

City of Camanche, Iowa

March 16, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 16, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pro-tem Varner presiding in the absence of Mayor Robertson, and the following named council members: Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson and Kampe. Also present were City Attorney Lonergan and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Rickertsen and Jindrich.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Kramer to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes as corrected from March 2, 2010 regular council meeting; approve Abstract No. 509 with total expenditures of \$224,450.54 and salaries of \$32,065.84; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for February 2010 with the following receipts: General - \$101,663.31; Library - \$9,958.20; Road Use Tax - \$34,126.40; Debt Service - \$798.32; Trust & Agency - \$1,774.46; Water Utility - \$4,151.66; Sewer Utility - \$10,513.13; Recreation - \$6,920.00; Payroll Clearing - \$109,560.47; Garbage - \$3,992.13; ACC/GCC - \$84,508.86; Ambulance - \$8,424.73 for a total of \$376,391.67; accept and place on file minutes from Board of Adjustment dated 2/23/10 and 3/9/10 and their decision regarding the cell tower, Park and Recreation minutes from 3/1/10 meeting, and Cemetery Board Meeting held 3/8/10; approve purchase of 4 police vests at a price of \$8,912; accept and place on file the Fire Department monthly report for February 2010. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Nelson to accept the low bid from Foster Coach in the amount of \$129,004 for a new ambulance. On roll call – all ayes.

Kampe would like to see that no other purchases be made that would be outside of the fiscal year.

Moved by Kramer, second by Kampe to approve a Resolution Pledging Matching Funds for the Emergency Generator Project. On roll call – all ayes.

Kampe reported that grant applications are being sent out by Emergency Management for emergency generators. Jindrich stated that the City received one today.

Electric Franchise Renewal – Lonergan stated that he does not know anything about them. The present one has been around for 25 years. Lonergan thought the council should go with Roth's recommendation to hire a consultant to help the city with the franchise agreement.

Neighborhood Plan for the Undeveloped Property near Highway 67 – Lonergan stated that as Bob Edens develops his subdivision, all of the adjoining property owners of undeveloped land would be made aware of where water/sewer lines and streets would be located so that everyone would be on the same page. Lonergan will bring this to Roth's attention to have this sent to Planning and Zoning.

Fahlbeck reported that the Cemetery Board has hired another part-time worker. This individual will be trained to assist Jim Edens with funerals and other maintenance duties.

Kramer was proud of the city that the budget is done. She also commented on the city hall computer item in the budget – was pleased to see the considerable savings from the first quote received. This decrease was due to the fact that if the city kept the present software company, only hardware would need to be purchased.

Kampe asked Houzenga why the city did not get the new vests for every officer. Houzenga commented that these vests were for the tactical team. He would not be purchasing them right away because a grant may be available in April.

Varner read a proclamation proclaiming March American Red Cross Month.

Varner also urged everyone to fill out the census forms. He also stated that the Historical Board will be rekeying the building and will be getting the back door fixed.

Jindrich commented that the housing grants will be awarded around May 5.

At 6:16 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Paul Varner, Mayor Pro-Tem

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer