

City of Cambridge
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
June 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm via Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, Commissioners Chris Gordon, Gary Osborne, Gayle Wilhelmi, and attorney Carrie Reisert. The minutes from the May meeting were sent to all via email. Gary made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris seconded and the motion was passed.

New Business: Three nominating petitions for the office of Cambridge Commissioners in the November general election were dropped off at the Board of Elections site. Each candidate now needs to fill out the financial form online and mail a copy to the Board of Elections.

A resident approached Sherry about the legalities of having customers come to her home for haircuts. She has a one chair beauty salon in her home while the virus has closed her usual place of business. Carrie says that we can charge a business tax fee from \$100-\$200 or no fee at all. The question of home businesses is not a widespread issue in the City, and there is no fee stated in our ordinances. Chris made a motion to approve her license for a home business on a temporary basis which will expire at the end of 2020. This approval can be revoked if any problems from such business arise. Gary seconded and the motion was passed.

Sherry received a form that can be used to apply for business expenses due to COVID-19, but we haven't had any expenses yet that are due to the virus. The issue will be tabled for now.

Sherry says there is a camper parked on Miles Rd. that comes and goes. Our ordinance says it has to be parked behind the front line of the house. She will send a letter to the homeowner.

Another dog vs. postman situation happened on Cambridge recently. The postman was ready with pepper spray but the dog was called home. Sherry will send another letter to the owner of the dog that continually runs loose, but wonders what else we can do about this issue. Carrie says we could impose a fine.

Gayle says a resident on Miles Rd. called her about the homeowner behind her installing a privacy fence which included the easement. Gayle checked our ordinances that state there is a five foot utility easement in the back of everyone's property. Metro Louisville says a fence cannot be installed that encompasses the easement. Gayle put in a request with 311 to have the property inspected. In was the general consensus that nothing will be done and that the property owner will just have to grant access through their yard for any utility work.

Old Business: Carrie said a couple changes should be made to our tax ordinance and sent a sample ordinance from another city that they work with. Gayle will redo the ordinance with the changes. A summary second reading of ordinance #1, series 2020 levying real property ad valorem tax rate of .187 for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 was held. The ordinance was approved by a vote of 4-0 with one absent. Sherry will send the tax rate to the PVA to get the bills printed. They will be mailed by July 4 and due on August 1.

A summary second reading of ordinance #2, series 2020 for the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 was held. The ordinance was approved by a vote of 4-0 with one absent.

Carrie's office found a size requirement for speed limit signs only for highways. Her opinion was that we can use any reasonable size of signage for our city. Since Cambridge has a discrepancy in the current ordinance that says the speed limit is 20mph on two of our streets, Carrie recommended we pass an amendment to this ordinance. Sherry will email her a copy of the current ordinance and Carrie will write up an example for future reference.

Chris reports that everything for the Cambridge website will be finished by Friday June 19.

There is a water line leak at the corner of Cambridge and Lowe Rd. and the resident there has placed the same stakes that created contention before to try and keep the lawn from getting ruts, consequently they have been run over on purpose. Sherry has notified the Water Co. to try and have the leak fixed. After some discussion it was agreed that placing rounded paving stones might be better to use and he would not be as vulnerable to a lawsuit over damage to a car. Gayle made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed \$200 of landscape stones and sod. Gary seconded and the motion was passed.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm. The next meeting will be July 21, 2020 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,