A special meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on January 17, 2019 at Cambridge City Hall. The purpose of this special meeting was to review the revised Water Rate Study (IRWA) and consider Water System and Projects including but not limited to the need to go out for a bond and a rate increase. Also, to approve by roll call vote the appointment of City Attorneys for civil and criminal needs.

Present were Mayor Jack Toothman, Council President Mark Loveland, Jeff Chance, Gary Franklin, and Verl Cate. Also, present was City Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKee, Ernie Houghton Public Works Superintendent (outgoing), Corey Morgan Public Works Superintendent (new) Gary Sievers of IRWA, Laurene Houghton, Shawna Roadifer, Delray Platt, Marama Platt, and Julia Harrison.

Mayor Toothman called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. and Verl Cate led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Discussion was held on the revised Water Rate Study (IRWA) by Gary Sievers. He presented Addendum I. The council asked if this could be tweaked a little bit more by modifying the scenario to have an equal ratio increase for all meters and to NOT include any “thousands” of gallons within the base rate. This scenario should also include the cost of a new Arsenic Treatment Capital Improvement project with an adjusted cost estimate of $1,750,000 to complete the project. After much discussion Jeff Chance made a motion to go out for a water bond in the amount of $1.75 million. Gary Franklin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Jeff Chance then made a motion to have CEDA do the Bond Education Outreach for the bond. Mark Loveland seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Jeff Chance then made a motion to prepare a resolution raising water rates 5% for the next meeting. Gary Franklin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approve by roll call vote the appointment of City Attorneys for civil and criminal needs- Mark Loveland made a motion to approve the appointment of Stuchlik Law PLLC for city civil attorneys and Ross Pitman as the city criminal attorney. A roll call vote was taken with Councilmember Chance aye, Councilmember Cate aye, Councilmember Loveland aye, and Councilmember Franklin aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn – Verl Cate made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Chance seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.
Sandra McKee, City Clerk

Jack Toothman, Mayor