

City of Cambridge
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday November 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm via Zoom. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, Commissioners Brad King, Gayle Wilhelmi, Gary Osborne, Carol Huelsman, attorney Carrie Ritsert, and resident Melissa Nord. The minutes of the October meeting and the budget report were distributed by email prior to the meeting. The difference between "misc business" and "misc business special" in the budget report is that the special category covers our website domain name and hosting fees plus zoom meeting costs. The regular business category covers expenses for stamps, copies, etc. Gary made a motion to approve the minutes. Gayle seconded and the motion was passed.

Old Business: The new recycling carts are scheduled to be distributed by Waste Management on Monday November 29. The old bins will be picked up as the carts are dropped off. Recycling will then continue to be collected every other week on a permanent basis. Andy has assured Sherry that another credit will be issued to our account for the missed yard waste and recycling collections. Sherry has been sending out reminders of what is being collected each week via Reach Alert. We are not charged for each time we use Reach Alert, rather it is a yearly fee.

Carrie had sent a letter to Melissa Nord per our request to inquire about the status of the home they are building at 4218 Browns Lane. Melissa asked to be included in our meeting today to give us an update. She expressed frustration and embarrassment over the delay in completing the construction. She has sent copies of her correspondence with the company (Taylor Homes) to Sherry and has asked the company three times for a new foreman to be assigned for this project. She says the plumbing, electric, windows and doors, and drywall have all been completed, but the house still needs locks, bricks, flooring, and cabinets. She has paid about half of what the total expenses are projected to be. They claim the problem is in getting the materials, but Melissa knows that the drywall and bricks were/are manufactured in the USA. She would like at least to have locks installed on the house and garage door to discourage homeless people or kids from coming on the property as the neighbors have seen an individual hanging about the property. We would also like to see the porta potty moved to the rear of the property, the huge dirt piles taken care of, and the dumpster removed. Melissa would ideally like to get out of the contract and pursue a different contractor. She will send a copy of her contract to Carrie to look over along with a list of bullet points and names of her contacts and attempts to address the problems. She is appreciative of any help the City of Cambridge can give to get the builder to finish.

Sherry sent out a letter to residents about the rat problem with an additional sheet of information regarding combating their presence. She has not received any feedback as yet.

Sherry and Gayle (and guests) will be attending the JCLC dinner on Thursday night to honor the women who are mayors among the 80 small cities in Jefferson County.

New Business: Sherry is getting the 2022 rental home applications ready for mailing. They will be due back by December 31. One home on Miles has been sold to a property management company which may either be flipped or rented.

Neil O'Leary, a longtime resident on Cambridge, passed away on November 7.

Brad reported that his neighbors in the rental home were in an accident on their motorcycle on Nov. 9 near Klondike Lane. Neither is able to work at present, but they do have family that is coming over to help them. Sherry will get some restaurant gift cards for them with donations from the Board.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm. The meeting in December will be cancelled; therefore the next meeting will be January 18, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,