

City of Cambridge
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday May 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm via Zoom. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, Commissioners Brad King, Joe Penny, Gayle Wilhelmi, and attorney Carrie Ritsert. The minutes from the April meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting along with the financial statements. Gayle made a motion to approve the minutes. Brad seconded and the motion was approved. Sherry stated that the budget is looking good.

Old Business: Preconstruction has begun at the Taylorsville/McMahan site. They will be connecting to the sewer line on Miles Road. A company, which we believe was MSD, has already removed trees, removed the fence, and created ruts from vehicle tires in the ground beyond the end of the pavement. Mr. Corley, the property owner, says he did not give permission to cut any trees, but we are told that the company has paid for the easement. Sherry has enlisted attorney Steve Porter to represent our interests in making sure the area is restored and to address future concerns. Resident Rob Hornung has already expressed concern over a change to the drainage system made after the project was approved by the Planning Commission as to how this will impact his property.

New Business: Sherry noted that the attorney fee will increase on 7-1-23 from \$100/hr to \$104/hr.

Preliminary ordinances were sent via email to the Board regarding the tax rate and budget for the next fiscal year. We currently have a tax rate of .168 per \$100. The allowable tax increase of 4% of the income from our property taxes (currently \$28,234.84) would bring the income to \$29,364.23. Therefore a new tax rate of .170 would bring our income to \$29,158.03 which is the closest rate without going over the allowable increase. A summary reading of Ordinance #1 series 2023-2024 was done by Carrie setting the tax rate for fiscal year 2023-2024 at .170 per \$100. The second reading and adoption will be held next month.

A summary reading of Ordinance #2 series 2023-2024 establishing a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 was done by Carrie. Our income is projected to be \$47,855 with appropriations at \$41,120.

A green street sign at the intersection of McMahan/Lowe/Browns Lane fell off and someone took it. The Browns Lane sign is dangling. Brad will call Metro Louisville to request a fix and replacement.

Joe gave Sherry a phone number of his that she can include in a letter to update residents.

Sam has started working on the islands. The weeding has been done with mulch to be finished next.

Steve Porter has suggested to Sherry that the Board officially "close" all three dead end streets in Cambridge. All the residents on a particular street would have to approve of the closing of their street. Carrie will check to see what the process is to accomplish this. Developers could apply to reopen the street so we would like to find out how this would, in effect, protect the dead ends. Some suggestions were made to add barriers at the end of the streets such as better fencing, guard rails, or shrubbery.

Joe asked if he would be allowed to paint hash marks on the street for the purpose of playing pickleball. We will consider this request, keeping in mind that we plan to have work done in the next year on the streets. He also reported that the last house (2916) on Westfield will be going up for sale.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday June 20th, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,