

City of Camanche, Iowa
March 23, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa conducted a work session March 23, 2010 at 5:05 PM at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Robertson presiding, and the following named councilmembers: Fahlbeck, Kramer (arrived at 5:16 PM), Nelson, Varner and Kampe (arrived at 5:13 PM). Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Rickertsen and Jindrich.

Solchenberger stated that in 2006 the council adopted a Washington Blvd Transportation Plan. At 17th Avenue to the south and 4th Avenue to the north, drainage is not an issue. If the city doesn't go anything with the rest, the drainage issues will keep deteriorating the road. Sandy Doran, Shive Hattery, is involved with streetscaping work. She presented a brochure on options in regards to sidewalks, lighting, trees, etc.

Robertson would like to see sidewalks on both sides of the streets. The city needs to get it designed and to move forward. Kramer stated that the city has cut back from the original design plans.

Lonergan commented that redoing Washington Blvd. would set an attitude in the community. There would be a long term benefit but it won't happen overnight. The city needs to change its appearance.

Varner would like to see a sidewalk from 17th Avenue to the bowling alley. Kramer felt that the road should be 36' wide with turning lanes at 4th, 7th and 9th Avenue. Fahlbeck said the council needs to stand firm with the community on this. They need to have broad shoulders.

Solchenberger said that Shive could do more detailed design work – design development. Sandy stated she could put together a notebook with lighting options, crosswalks, trees, etc.

Robertson said that they presented their case to the legislatures in Washington DC and stated that Camanche will be doing the north and south ends of Washington Blvd. He wanted to compliment Dan and Tom on their work with the emergency generators. The city has the appropriation but the city still had to fill out an application that has not been easy.

Robertson was looking for volunteers to compile the information on the city administrator evaluations. Kramer and Fahlbeck volunteered.

Rickertsen reported that work should begin the second week in May on the north end of Washington Blvd.

Solchenberger said the next step in the design of Washington Blvd is not a big money issue. He will provide plan sheets.

The work session was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer