

City of Camanche, Iowa

January 26, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met for a budget work session January 26, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Robertson, presiding, and the following named council members: Fahlbeck, Kramer, Varner, and Kampe. Nelson was absent. Also present were City Administrator Roth and department heads Houzenga, Schutte and Jindrich.

Charles Duax presented a proposal from UnitedHealthcare of the River Valley. Kramer commented that there was a significant amount of savings.

The council took a short break and started the budget work session at 5:55 PM. Roth went through the packet of budget information starting with reviewing the operating costs; reviewing capital expenditure requests, reviewing the capital projects and showed that possibly the water rates should be raised. They have not been raised since 2001. There was considerable discussion on capital improvement appropriations. Kramer would like to the city to look into franchise fees vs. property tax increases.

The council would like Roth to refigure the budget using the savings from the health care premiums. He said he needs to know the council's priorities. He will come up with various budget scenarios using the savings from the health care premiums along with leaving the capital asking as submitted by the department heads or reducing the capital asking. There will be another budget session after the next meeting – February 2, 2010.

The budget work session was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

James R. Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer