

City of Cambridge
City Council Meeting
March 3, 2025
6:30 P.M.

Cambridge Community Building
722 Patterson St

Pursuant to notice published in the Valley Voice on February 27, 2025, the Cambridge City Council convened in open public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on March 3, 2025 at the Cambridge Community Building, 722 Patterson Street. Present were Mayor David Gunderson, City Council Members Jeff Ommert, Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Nora McGowen, Troy Westadt and Kevin Banzhaf. City Staff present City Clerk/Treasurer Courtney Stanton, City Superintendent Mike Tomlin. Visitors Genny Kubik Valley Voice, Gwen Jensen Schaben Sanitation, Edward Dunn West Central Nebraska Development District and Hayden Ekberg. 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:

- A. Approval of minutes of previous City Council Meetings (provided prior to meeting) February 3, 2025
- B. Claims
- C. SDL for Cross Creek Golf Links March 28th, 2025
- D. Cambridge EMS Minutes January 27th, 2025

City of Cambridge
Claims Report
To Mayor and City Council
3/3/2025
2/18/2025 to 03/03/2025

Claim Number	Check No.	Vendor, For	Amount	Dept. Total
<u>COMBINED UTILITY AND CITY ACCOUNT</u>				
1	35177	Cambridge Post office, Postage	206.06	
2	35178-35185	Payroll	4,543.49	
3	35186-35187	Ag Valley, Fuel	466.23	
4	35188	American Agricultural Lab, Analysis	27.56	
5	35189	BOK Financial, Bond Payment	82,238.78	
6	35190	Bound Tree Medical, Ambulance Supplies	470.49	
7	35191	CAMAS - Publications	230.79	
8	35192-35193	Cambridge General Store, Supplies	849.22	
9	35194	Cambridge Super Market, Supplies	29.93	
10	35195	Cambridge Telephone, Utility	1,290.99	
11	35196	Courtney Stanton, Dental Benefit	50.00	
12	35197	Dutton-Lainson, 200 A Breaker	4,818.29	

13	35198	Furnas County Treasurer, Police Contract	5,865.00	
14	35199	Greg Howerter - Employee Deductible, Vision Care	165.27	
15	35200	Gworks, Chart of Accounts	2,118.85	
16	35201	Kandra Kinne, Gift Card	500.00	
17	35202	Maguire Iron, Inspection	2,650.00	
18	35203	Matheson Tri - Gas - Oxygen	134.96	
19	35204	McCook ACE Hardware, Supplies	26.99	
20	35205	Mike Rowe, Reimburse for Fuel	95.03	
21	35206	Mike Tomlin, Employee Deductible	139.58	
22	35207	Mutual of Omaha, Life Insurance	108.00	
23	35208	NMC Exchange, Inspection, Oil Sample	2,034.00	
24	35209	Northwestern Mutual, Annuity	2,631.02	
25	35210	Olsson, Emission Inventory Report	255.00	
26	35212	Page My Cell, Fire Page System	600.00	
27	35213	River Valley Services, Sewer Machine & Labor	325.00	
28	35214	Ryan Cramer, Supplies	50.44	
29	35215	Southwest Farm & Auto, Supplies	17.81	
30	35216	Troy Westadt, Mileage Midwinter Conference	282.80	
31	35217	USA Blue Book, Supplies	97.62	
32	ACH	Return Item	688.20	
33	ACH	Payroll	13,593.60	
34	ACH	CenturyLink, Police Phone	47.75	
35	ACH	Internal Revenue Service, Federal Withholdings	3,382.28	
36	ACH	Nebraska Department of Revenue, State Withholdings	515.69	
37	ACH	Five Points Bank, Copier Lease	514.46	
38	ACH	Internal Revenue Service, Federal Withholdings	980.46	
39	ACH	Nebraska Department of Revenue, State Withholdings	46.97	
40	ACH	City of Cambridge, Utility	9,186.12	
41	ACH	Card Member Services, Postage, Supplies, Software	501.43	
42	TR	Fire/Ambulance Sinking Fund, Transfer	1,848.00	
43	TR	City of Cambridge, Budget Transfers	30,833.33	175,457.49
<u>Security Deposit Account:</u>				
44	2190-2192	Security Deposit Refunds	300.00	300.00
<u>City Account:</u>				
45	ACH	Five Points Bank, Copier Lease	129.47	129.47
<u>TIF:</u>				
46	1131	BOK Financial, Bond Payment	33,124.97	33,124.97
<u>Cambridge Economic Development:</u>				
47	4885	CAMAS Publishing, Publications	764.00	

48	4886	Cambridge Telephone Company, Utility	70.49	
49	4887	Melissa Jackson, Contract	2,548.61	
50	ACH	Card Member Services, Postage, Supplies, Software	214.52	3,597.62
		Total		212,609.55
51	35211	Ommert Tech, Computer Lease		425.53
		Total All Departments		213,035.08

Mayor David Gunderson removed claim #30 and #51 from consent agenda.

Jeff Ommert, stated the motion, seconded by John Kutnink to approve all other consent agenda items. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Troy Westadt, Kevin Banzhaf and Nora McGowen; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

John Kutnink, stated the motion, seconded by Nora McGowen to approve claim #30. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf; abstaining and not voting Troy Westadt; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

Vernita Saylor, stated the motion, seconded by Kevin Banzhaf to approve claim #51. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Troy Westadt, Nora McGowen and Kevin Banzhaf; abstaining and not voting Jeff Ommert; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike reported the property owner on Patterson and Highway 6&34 is working on curb repair. Maguire Iron did water tank inspection and reported vent is still working but not up to Maguire's compliance and standards.

Courtney reported she has made corrections and submitted FY24 Community Grant. ARPA funds will not be able to be used for the matching funds with this federal EPA grant. Property tax reserve funds and transfer from electric funds will be used for matching funds. The ARPA funds will be able to be used for the sewer infrastructure in Harvest Meadows Tenth as the ARPA funds were budgeted for sewer improvements. There will be an open house held for Greg Howerter's retirement on March 28th from 1-3. Courtney is still working on gathering information for Randy with Nebraska Rural Water for water rate study. She would like to incorporate any water rate changes with the FY budget 2025-2026. The big room in the community building has been painted and holes have been patched. Courtney included quote for Document Management which is a cloud based document storage. No action will be taken on Document Management as the monthly charge was thought to be a little. Courtney will be gone March 17th for clerk school.

Gwen Jensen from Schaben Sanitation was present to discuss trash bid that is up for renewal and trash issues. Gwen said she is aware of the poor condition of the trash containers and has taken steps to

take care of this. She said they have recently purchased a plasma cutter and have a new container crew. They will be doing repair and putting new dumpster bottoms in house. She said there is a new route driver also. The bid is up for renewal and there is two options being presented. Option A would have an upfront 3 year locked in rate of 8% and for every year after that the increase would be the current annual CPI percentage. Option B would be the current annual CPI percentage each year. After discussion the city council decided to move forward with Options A as is it would be more cost effective over time and would be beneficial for budgeting purposes. The contract renews on April 1st. City Council will approve trash rate ordinance at the next meeting.

Edward Dunn Executive Director of West Central Nebraska Development District presented an overview of the Nuisances Abatement Program.

Kevin Banzhaf, stated the motion, seconded by Troy Westadt to approve selling the surplus 2000 Ford E-450 ambulance online with Midwest Equipment. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Troy Westadt, Kevin Banzhaf and Nora McGowen; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Banzhaf, stated the motion, seconded by Troy Westadt to approve Resolution No. 2025-03-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 2000 FORD E-450 CHASSIS AMBULANCE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE . Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Troy Westadt, Kevin Banzhaf and Nora McGowen; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 2000 FORD E-450 CHASSIS AMBULANCE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge has determined that the 2000 Ford E-450 Chassis Ambulance is no longer needed and should be sold; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge intends to utilize the online auction services of Midwest Equipment located at Cambridge, Ne; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Ford E-450 Chassis Ambulance will be posted on the online auction on AuctionTime.com;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cambridge City Council of the City of Cambridge, Nebraska, that the City of Cambridge is hereby authorized to sell the 2000 Ford E-450 Chassis Ambulance on an online auction website, AuctionTime.com.

RESOLVED this 3 day of March, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Hayden Ekberg was present to discuss his wages and increased responsibility due to Greg Howerter retiring. Hayden said he has been doing sampling with Greg for about a year. Hayden discussed the demanding responsibilities of maintenance of the wastewater plant and state required sampling and upkeep. Hayden has already acquired his grade 2 wastewater operator license which is a requirement to operate the wastewater plant. The council asked Hayden what his expectation for pay would be and thanked him for the discussion. Hayden said he thought \$30.00 an hour the responsibilities of wastewater operator.

Next City Council meeting will be held March 17, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjournment:

Kevin Banzhaf stated the motion, seconded by Vernita Saylor to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Voting yes were Vernita Saylor, John Kutnink, Jeff Ommert, Nora McGowen, Troy Westadt and Kevin Banzhaf; none voted no. Motion carried unanimously. none voted no. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest: _____
Courtney Stanton, City Clerk/Treasurer

David Gunderson, Mayor

