

City of Cambridge
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday December 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm via Zoom. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, Commissioners Brad King and Gayle Wilhelmi, resident Joe Penny, attorney Carrie Ritsert, and Lincolnshire mayor-elect Michael Horstman. The minutes of the November meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Gayle made a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment to reflect that a December meeting was necessary to swear in newly elected officials before the January 2 deadline. Brad seconded and the motion was passed.

Old Business: Two tax bills remain unpaid. One is for the deceased condo owner, and the other is for the owner of the rental home on Cambridge. Sherry has been unable to get in touch with the owner.

The new street signs were picked up and installed by Sam. He felt the old signs had just not been made well and the new ones are better quality. Sam also put up the holiday banners as well.

Gayle noted that her husband replaced the pole for the No Parking sign on Westfield and reinstalled the sign. The old pole was broken off beneath the ground. The cost of the new post was \$9.09.

New Business: Gayle was sworn in for a new term as commissioner by Carrie. Gary could not make the meeting so he will need to take the oath and have the affidavit signed by a notary and return the form to Carrie. Gary and Gayle will then need to appoint residents to the vacant positions at the January meeting. Joe Penny has agreed to fill Carol's spot. Brad and Sherry have agreed to return to their positions.

Joe reported to Sherry recently that there was a street light out on Westfield. She called LG&E and the light fixture was replaced.

Michael Horstman introduced himself. He lives at 13 Pembroke Rd. in Lincolnshire and will take office in January as Lincolnshire mayor. He owns a real estate brokerage firm and is also involved in software development. He expressed interest in merging Lincolnshire with Cambridge after reading an article detailing the lack of interest small cities are dealing with in filling positions on their Boards. He feels the benefits would be that the two cities could combine tech resources and city expenses, perhaps obtain a better rate for trash removal, vacant board positions would be easier to fill, and we would not be a target for annexation by Metro Louisville. Lincolnshire is similar in size to Cambridge with 148 residents and 63 homes according to the 2010 Census. They also have three streets that make up Lincolnshire as do we, and they have the same Board makeup. John Singlar is their attorney who is in the same practice as Carrie and has represented Cambridge in the past. The commissioners in Lincolnshire are not compensated for their work. Carrie said we would have to come up with a new name or drop one if the two cities merged. We could also have a larger Board of 6-8 members after merger if we decide to. The proposal would have to be on the ballot in November and be accepted by a majority vote of the residents of both cities. The first main issue would be to establish a contiguous border somewhere with Lincolnshire such as Browns Lane which we had proposed annexing in the recent past. The consensus was to pursue this idea and see where it leads.

Sherry attended a Planning Commission meeting downtown with attorney Steve Porter to represent our interests regarding the development at McMahan and Taylorsville Rd. She will report on the outcome at our January meeting.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,