

City of Cambridge
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday December 4, 2017
6:30 P.M.

Pursuant to notice published in the Cambridge Clarion, Thursday November 30, 2017, and posted in the Cambridge City Office, the Cambridge City Council met for regular meeting convening at 6:30 P.M. Present were Mayor Mark Harpst and City Council Members Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert, Tony Groshong and Vernita Saylor. City Staff present were Kandra Kinne, City Clerk/Treasurer, Dave Houghtelling, Utility Supervisor and Diane Henderson, Economic Development Director. Jolene Miller was present for the Cambridge Clarion and Gary Dicenta was present for Miller and Associates. 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.

Appointments/Communications/Resolutions:

The City Council did not have information about an election for Keno and the item was tabled until the next meeting.

Public Hearings:

Mayor Harpst opened public hearings at 6:30 P.M. The following public hearings were held. Amateur's Bar & Grill special designated liquor permit for Saturday January 6, 2018. There were no members of the public present to speak in opposition to the request for a special designated liquor permit. Mayor Harpst closed the public hearing. Jeff Ommert stated the motion, seconded by Tony Groshong, to approve a special designated liquor permit for Amateur's Bar & Grill for Saturday January 6, 2018 at the Cambridge Community Building, 722 Patterson Street, during the hours of 5:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. On roll call vote Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert, Tony Groshong and Vernita Saylor voted yes, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

Ho Jo's Hideaway designated liquor permit for Saturday December 30, 2017 at the Heritage Plaza 1205 Nelson Street. There were no members of the public present to speak in opposition to the request for a special designated liquor permit. Mayor Harpst closed the public hearing. Derek Raburn stated the motion, seconded by Tom McCarville, to approve a special designated liquor permit for Ho Jo's Hideaway for Saturday December 30, 2017 at the Heritage Plaza 1205 Nelson Street during the hours of 5:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. On roll call vote Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert, Tony Groshong, Vernita Saylor and Tom McCarville voted yes, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

Ho Jo's Hideaway designed liquor permit for Friday January 19, 2018 at the Cambridge Community Building, 722 Patterson Street. There were no members of the public present to

speak in opposition to the request for a special designated liquor permit. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Tom McCarville, to approve a special designated liquor permit for Ho Jo's Hideaway for Saturday January 19, 2018 at the Cambridge Community Building, 722 Patterson Street, during the hours of 5:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. On roll call vote Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert, Tony Groshong, Vernita Saylor, Tom McCarville and Derek Raburn voted yes, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

1-6 Year Street Plan public hearing 6:36 P.M. Gary Dicenta of Miller and Associates, was present to provide information for the 1 and 6 year street plan hearing. Gary provided a map showing completed and proposed projects. Project #34 Water, sewer, storm sewer, curb and gutter on Cornhusk Lane, Project #35 is an extension of Wheat Ridge Drive water, storm sewer, curb and gutter, Project #31 is extended for turning land on Highway 6/34 into Harvest Meadows, Project #30 is extended for Highway lighting on Highway 6/34 along Harvest Meadows, Project #37 new is Downtown Improvements for Storm Drainage, replace sidewalks and construct ADA ramps, Project #36 completed August 2017 is armor coating streets East of Highway 47 and South of South Railway street, Project #38 Ne is armor coating North Railway Street between Parker Street and Patterson Street, and Project #19 extended in the six year plan for storm drainage southwest side of Cambridge. The City Council discussed the existing projects. No changes were recommended. There were no other public comments. Mayor Harpst closed the public hearing at 6:50 P.M. Vernita Saylor stated the motion, seconded by Jeff Ommert, to approve Resolution 2017-12-01 and adopt the one and six year street plan. On roll call vote Jeff Ommert, Tony Groshong, Vernita Saylor, Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn and Keith Luedders voted yes, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously to adopt the one and Six Year Street Plan and the following Resolution:

Resolution of Adoption

Resolution 2017-12-01

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Cambridge, Nebraska that the attached 1 & 6 Year Street Improvement Program is hereby adopted by said Board. The said Board attests that a Notice of Public Hearing was posted in the following three public places:

Cambridge City Office

Waypoint Bank

Cambridge Post Office

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this program was approved as presented.

Ordinances and Agreements:

Ward Redistricting Ordinance No. 750 – Final Reading. Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve Ordinance No. 750 on final reading. On roll call vote Tony Groshong, Vernita Saylor, Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, and Jeff Ommert voted yes, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously for the final reading of Ordinance No. 750 as follows:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, Article 1-803 entitled "Elections; Voter Qualifications;

Specifically to establish Wards within the city limits of the City of Cambridge; 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, Article 803, entitled: "Elections; Voter Qualifications" specifically establishing wards within the city limits of the City of Cambridge is amended to read as follows:

1-803 Elections; Voter Qualifications. Electors shall mean every person of the constitutionally prescribed age or upwards who shall have the right to vote for all officers to be elected to public office and upon all questions and proposals lawfully submitted to the voters at any and all elections authorized or provided for by the Constitution or the laws of the State of Nebraska except school elections; provided, no person shall be qualified to vote at any election unless such person shall be a resident of the State and shall have been properly registered with the Election official of the County. (Ref. 32-102 RS Neb.)

1-804 Elections; Wards. The Municipality shall redistrict as often as necessary using the most recent Federal Census to insure that each ward is substantially equal in population. The Municipality shall stand divided into the following wards as set forth herein:

THE FIRST WARD shall comprise all the territory within the corporate limits of Cambridge, Nebraska, lying north of the center line of Nasby Street and east of the center line of Shole Avenue;

THE SECOND WARD shall consist of all the territory within the corporate limits of Cambridge, Nebraska, lying south of the center line of Nasby Street and include property east of Road 410, North and South of Highway 6/34; and

THE THIRD WARD shall comprise all the territory lying north of the center line of Nasby Street and west of the center line of Shole Avenue as said streets are now plotted and surveyed.

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.

Electric Rate Ordinance – The City Council discussed average kWh and rate classes. Kandra would provide a report showing Customer class, kWh and amount sold. Tom McCarville stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 751. On roll call vote Vernita Saylor, Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert and Tony Groshong voted yes, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously for the second reading of Ordinance No 751 as follows:

Ordinance No. 751

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-798 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA; SETTING ELECTRIC RATES; PROVIDING FOR AN INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC RATE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 711 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Downtown Center – The City Council met in special session on Monday November 27th to receive sealed bids for the sale of the downtown Center, 702 Patterson Street. The City did not receive bids. The City Council discussed if there are any interested parties, the purchase cost of the building. The City Council took no action and will leave the item on the agenda for the next meeting on December 18.

Reports:

Miller and Associates – Kandra reported a committee will begin meeting about the swimming pool project.

Economic Development Report – Diane Henderson reported she is in discussion with 7 people for lots in Harvest Meadows. Diane is reviewing the draft guidelines for rural workforce housing and noted the regional is defined differently than expected. Diane is helping Chamber and local businesses during the Holiday events, working on the new website development, Economic Development paid for an ad in the Nebraska Life Magazine, there will be an article in the April/May addition on Cambridge. Economic Development placed an ad in the Cambridge Clarion in support of shop local.

Ambulance/Fire Report – the City Council set a meeting for December 27, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the fire barn project. Kandra will contact the Rural Fire Board Members.

Utility Supervisor Report – Dave Houghtelling reported the Breaker at the Fichtner Substation will be install on Tuesday. Staff will run the generators on Tuesday during the installation.

City Clerk/Treasurer Report – Kandra Kinne reported she will be working with the Auditors this week on year-end adjustments, Brad Slaughter of Ameritas will attend the next meeting to discuss bond issues for the swimming pool, fire barn and downtown revitalization. Kandra will postpone asking for Requests for Proposal for General Administration of the Downtown Revitalization Grant until the next meeting. Kandra asked the City Council about removing the trailer house that was abated during the nuisance abatement program. The City Council wanted to move forward with the removal, but asked to have the City’s insurer contacted about any possible liability when other people are on the property. Kandra provided the workman’s comp rating. The City’s rating is higher than last year and will affect premiums for insurance.

Consent Agenda Minutes of November 20, 2017, November 27, 2017 and the claims report.

