

City of Camanche, Iowa

January 19, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session January 19, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Robertson, presiding, and the following named council members: Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner, Kampe. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger, and department heads Houzenga, Rickertsen and Jindrich.

Varner asked that Item #6 on the consent agenda – “Appointment of Diana Diedrich to Planning and Zoning” be removed and placed under “New Business”.

Robertson opened a public hearing on the proposed refinancing of General Obligation Storm Sewer Debt at 6:03 P.M. Roth reported that the city will save approximately \$40,000 in interest payments. Hearing no comments for or against, Robertson closed the public hearing at 6:04 P.M.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda as amended which covered the following items: approve minutes from January 4, 2010 regular council meeting; approve Abstract No. 505 dated January 19, 2010 with total expenditures of \$157,000.55 and salaries of \$46,805.32; approve City Clerk/Treasurer’s Report for December 2009 with the following receipts: General - \$7,456.22; Library - \$12,394.79; Road Use Tax - \$27,228.23; Debt Service - \$546.63; Trust & Agency - \$1,215.01; Water Utility - \$15,823.88; Sewer Utility - \$29,599.09; Recreation - \$6,647.50; Payroll/Clearing - \$114,351.50; Garbage/Landfill - \$30,967.56; CDBG – Sewer - \$392,646.65; ACC/GCC - \$430,140.22; Insurance Fund - \$100,000.00 for total receipts of: \$1,169,017.28; accept and place on file minutes from Park and Rec Board meeting January 4, 2010, Cemetery Board meeting January 11, 2010 and Library Board meeting January 6, 2010; appoint Jessica Snyder to Park and Rec Board with term ending July 2011; and approve Pet Boarding Agreement with Clinton Humane Society. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Taking Additional Action to Enter into a Loan Agreement and Approving Preliminary Official Statement. On roll call – all ayes.

There was discussion regarding proposed 37th Avenue water main extension. Solchenberger explained the four options.

Lonergan stated that ACC/GCC recommends sending another letter to the property owners.

Moved by Kramer, second by Nelson, that another letter should be sent out to the property owners and give them until February 1 to respond and if none of the property owners choose to hook up to go with Option 4. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan stated that Diana Diedrich had submitted a preliminary plat for a subdivision to Planning and Zoning and no action was ever taken for approval of the subdivision.

Moved by Varner, second by Kampe, to deny Diana Diedrich’s application to Planning and Zoning due to a conflict of interest. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth presented the introduction and first reading of an ordinance Amending Chapter 12.12 of the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding Item E to Section 12.12.010, “Violations Designated” to Prohibit the Placement of Snow from Private Property Upon the Improved Areas of City Streets. Lonergan thought there should be fines listed or judges won’t know what to do

with it. The council agreed upon \$25.00 for the first offense and \$50.00 for each offense thereafter.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to approve the first reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner, Kampe.

Kampe stated that he had several calls on this ordinance. He wants to make sure that discretion is used in enforcing this. Houzenga stated that this ordinance is meant to target those that are deliberate or habitual. Rickertsen feels that a letter should be sent along with a copy of the ordinance. Varner stated that the council should not waive the second and third readings.

Moved by Varner, second by Kampe that the second reading of said ordinance should be by title only. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth presented the introduction and first reading of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Section 10.40.125, Establishing “No Parking Here to Corner” on 14th Avenue at the Intersection with 9th Street, and a New Section 10.40.135, Establishing “No Parking Here to Corner” on 9th Street at the Intersection with 14th Avenue. Roth stated that Ms. Barrows had no problems with this. Kramer was wondering if the signs had made any difference. Fahlbeck stated, “No”.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Varner, to approve the first reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Kampe, to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of said Ordinance. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Kampe to Adopt Ord. 704. On roll call – ayes – Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner. Mayor declared said ordinance adopted.

Roth reported that the itinerary for the Washington D.C. in March was put in the packets. Robertson stated that the city would not have gotten the funding for the emergency generators if they hadn't gone to DC last year.

Moved by Kramer, second by Nelson that Roth, Robertson, and Solchenberger go to Washington DC on behalf of the City of Camanche. On roll call – all ayes.

Solchenberger stated that the city picks up his airfare and Shive picks up the other expenses. They have put together a packet that will be sent to the congressmen. There is a map with a timeline of the projects going on. Roth stated that they were to emphasize what the city has done on our own for these projects.

Lonergan reported that he has received a bill from Scott McDonald, who is representing the city in the ECIA/Top Grade matter. ECIA's insurance company has not acknowledged that there is coverage. He has supplied information to their insurance agent. The bargaining committee meets with the bargaining unit on Wednesday. There is nothing new to report.

Fahlbeck said that the council has not heard anything on what is being offered. Kramer would like to know what is going on.

Solchenberger stated that Pay Estimate No. 7 for Langman Construction that was approved at the last meeting in the amount of \$56,660.80 has been amended. The new amount is \$86,163.51.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to approve the amended pay estimate to Langman Construction in the amount of \$86,163.51. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth reported on the following: Larry Nagle will be down on Friday to go over the changes to the ordinance book. We will also be looking at different computer options. We will be looking at significant money. The health insurance applications have been sent in and he hopes to have something back this week. The buildings have started to go down across the street. The city should find out in March if we were awarded another CDBG for the force main project. He will have the budget packet out Friday.

Kampe reported that Park and Rec Board is going to put together a schedule for park improvements and they will be going after gambling money. Kramer stated that she has expertise in grant writing. Robertson also has a name of somebody who could help.

Roth stated that the list of board meetings he prepared had a change – Park and Rec meets the first Monday.

At 7:18 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned, and the next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 2, 2010. There will be a budget meeting January 26, 2010.

James R. Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer