

July 8 2019

A scheduled meeting of Council members of the town of Cambridge City was called to order by Council President Jeff Mardis on the 8th day of July, 2019. Those council members in attendance were Debbie McGinley, Steve Sorah, Nathan Riggs and Dan 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 guests.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley accepting the minutes for the June meeting as written. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley accepting claims # 5710 - 5776 and payroll claims # 8241 - 8308 that were presented for payment. Nathan Riggs seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley accepting the June monthly financial statement. Dan Worl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Guests Wanda Boyd and Joyce Hinsky were present to express concern about not being able to put items in the ground at Riverside Cemetery. Council President Jeff Mardis said the town's rules were put in place a long time ago by previous council members & the signs in the cemetery bring awareness to the town's policies/ordinances regarding items being placed off the foundation. A question was asked regarding the flags being stuck in the ground and Young addressed the concern stating, the American Legion put flags in the ground for Memorial Day, but those are to be removed within a few days.

Guest Jim McLane representing Cambridge City Main Street asked if Council would look at other communities' policies on alcohol at events in parks with the possibility of updating its ordinance. This would allow Cambridge City Main Street to offer events in Creitz Park in 2020 that could include concert series, food trucks, music and a beer and wine garden. Council isn't opposed to the idea of music events and alcohol, but wants to take a look at other towns before making a change on the ordinance.

Town attorney Bob Bever drafted an agreement that would allow tool sharing for one year to test the arrangement between the town and the sewage district. In this agreement, Bever included if equipment was damaged, it would be the user's responsibility to repair or replace it and the owning party would be held harmless if someone was injured. A motion was made by Dan Worl approving the 'Use of Equipment Agreement' written by Attorney Bever after both agencies work on a list of items that can be shared. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Attorney Bever has placed a call to the Auditor's Office to find out why the storm water fees were not placed on the spring taxes for 2019. He will give an update when he receives a response.

Councilwoman Debbie McGinley is requesting to add four-way stops at the intersections of Myers and Front streets, and Gay and Front streets due to the dips in the roads at both intersections. A motion was made by Debbie McGinley to table the motion to add the four-way stops to let the residents know about the proposal and allowing time for community feedback before potentially making the decision at the August meeting. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley approving a \$50.00 donation for the fire department from Larry and Bess Sturgis as a thank you for services provided. Nathan Riggs seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley approving a request from Doug Young to purchase a 72" gas-powered 2018 Grasshopper with a 3-year warranty at a price of \$11,600.00. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The purchase will be paid from the General fund and MVH fund.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley allowing the Shelter house to be used on the following dates: July 13-family reunion, July 27-gender reveal party, August 3-family reunion and September 8-Kiwanis Car Show. Dan Worl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

It was decided to make Tuesday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m. a scheduled work sessions for the 2020 budget.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley allowing Police K9 handler Matt Smarrelli to attend a training seminar in Chicago, August 12-15. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The training will be paid out of the Project WatchDog fund. The training is \$375.00 and the room for 4 days will be \$596.00 plus food. Also at this time, Council member Steve Sorah praised Matt and his partner Barry for the role they played in helping find 34 pounds of suspected marijuana on July 2 worth about \$70,000.00.

A motion was made by Steve Sorah to pay \$380.00 to the Indiana Volunteer Fire Associatin for their 2020 annual dues and to pay the dues from their donation account. Debbie McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, carried.

Debbie McGinley made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Dan Worl seconding the motion. The next regular scheduled council meeting will be held August 12th at 6:00 p.m.

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Sherry Ervin
Attest: Clerk-Treasurer

July 8, 2019
Council Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Cambridge City Town Council was called to order by Council President Jeff Mardis after the council meeting was adjourned. This meeting was held to primarily interview engineers for a USDA pre-development planning grant. All council members were present, Clerk-Treasurer, Town attorney and Doug Young.

Interviews began at 7:00 p.m. with the four engineering firms who sent in applications of interest in the USDA pre-development planning grant.

Council members heard presentations and asked questions from the following firms: Wassier Engineering, MS Consultants, Inc. Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. The fourth engineering firm Choice One Engineering had an emergency and could not attend the session.

Of the three firms who were interviewed, a motion was made by Nathan Riggs to use Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. to write the planning grant, subject to review of their contract. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. At 8:50 p.m. Debbie McGinley made a motion to adjourn. Dan Worl seconded the motion.

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