

Town of Cambridge City
January 13, 2020
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 13th day of January 2020. Those council members in attendance were Steve Sorah, Debbie McGinley, 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 many guests.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley accepting the minutes for the December 23rd meeting as written. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley accepting claims # 6166 - 6210 and payroll claims # 8370 - 8756 that were presented for payment. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Sorah accepting the December monthly financial statement. Dan Worl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The first order of business was to elect officers for the 2020 year. Debbie McGinley made a motion nominating Dan Worl as Council President. Jeff Mardis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Mardis made a motion nominating Nathan Riggs as Vice President. Debbie McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Mardis reappointing Debbie McGinley and Steve Sorah to the Riverside Cemetery Board for another 3-year term. Nathan Riggs seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dan Worl reappointing Jim Cohen, Seat 4 for another 4-year term on the Western Wayne Regional Sewage District Board. Steve Sorah seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Nathan Riggs reappointing Dan Worl, Seat 3 for another 4-year term on the Western Wayne Regional Sewage District Board. Debbie McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Debbie McGinley to replace Dan Worl on the Park & Cemetery Committee with Nathan Riggs. The motion was seconded by Steve Sorah. All in favor, motion carried.

An update was given by Doug Young on the Center Street project. Guests Kent Fortman and Jackie Smith were present to voice their concerns regarding the project. Fortman is concerned about the narrowness of Center Street by his parking lot and he's concerned over the length of time to complete the project. Smith is concerned about the placement of the sidewalk and the street traffic because of the narrowing street. Nathan advised Fortman, he is going to work on getting a time period from Choice One and will relay that message once he receives the time frame. Riggs also advised the widening of the road may be too cost effective and Nathan doesn't think this type of request can be done with the grant money we will be receiving. After a lengthy discussion between the guests, Council President requested tabling any decision regarding the Center Street project until Nathan and Doug can speak with Ryan Lefeld from Choice One over the concerns.

Council members Dan Worl and Nathan Riggs met with Jim King and Jim McLane from the Cambridge City Main Street group regarding events in the park. Both council members are ready to move forward and to approve three dates requested from the Main Street group so the entertainment portion of the event can get booked. Currently, neither council member is ready to move forward on changing or approving alcohol at the three requested events. Worl advised in this meeting, hours of the event were discussed, hiring of the local police department to patrol the event, and to hire Doug's staff to set up and clear trash after the event was over. Doug's concern is trying to get his staff to work on Saturday to get things set up and then to be back on Sunday morning to clean things up. He's not sure his guys would want to participate and work the event. After further discussion, a motion was made by Steve Sorah allowing the events for the dates requested June 13, July 11, & August 8, 2020 in the park from 3:00 - 11:30 p.m. The time worked will be overtime pay for all employees and will be paid by Cambridge City Main Street Organization. Jeff Mardis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Dan requested an email from all involved if they could think of any further issues regarding the event such as: an emergency action plan, turning on the meter for lights, bathrooms, etc.

A motion was made by Steve Sorah approving the 2020 legal services contract with Boston Bever Klinge Cross & Chidester at a rate of \$145.00 per hour. Debbie McGinley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

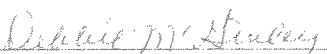
Chief Roberts gave a report on the 2019 police calls. The calls were slightly lower than the previous year with the busiest day of the year being a Friday from the time of 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Roberts also advised Officer Kincaid has graduated from the academy and Officer Huntsman will be at the academy until April 24th, 2020. Also mentioned, Chief Roberts and Attorney Bever are working together to change the policy allowing the police to work overtime at functions outside of the Cambridge City area.

Fire Chief Jeff Gabbard reported the Christmas lights have been taken down on the East side of the park. The department made enough money to send \$2000.00 to Western Wayne Affordable Housing for a payment on their loan. This payment will leave a balance owed of \$6000.00. The group intends to add a new light decoration each year with monies collected. Gabbard also advised Wayne County dispatchers are starting to call them out more for EMS runs when he has asked they not tone out the fire department for EMS runs. Council member Jeff Mardis will work with Gabbard to help get those EMS runs lowered.

A motion to adjourn was made by Debbie McGinley with Nathan Riggs seconding the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The next regular scheduled council meeting will be February 10, 2020.

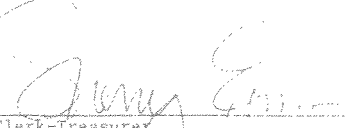

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