

Town of Cambridge City
November 12, 2018
Council Chambers: 6:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of Council members of the town of Cambridge City was called to order by Council President Jeff Mardis on the 12th day of November, 2018. Those council members in attendance were Mr. Sorah, Mrs. McGinley, Mr. Riggs and Mr. Worl. Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Sherry Ervin, Town attorney Bob Bever, Superintendent of Public Works Doug Young, Town Marshal Richard Roberts, Fire Chief Jeff Gabbard, WCTV, and several guests.

Mrs. McGinley made a motion accepting the minutes for the October meeting as written. Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. McGinley made a motion accepting the claims # 5140 – 5220 and payroll claims # 7746 – 7817 that were presented for payment. Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. McGinley made a motion accepting the monthly financial statement and Mr. Worl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Guest Jim Cohen received permission for his mother-in-law Erica Brattain to place ornaments on a tree she had donated to Creitz Park in memory of her husband and in honor of his military service. A motion was made by Mr. Sorah based on Cohen signing a document and being responsible for any clean-up. The family committed to removing the decorations after the holiday. Mrs. McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Insurance Agent Sarah Pennington could not attend the council meeting tonight, so a special insurance meeting will take place November 27 to discuss rates for the 2019 year. Current RMD Agent Jenny Kress mentioned the 2019 medical insurance plan will show a 17% increase due to a couple unexpected surgeries for those covered by the plan. More discussion on this will be at the next meeting and a plan will need to be selected by December 15, 2018.

Guest Mike Cunningham from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development gave a presentation on a potential grant to fund a study on the town's water infrastructure and to determine what updates might be needed and what could be feasible. Cunningham said Cambridge City has two water systems, one at the Gateway Industrial Park and one within the city limits. If production is added at the industrial park, the park doesn't have enough storage capability for more water. Cunningham thought the ideal choice would be to combine the two systems so if something went wrong in town, a switch could be flipped and water from the industrial park could be used in town. One type of grant would be a 25 percent match, and another wouldn't require any match. The town could receive as much as \$30,000 for the study.

Scott Powell, lead Pastor of Resurrected Church in Pershing gave an update on Feeding Western Wayne for hot meals. Beginning the first Thursday in January 2019, hot meals will be passed out on a first come, first serve basis allowing anyone who needs a meal to have one. Local business leaders are willing to let the church serve meals in their buildings. For more information about meals, contact 765-541-2814 or email scottpowellministries@gmail.com.

Mr. Mardis made a motion to adopt #7-2018, an updated Fair Housing Ordinance. This new update will replace the town's current Fair Housing Ordinance in order to move forward with the new master plan process. Mr. Riggs seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sorah to table the discussion on the Miller bottles until the next council meeting. Mrs. McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Council discussed having an auction for all abandoned property left to the town. According to attorney Bever, the auction could be bids only, or could have alternate bidding to get rid of unwanted properties.

Young advised the town has been awarded monies for the Community Crossings Foote Street project. A quote of \$16,855.00 for Choice One Engineering to engineer the Foote Street project was received. A motion was made by Mr. Sorah to approve \$8400.00 which is ½ of \$16855.00 and to pay half from 2018 budget and the rest from 2019 budget. The monies will be taken from EDIT fund and MVH fund, alley, sidewalks, streets, etc. appropriation. Mr. Worl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. McGinley authorizing town attorney Bob Bever to do a title search of property on Canal Street just off U.S. 40 to determine ownership of land and to settle a question regarding signage. Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Young advised council he contacted Choice One Engineering to put together an ordinance to include backflow cross connection for the water department. A \$7800.00 quote from Choice One Engineering will include an emergency response plan (as requested by IDEM) and a backflow prevention policy for future inspections. Town attorney Bever and county commissioner Denny Burns offered to help Young develop the plans needed at a much lower cost than the quote from Choice One.

A motion was made by Mrs. McGinley allowing Fire Chief Gabbard to purchase 2 battery operated extrication tools, 1 tool for each pumper and not to spend more than \$20,000.00 for both. Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The money will be taken from the CCI-Rate Fund, fire machinery and equipment appropriation.

A motion was made by Mr. Mardis allowing Young to hire Daniel Kelley from November 5 until December 15 as a part time employee to help out with the leaf pick up at \$9.00 per hour. Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A retirement party for Bruce Moles will be November 16 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the City Building.

Police Chief Roberts advised council his staff went from 7 to 3 men and will continue working 8 hour shifts until new officers are hired. Two school resource officers are needed and Roberts would like to offer the positions to be 9 month jobs instead of year-round, and also to increase the pay in 2019 from \$31,500 to \$35,000 to make the job more competitive. Mrs. McGinley made a motion allowing the resource officers to work 9 months, 180 days. Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Sorah made a motion to increase the salary for the resource officers in 2019 from \$31,500. to \$35,000. Mrs. McGinley seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Sorah approving to hire Craig Pennington as a school resource officer. Mrs. McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Pennington previously worked for Connersville Police Department for over 20 years and will begin immediately in the schools.

Attorney Bever handed out to all council members An Americans with Disability Act ADA transition plan for public rights-of-way, standards and guidelines with procedures. A motion was made by Mr. Mardis adopting this procedure and Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Sherry Ervin reminded all water customers to sign up for free Reach Alerts that come via phone or electronic devices to receive urgent information as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Mrs. McGinley approving a fall cleanup December 10th as part of the RUMPKE trash contract which allows for 2 cleanups per year. Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. McGinley. Mr. Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.