

City of Cambridge
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
May 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm via Zoom due to the Covid-19 restrictions. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, Commissioners Chris Gordon, Brad King, Gary Osborne, Gayle Wilhelmi, and attorney Carrie Reisert. The minutes from the April meeting and the financial report had been distributed to each person's home prior to the meeting. Gary made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris seconded and the motion was passed.

New business: Carrie made a suggestion that we add wording to the tax rate ordinance to include collection fees for lien filing and attorney expenses when the attorney is doing work on the city's behalf in addition to filing fees and penalties. She will send an example of wording that we can use in the ordinance. Carrie also said that we need to set a public hearing for 5:50pm on the day of the next meeting. She recommends sending first class postcards out to residents as notice of the public hearing for the proposed increase in property tax. She will send the state statute and a sample paragraph to Sherry.

After some discussion about the tax rate for the next fiscal year, it was agreed to set the tax rate at .187 per \$100 of property value in order to not to go above the 4% increase allowed. A summary first reading of tax rate ordinance #1, series 2020 levying real property ad valorem taxes pursuant to KRS 92.280 was held. The second reading, vote and adoption will be held at the June meeting.

A summary first reading of ordinance #2, series 2020 for the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 was held. The second reading, vote and adoption will be at the June meeting. Sherry had a question about the coal and mineral tax that we have not been receiving although it only has amounted to \$5.00/year in past years. Carrie suggested contacting the Department of Local Government to check on this issue.

It has been three years since the roads were last resealed and there are a number of bad areas. The thinking is that the price for resealing might be down due to the current low oil prices. Brad will try to get some bids from new companies.

Sherry reported that LG&E at first refused to pay the tax bill we sent them which included an amount for real property tax, for personal property tax, and a total for both. We have always billed them for both and they felt they only owed for the amount for real property tax. Carrie says most cities do not have a personal property tax. Sherry showed them that in previous years they have paid the total amount so that is what they agreed to pay.

The question of when are we required to have break away sign posts installed came up. Carrie said she did not know the federal deadline for this requirement. She also said she would try to find out if there is a size requirement for speed limit signs as our new ones are smaller. Our posted speed limit signs say 25mph, but the ordinance book states the speed limit on Miles and Westfield as 20mph. Carrie will write up an amendment to the ordinance to get the speed limit uniform on all streets.

The due date for filing nomination petitions for the general election is June 2. The deadline has not been extended due to the current pandemic. Two signatures from residents are required and they can be mailed in.

Sherry said 4201 Taylorsville Rd. is back to being a rental and they have paid the registration fee.

Old Business: Chris has things ready to upload to the new website for the city: Cambridgeky.net He has made the tabs that were requested. There are a couple new additions to include such as posting Sherry's new email address: CambridgeCityMayor@gmail.com and she requested he include a link to the PVA office. Also, for the time being, the location of the city meeting's should be listed as "Zoom".

The Talley house on Cambridge has sold. Chris says that Mark Talley has been by the house a couple times to work on a car in the driveway resulting in the spillage of oil on the new surface. Plus he took the WM trash receptacle and the recycling bin. Chris called the realtor about both issues. A radon system has been installed and work is being done on the chimney for the new owners. Sherry will send a letter about the overgrown lawn as the grass is a foot tall.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm. The next meeting will be June 16 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,