

City of Cambridge
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday October 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm via Zoom. In attendance were Commissioners Gayle Wilhelmi, Brad King, and Joe Penny. Mayor Sherry Tyler was able to access the meeting on her phone from her location, but was unable to be heard. She participated by texting messages which were relayed to everyone. The minutes of the September meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting. The budget report was unavailable because of a computer glitch at the bank which prevented access to the records. Sherry made a correction to the minutes that only 6 tax bills were paid after the 10 reminder letters were sent out. Joe made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Brad seconded and the motion was passed.

Old Business: Four tax bills remain unpaid. Sherry will send one more letter before having Carrie place a lien on the properties.

The total cost of the resealing of the streets was \$16,440 after the charge for edging was added. The resealing process went relatively well according to Sherry. There were a couple of incidents, but overall there were few issues and the company was responsive. They need to complete the Fire Lane painting at the end of Cambridge, but it's too cold at the moment for it to adhere.

There's no updates on the sale of the nursing home. Gayle reported that Keith call the police about a broken window at the property. Cambridge resident Brian Jones told Sherry that homeless people were camping in the brush behind the facility and were getting inside if they could.

An Encroachment Bond was issued by ATT for \$20,000 to ensure there would be no damage to city property when they come in to do their fiber optics cable work. There is no word on a start time.

The deadline to file to be a write-in candidate for commissioner is Oct. 25.

New Business: The house for sale at 4222 Browns Lane was listed at \$449,500. Brad said it has since been reduced to \$420,000. A condo sold at Bayview (#206) recently for \$110,000. The owners sold it to a family member.

The JCLC will be holding a meeting about the tree canopy on Oct. 17 at 7pm at the Lyndon City Hall if anyone is interested in attending. According to their statistics the City of Cambridge has lost 10% of it's tree canopy since 2004, and that figure is likely more now after a number of trees were recently taken down.

There was a break-in to two garages on Westfield recently. A man on a bike was seen on camera with goods in a backpack and strapped to his bike. Police were called and a report was filed. Sherry sent out a Reach Alert to residents to be aware and lock their homes and cars. There have been similar reports of burglaries in St. Regis recently.

Resident Brian Jones asked about adding another speed hump near his home at the corner of Cambridge and Lowe Rd. He has two small children who are outside in the yard a lot and the biggest threat is delivery trucks that travel too fast.

We received a complaint from resident Robin Maupin about the speed humps. She would like to have them removed completely. At the very least she would like to have the height shaved down. We will have our attorney send a response letting her know that we can't deface the humps or it will impede their integrity, and we will only remove/modify them when we are going to resurface the streets. Robin never responded to the initial questionnaire about installing speed humps on the street, and she needs

to slow down when she drives over them to keep from damaging her car. Gayle said she has read that the size of the humps we installed would require cars to slow to a speed of 5mph to safely drive over them. In addition, Robin needs to refrain from honking her horn and gesturing when she drives over the humps. The attorney will remind her this is an ongoing issue and cite the nuisance ordinance which states we can fine her for each occurrence and place a lien on her property if the fine isn't paid. She was previously sent a letter from the attorney with the same information dated 8/9/2021.

Sherry said the streets have to be a rating of 7-10 to be considered for a grant to help fund resurfacing, and ours are about a 2. The cost of resurfacing would run around \$50,000 today. The fellow from the resealing company thought our streets were not in bad shape apart from the end of Miles.

There is a street light out on Cambridge. Gayle called about the light and LG&E came out when the streets were being worked on. The repairman told Sherry that he couldn't fix it then and would return another day with the correct equipment. So far it has not been fixed.

Anna Collins at the Bayview Condos notified Gayle that the lights on either side of their entrance were not working. The construction crew at the development across from them took the light posts down when they installed sewer lines across the street. They reinstalled the lights, but they aren't functional. Sherry was able to get some contact information for the project manager from Rob Hornung who lives next to the development and forwarded the information to the property management company that works for the Condo Association. Anna and Gayle also called LG&E about the lights and explained the situation. They responded that they would send someone out to look at them. We may need to have Carrie intercede if the situation isn't resolved.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm. The next meeting will be November 19, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,