conference; and the Sales Tax report for February is submitted.

City Attorney – Lisa Shifflet reported that there will be a hearing on February 22, 2021 regarding legal action taken by Morgan and Sally Farquhar against the City of Cambridge, City Council and Planning Commission. She also advised that Alan Koerperich has asked to intervene and become a party to the action which will also be heard on February 22.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Disconnect Policy – Kandra reported on the Utility Late Payment Penalty Policy wording to be on monthly utility bills to the effect that disconnect can be postponed 30 days with a certificate from a medical professional. Wording will correspond with the proposed TVPPD contract.

Twin Valleys Public Power District proposed contract – Mayor Gunderson reported on attendance at a recent board meeting with TVPPD when an agreement was reached on an initial two-year contract. The TVPPD Board approved the contract which will be on Council's agenda for the next meeting.

New Business:

Ho Jo's Hideaway – Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the Special Designated Liquor Permit for Ho Jo's Hideaway for Saturday, March 27, 2021, for the Pheasants Forever Banquet. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent and not voting was Jeff Ommert, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present.

Abandoned Vehicle – City Attorney Lisa Shifflet reported on the abandoned vehicle picked up in December by the Sheriff's Office. She has notified the owner. The Fire Department can now use the vehicle for training.

Reports of Officers, Board and Committees:

Park Board – The minutes of February 11 Park Board were submitted, and Cody Gerlach addressed Council. He advised that he, Jennifer Raburn and Amber Webb are interested in managing the baseball program this year. The Park Board approved several items submitted by Cody Gerlach at its recent meeting – pouring a pad for a grill at the new concession stand, changes to the old concession stand and constructing a building to house the pitching machine. A suggestion was made to put the grill in the shelter house. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the Park Board's recommendations except to use the shelter house for the grill rather than pouring a pad. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent and not voting was Jeff Ommert, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council members present. Cody reported that he will be responsible for Little League baseball. The accounts/funds will stay with the City until the baseball group sets up an association. Cody does not have anyone to condition the fields. Discussion was held that perhaps a summer intern could take care of the fields, etc.

Unfinished Business:

Employee Handbook – A staff meeting was held on February 11. Discussion centered on overtime, holiday pay, vacation and sick leave. The item was tabled for more information.

Adjournment – Derek Raburn stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, Tony Groshong, Derek Raburn, Mike Harris and Kevin Banzhaf. Absent and not voting was Jeff Ommert, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

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

David Gunderson, Mayor