

Town of Cambridge City
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 13th, 2026

Roll Call: Present on roll call were Jim McLane, Debbie McGinley, Gary Cole and Jim King. Mike Amick was present via zoom. Also present, Clerk Treasurer Sherry Ervin; Town attorney, Bob Bever; Public Works Superintendent Joe Webb; Fire Chief Jeff Gabbard and Town Marshal Richard Roberts. Other guests in attendance were Teresa Poole, Gary Rushton, and Charlie Bertsch. Jim McLane led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Minutes: Debbie McGinley made a motion to approve the March 9th minutes, and Jim King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 5/0 in favor. McGinley also made a motion to approve March 31st minutes, and Gary Cole seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 5/0 in favor.

Claims: Debbie McGinley made a motion to accept all the claims as written, and Jim King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 5/0 in favor.

Financials: Debbie McGinley made a motion to approve the March financials and Jim King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 5/0 in favor.

Public Hearing: No one spoke during a public hearing regarding an increase to trash collection costs with Rumpke for a new five-year contract. Jim King made a motion approving Ordinance #2-2026 increasing new trash fees beginning May 1st to \$18.71 per month and Gary Cole seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 5/0 in favor.

Guests: Charlie Bertsch asked permission to “host” a small gathering of 45 classmates on North Foote Street during Canal Days. Council denied the request due to the liability but did suggest a possibility of the reunion happening in the park. If this were to happen, the group will need a licensed bartender and proof of insurance. Bertsch will discuss the options with his committee and let council know if he wants to move forward.

Gary Rushton, representing the Cambridge City Youth League, presented three quotes for a new roof on the Community building. All three quotes include gutters, downspouts, fascia, soffit, and sheeting. The bids are the following: DeSonie Roofing and Exterior \$29,894.12; Jay Hale, HDC Roofing, \$28,595.00; and Whitewater Supply \$28,690.83. Debbie McGinley made a motion approving the quote from DeSonie Roofing and seconded by Gary Cole. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 5/0 in favor. The funds will be paid from the overpayment of the trash fund and the sale of property from Walnut Street.

Unfinished Business:

- Joe Webb gave an update on the continuous blighted properties. Unsafe letters will be sent by certified mail to 311 Parkway Drive. Webb will meet with attorney Bever to make sure he’s following the exact steps to declare a property unsafe. Webb has also sent certified letters and visited 403 Walnut Street with no answer. 307 Parkway Drive house is leaning against another house and needs addressed. Calls and letters have been sent with no response from the owner of the property.
- Gary Cole announced to council April 28-29 will be the next date for the Trap/Neuter/Release program for stray cats. Resident Teresa Poole, who lives on Church Street, thanked council for all their efforts with the stray cats. Gary Cole made a motion to approve a \$1000 donation from Billy

and Marcia Norman for the Cat Fund and was seconded by Jim King. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 5/0 in favor.

- There has been no contact from Bealls Moore regarding information on surveying more cemetery land. Webb will look at another company to get this moving forward.
- Webb gave an update on the items sold at an auction with Walther Hawkins and said there was enough money to help with the purchase of the bucket truck from Hagerstown.

New Business:

- Debbie McGinley approved the quote from Cox Lawn Care to clean the riverbed two times per year, in the amount of \$2900 each time and Jim King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 5/0 in favor.
- Jim King approved Cambridge City Chamber of Commerce's request for a photo booth in the gazebo during Canal Days and seconded by Debbie McGinley. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 5/0 in favor. This could draw attention to the town from social media posts.
- Mike Amick made a motion suggesting any interest in using the Park Pavilion to contact anyone on the park committee to coordinate dates for the use of the Pavilion and in the same motion to allow the committee to close West Parkway Drive if needed during those events. Debbie McGinley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 5/0 in favor.
- Debbie McGinley made a motion approving a request from Dustin Troxell, to host a Jar Show in memory of his father, Marty Troxell who hosted the show for years. Contingent upon receiving liability insurance, the Jar Show will be June 13th in Creitz Park from 7:00-5:00 p.m. Jim King seconded the motion and after a roll call vote, the motion passed 5/0 in favor.

Reports from Staff and Boards:

- Webb advised the clock at the Bicentennial Park has been fixed and is operating correctly. Gabbard said the grass rig is back in operation after getting new tires.
- Councilor Debbie McGinley advised the Cemetery Association will pay the first lease payment for the 2026 Ford Dump Truck that Webb is going to order for the town.

With nothing else to discuss, Mike Amick made a motion to adjourn the meeting.