Derek Raburn stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor to approve the consent agenda items, Minutes of November 20, 2017, Minutes of November 27, 2017 and claims report. On roll call vote Tom McCarville, Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert, Tony Groshong and Vernita Saylor voted yes, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously. Following list of claims approved:

	City of Cambridge		
	Claims Report		

	4-Dec-17		
			Dept.
Check No.	Vendor, For	Amount	Totals
	Combined Utility:		
29588-29594	Payroll	8,184.43	
29595	Cambridge Post office, Postage	230.58	
29596	BIC, Purchased Water	2,636.70	
29597	Twin Valleys PPD, Purchased Power	205,080.95	
29598	Furnas County Treasurer, License Pickup	15.00	
29599	Ag Valley, Fuel	150.14	
29600	Aramark Uniform, Mats	167.43	
29601	Besler Industries, Iron	28.35	
29602	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	132.72	
29603	Cambridge Public School, Electric Rebate	12,020.00	
29604	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	27.86	
29605	City of Cambridge, Petty Cash	32.95	
29606	Dutton-Lainson, Supplies	1,280.00	
29607	Employee Debit Card, Postage	24.80	
29608	Hometown Leasing, Copier Lease	458.01	
29609	Municipal Supply, Supplies	88.60	
29610	NMC Exchange, Filters	50.11	
29611	Olsson Associates, Fees	2,421.12	
29612	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	333.61	
29613	Sewer Improvement, Transfer	1,000.00	
29614	Southwest Farm & Auto, Supplies	270.25	
29615	Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	177.66	
29616	Water System Extension, Transfer	1,083.33	
29617	Western Area Power, Purchased Power	5,923.53	
29618	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	7.48	
29619	Employee Debit Card, Postage	24.80	
ACH	Black Hills Energy, Utility	307.63	
ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings,	3,017.56	
ACH	City of Cambridge, Utility	2,677.07	
ACH	Nebr. Dept. Revenue, Withholding Tax	909.98	248,762.65
	City Account (General Fund)		
45224	Payroll	674.85	
45225	Ag Valley, Fuel	402.27	
45226	Aramark Uniform, Mats	23.55	
45227	Bartley Lumber, Supplies	44.52	
45228	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	10.98	
45229	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	1.50	

45230	Curb Appeal, Street Sweeping	1,712.50	
45231	D & S Hardware, Rental	35.00	
45232	Employee Debit Card, Postage	80.00	
45233	Fire/Ambulance Sinking, Transfer	1,507.25	
45234	Furnas County Treasurer, Inter-local Law	4,668.00	
45235	Great Plains Government, Dues	50.00	
45236	Jay Sayer, Rent	150.00	
45237	Matheson Tri-Gas, Oxygen	88.00	
45238	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease	91.92	
45239	River Valley Services, Repairs	75.00	
45240	Sandy Fire Supply, Supplies	169.35	
45241	Southwest Farm & Auto, Supplies	74.32	
45242	Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	99.23	
45243	Ag Valley, Fuel	30.23	
45244	Baker & Taylor, Books	534.71	
45245	Bound Tree Medical, Supplies	50.99	
45246	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	49.51	
45247	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	1.63	
45248	DEMCO, Supplies	87.24	
45249	Eakes Office, Supplies	364.35	
45250	Family Fun, Subscription	9.99	
45251	Gale, Library Books	158.92	
45252	Groshong Construction, Library Repairs	5,877.50	
45253	Harlequin, Books	23.00	
45254	Maria Downer, Mileage, Registration, Supplies	420.09	
45255	Mead Lumber, Supplies	16.50	
45256	Oriental Trading, Supplies	92.98	
45257	People, Subscription	118.26	
45258-45270	Payroll	4,231.65	
ACH	Black Hills Energy, Utility	333.22	
ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings,	147.30	
ACH	City of Cambridge, Utility	4,288.78	
ACH	Nebr. Dept. Revenue, Withholding Tax	58.59	
ACH	IRS, Federal With holdings,	793.75	27,647.43
	TIF:		
1024	Miller & Associates, Fees	1,335.50	1,335.50
	LB840:		
3721	Payroll		
3722	Cambridge Chamber, Chamber Bucks	120.00	
3723	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	271.81	
3724	Employee Debit Card, Postage	99.14	

3725	Flagship Publishing, Ad	6,317.50	
ACH	Nebr. Dept. Revenue, Withholding Tax	83.67	6,892.12
	Employee Debit Card:		
ACH	Cambridge Post office, Postage	24.80	
ACH	University of Nebraska, Registration	80.00	
ACH	Facebook Notifications	99.14	203.94
	Employee Health:		
809-810	Employee Deductibles	45.73	45.73
		284,887.37	284,887.37

Adjournment – Tony Groshong stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor, to adjourn. On roll call vote Derek Raburn, Keith Luedders, Jeff Ommert, Tony Groshong, Vernita Saylor and Tom McCarville voted yes, none voted no. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Attest: _____

Kandra J. Kinne, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mark Harpst, Mayor