

City of Camanche, Iowa

February 16, 2010

At 6:00 P.M. at the Camanche Fire Station, the City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met with city employees and representatives of UnitedHealthCare of River Valley (Chuck Duax, Martin Oliva and Jake Hoyt). Roth stated that premiums have gone up 56% over the past 2 years with Blue Cross Blue Shield. There would be savings just short of \$95,000 if the city went with UHCRV. There was a question and answer session about possible benefit changes if the city went with UHCRV. This adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session February 16, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at Camanche Fire Station. Present on roll call: Mayor Robertson, presiding, and the following named council members: Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner, and Kampe. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan and department heads Houzenga, Schutte and Jindrich.

Diana Diedrich had questions for the council concerning the proposed health care changes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from February 2, 2010 regular council meeting; approve Abstract No. 507 dated February 19, 2010 with total expenditures of \$58,326.79 and salaries of \$32,330.77; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for January 2010 with the following receipts: General - \$168,492.07, Library - \$15,220.25, Road Use Tax - \$29,415.10, Debt Service - \$2,563.19, Trust & Agency - \$7,100.03, Water Utility - \$28,268.48, Sewer Utility - \$53,762.24, Recreation - \$6,255.97, Payroll Clearing - \$139,764.45, Garbage/Landfill - \$31,708.92, Ambulance - \$5,070.26 for a total of \$487,621.68; approve reappointment of Jon Lee to Civil Service Commission effective April 1, 2010; accept and place on file Police Department report for January 2010 and Fire Department report for January 2010; and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement for use of Highway Right of Way for Utilities Accommodation permit for Illinois Emergency Management Agency to install radiation monitoring equipment (west side of US67). On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Kampe to change health care insurance providers from Blue Cross Blue Shield to UnitedHealthCare of River Valley effective April 1, 2010. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Kampe, Fahlbeck; nays – Kramer; abstain – Varner due to currently receiving health care benefits from the city.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to approve a Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$695,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same. On roll call – all ayes.

Dave Schutte addressed the council about hiring a part-time employee to fill in at the fire station while someone is off on a work related injury. Schutte said the employee would work no more than 40 hours/week, no overtime and no benefits. He would probably have 2-3 people fill this temporary position.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kramer to authorize Schutte to hire part-time employees at \$15.00/hour to fill in at the fire station due to a work related injury. On roll call – all ayes.

Robertson stated that he, Roth, Varner, Kampe and Solchenberger will be going to Des Moines to attend Legislative Day February 18, 2010.

Robertson reported that a representative from MidAmerican will be meeting with him at City Hall on Wednesday, February 24 to discuss the recent power outages.

Robertson stated that there are board vacancies on Planning and Zoning and the Historical Board.

Fahlbeck reported that he had a call from a citizen concerned about snow removal. The citizen was wondering why some citizens aren't made to clear their sidewalks, including businesses. Roth stated that a letter will be sent to them, when a complaint is received, asking them to clear their sidewalk or the city will clear it and bill them.

Kampe reported that he and Roth have been checking into grants for playground equipment.

At 7:48 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

A budget work session began at 7:57 P.M.

After much discussion, the council decided to go with Option 7 of various budget scenarios with an overall 3% tax increase.

The budget work session adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

James R. Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer