

City of Cambridge  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday January 2, 2018  
6:30 P.M.

Pursuant to notice posted in the city office and published in the Cambridge Clarion, Thursday December 28, 2017, the Cambridge City Council met for regular meeting at the Cambridge Community Building, convening at 6:30 P.M. Present were Mayor Mark Harpst, City Council Members Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert and Vernita Saylor. Absent was City Council Member Tony Groshong. City Staff present were Kandra Kinne, City Clerk/Treasurer, Dave Houghtelling, Utility Supervisor, City Attorney Tom Patterson and Diane Henderson Economic Development Director. Also present from the Cambridge Fire Department were Delaine Soucie and Chris Rich. Mayor Harpst opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Harpst announced the open meeting law is posted on the east wall of the meeting room and available for public inspection.

KENO Election – Tom Patterson reported he is working on the ballot language with regard to changes in State Statute since the previous KENO Election.

Fire Equipment Loan Agreement – Delaine Soucie and Chris Rich were present to answer questions about the proposed purchase of SCBA Gear for the Fire Department. They are proposing the purchase

of 10 sets of gear to replace SCBA purchased about five years ago. The total cost is \$53,464.35. The Fire Department proposes to make a down payment of \$10,500 from their golf funds. Chris Rich demonstrated the gear they are proposing to purchase. Delaine and Chris explained the problems they are having with the current gear they have with needs to have repairs, the company is slow in providing repairs and some gear has been at the company for repair for up to six months. They stated they would purchase demo packs with a 13 year warranty still left on the packs. Delaine and Chris also discussed some of the condition and age of trucks that need to be replaced, problems they are having with getting equipment in the existing fire barn. Chris Rich signed a conflict of interest statement for the City. The City Council asked for an additional bid. The item would be tabled until the meeting on January 17 with the Rural Fire Board.

Managers Application – Cross Creek Golf Links Liquor License. The City Council reviewed the application submitted. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Derek Raburn, to approve the Managers Application for Cross Creek Golf Links Liquor License. On roll call vote Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert and Vernita Saylor voted yes, none voted no and Tony Groshong was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

General Store Contract/Rent. Vernita Saylor made the request on behalf of the General Store Board to reduce the rent paid by the General Store to the City. The City Council reviewed costs for Insurance and property taxes and miscellaneous repairs. Tom McCarville stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor to reduce the rent \$450.00 per month. The City Council held discussing about ongoing costs for the City. Tom McCarville amended his motion that the rent would be \$400.00 for the first six months of 2018 and return to the \$600.00 per month for the last six months of 2018, seconded by Vernita Saylor. On roll call vote Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert, and Tom McCarville voted yes, none voted no, Tony Groshong was absent and not voting and Vernita Saylor abstained. Motion carried.

Economic Development Report – Diane asked when the Remonstrance period would begin on the downtown center. Tom Patterson reported it would be on the agenda for the next City Council Meeting. Diane reported she is preparing an annual LB840 report and has been finishing the website and the website will go live later this week.

Utility Supervisor Report – Dave Houghtelling reported in the previous week a power pole was hit by a pickup in the North part of town. City Staff and Twin Valley Public Power worked during the night to restore power to residences. Dave would prepare a bill for the pickup owner. Dave discuss concerns he had with activity around the pickup while powerlines were down and laying over the pickup. Dave is asking for more assistance from the Furnas County Sheriff to clear the area when this happens. The staff has had power outages two more times in the last week.

City Clerk/Treasurer Report – Kandra reported Cobblestone Inn and Suites is requesting \$7,641.64 from the Furnas County Visitors Committee Improvement Fund to construct an outdoor area that is sheltered with a roof and a northern windbreak. It will be located on the edge of the Cobblestone Inn and Suites. It will provide an outdoor area for guests. The City would be the pass through agency for the funding. The City Council received a copy of the application. Derek Raburn stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert to approve the application to the Furnas County Visitors Committee Improvement Fund in the

amount of \$7,641.64 for Cobblestone Inn and Suites to construct an outdoor shelter area for guests. On roll call vote Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert, Vernita Saylor, Tom McCarville and Derek Raburn voted yes, none voted no and Tony Groshong was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

Consent Agenda Minutes of December 18, 2017 and December 27, 2017 and claims report. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017, December 27, 2017 and the claims report. On roll call vote Jeff Ommert, Vernita Saylor, Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn and Keith Luedders voted yes, none voted no and Tony Groshong was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present for the minutes of December 18, 2017, December 27, 2017 and the following claims:

City of Cambridge			
Claims Report			
Check No.	Vendor/ For	Amount	Dept.
			Total
Combined Utility:			
29665-29671	Payroll	8,273.35	
29672	Customer Refund	47.27	
29673	NMC Exchange, Air Compressor	8,250.00	
29674	Payroll	200.00	
29675	Cambridge Post office, Postage	231.04	
29676	Ag Valley, Fuel	228.43	
29677	American Electric, Supplies	149.00	
26678	Aramark, Mats	167.43	
29679	Bartley Lumber, Supplies	22.70	
26780	Besler Industries, Rebate	2,920.00	
29681	BIC, Purchased Water	2,072.40	
29682	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	38.24	
29683	Cambridge Post office, Postage	250.00	
26684	Cambridge Telephone, Rebate	360.00	
29685	Data technologies, Forms	187.68	
29686	Dutton- Lainson, Supplies	732.07	
29687	Eakes Office, Supplies	323.90	
29688	Employee Debit Card, Supplies	59.97	
29689	Hometown Leasing, Copier Lease	436.20	
29690	Employee Flex Spending	1,392.25	
29691	League, Registration	170.00	
29692	Lord's, Supplies	250.00	
29693	Nebraska U C Fund, Tax	1.46	
29694	NMC Exchange, Repairs	82.39	
29695	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	333.61	
29696	One Call Concepts, Locates	29.88	

29697	Schaben Sanitation, Trash Fee	385.23	
29698	Sewer Improvement, Transfer	1,000.00	
29699	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs	10.23	
29700	Water System Extension, Transfer	1,083.33	
ACH	City of Cambridge, Utility	3,270.50	
ACH	Black Hills Energy, Utility	647.35	
ACH	IRS, With holdings	3,080.93	
ACH	Nebr. Dept. Revenue, State With holdings	966.02	37,652.86
	City Account (General Fund)		
45306	NMC Exchange, Air Compressor	2,750.00	
45307	Museum Project	2,000.00	
45308-45312	Payroll	1,000.00	
45313	void		
45315	Waypoint Bank, Loan Payment	1,545.00	
45316	Ag Valley, Fuel	135.05	
45317	Aramark, Mats	23.55	
45318	Baker & Taylor, Books	315.80	
45319	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	28.49	
45320	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	113.86	
45321	Cambridge Supermarket, Supplies	35.21	
45322	Courtney Stanton, Supplies	13.87	
45323	DEMCO, Supplies	97.99	
45324	Employee Debit Card, Supplies	399.00	
45325	Fire/Ambulance, Transfer	1,507.25	
45326	Follett Software, Support	1,569.45	
45327	Furnas County Treasurer, Inter-local contract	4,688.00	
45328	Intellicom, Support	751.10	
45329	Jay Sayer, Rent	150.00	
45330	Kandra Kinne, Mileage	99.62	
45331	Maria Downer, Supplies	40.39	
45332	Matheson Tri Gas, Supplies	90.60	
45333	Nebraska U C Fund, Tax	54.73	
45334	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	91.92	
45335	Physico Control, Supplies	369.00	
45336	Readers Digest, Subscription	19.98	
45337	River Valley Services, Repairs	1,225.64	
45338	Sandy Fire, Supplies	201.11	
45339	Southwest Farm & Auto, Repairs	79.85	
45340	The Magnolia Journal, Subscription	20.00	
45341-45380	Payroll	19,002.02	
ACH	City of Cambridge, Utility	4,248.67	

ACH	Black Hills Energy, Utility	592.68	
ACH	IRS, With holdings	33.13	
ACH	IRS, With holdings	165.70	
ACH	Nebr. Dept. Revenue, State With holdings	27.27	
ACH	IRS, With holdings	791.47	
ACH	IRS, With holdings	2,447.12	46,724.52
	Ambulance Bond		
316	First Central Bank, Payment	12,203.31	12,203.31
	LB840		
3741	Payroll	1,282.60	
3742	David Trompke, Façade Grant	1,234.39	
3743	Hair Company, Façade Grant	469.00	
3744	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	1.98	
3745	Employee Debit Card, Supplies	104.37	
3746	Lord's, Supplies	44.25	
3747	Firespring, Support	150.00	
3748	Melissa Jackson, Promotions	287.50	
ACH	IRS, With holdings	356.19	
ACH	Nebr. Dept. Revenue, State With holdings	91.02	4,021.30
	Employee Debit Card:		
ACH	Mark's Pharmacy, Supplies	8.21	
ACH	Corner Café, Meal	40.76	
ACH	JACO Analytical, Postage	11.00	
ACH	Facebook Notifications	104.37	
ACH	Cambridge Post office, Postage	26.45	190.79
	Employee Health:		
812-815	Deductibles	525.34	525.34
	Golf Course Improvement		
342	Cambridge Golf club, donation	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Community Building		
333	Scott tenBensel, Refund	30.00	30.00
	Total	102,348.12	102,348.12

Executive Session – Keith Luedders stated the motion, seconded by Tom McCarville, to go into executive session at 8:36 P.M. for personnel. On roll call vote Vernita Saylor, Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders and Jeff Ommert voted yes, none voted no and Tony Groshong was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present. Tom McCarville stated the motion, seconded by Derek Raburn, to return to regular session at 9:05 P.M. On roll call vote Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert and Vernita Saylor voted yes, none voted no and Tony Groshong was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

Mayor Harpst stated the only item discussed in executive session was personnel and no decision were made in executive session.

The next regular meeting is Monday January 15, 2018. Tom McCarville stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor to adjourn at 9:06 P.M. On roll call voted Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert, Vernita Saylor and Tom McCarville voted yes, none voted no and Tony Groshong was absent and not voting. Motion carried unanimously by City Council Members present.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kandra J. Kinne, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Mark Harpst, Mayor