

City of Camanche, Iowa

April 6, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session April 6, 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 (arrived at 6:02 P.M.), Varner, and Kampe. Also present were: City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Schutte, Rickertsen, and Jindrich.

Eric Ackermann and Randy Bohl with MidAmerican Energy were present. They presented a video showing damage to the wires and poles during the wind/ice storm on December 23, 2009.

Robertson read a Proclamation – Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Kramer asked that Item 8 be removed from the consent agenda and be voted on separately.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda as amended which covered the following items: approve minutes from special meeting March 15, 2010, minutes from regular meeting March 16, 2010, minutes from work session March 23, 2010; approve Abstract No. 510 dated April 6, 2010 with total expenditures of \$415,324.48 and salaries of \$68,073.36; approve pay application to Langman Construction - \$51,447.14; approve pay application to Maguire Iron - \$30,200.00; approve pay application to Shive Hattery for water main project - \$31,603.68; accept and place on file minutes from Camanche Historical Board and Society, March 10, 2010; set May 11 (Monday's route) and May 18 (Thursday's route) as spring pickup dates; approve renewal of beer permit for Camanche Marina as submitted by Harlan Seeser; approve generator grant program application; approve pay application to Top Grade - \$278,802.86; approve 9th St – Hazel Lake Bank Stabilization Change Order 1 – Change Culvert Size - \$980.58; approve force main Change Order #3 – add sewage air release valve manholes - \$61,143.00; approve water main Change Order #6 – change model # for chlorine shelter, concrete removal for valve box and replace 1400 lf of 2" water service with 1-1/2" water service - \$9,891.30; water main Change Order #7 – adjust water main quantities to final quantities (\$80,126.40) Note: this is a deduct amount. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson by approve a new beer/wine permit for Kramer's Cantina as submitted by Shane Edwards pending dram shop. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck. Abstain – Kramer – due to conflict of interest.

There was discussion of the use of surplus funds from the water system improvement project.

Moved by Kampe, second by Fahlbeck to use some of the surplus funds by upgrading the paint that is going to be used on the water towers. On roll call – all ayes.

Solchenberger also commented that some of the funds will be used for the chlorine structures at the well houses.

There will be contingency funds set up for maintenance costs associated with the project and for homeowner fees.

Rickertsen stated that the pump is going out on the present sewer jet. They are manufactured in Lanark, Illinois. He would like to purchase a new one this fiscal year with funds that he has available.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson authorizing Rickertsen to get bids for a sewer jet and bring it back to council. On roll call – all ayes.

Consideration of a proposal from Bengtson Carlberg Construction to install a storm sewer across South Washington Blvd – this was going to go in when the MRT is put in.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Varner to approve the proposal from Bengtson Carlberg Construction to install a storm sewer across South Washington Blvd. On roll call – all ayes.

Request from Tom Runge to waive reimbursement for training costs – Lonergan stated this would set a difficult precedence. Chief Houzenga had written a recommendation and it was made available to the council stating that the reimbursement request should be denied.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kampe to follow Chief Houzenga's recommendation not to waive the reimbursement for training costs. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan reported that he has been in contact with Scott McDonald and they are going to give ECIA notice to step things up in regards to problems with Top Grade contract or they will have to file suit.

Solchenberger reported that plans for 9th St. Bridge is going to the Corp for review in the mitigation process. The application is completed for Washington Blvd to be sent to Grassley's office.

Solchenberger presented a proposal to the council for preliminary design for Washington Blvd. This will be placed on the next agenda.

Roth stated there is a Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting for Clinton County set for April 15. He had a meeting with representatives from Landmark Engineering. They would like the opportunity to bid the engineering services on projects. He has been in contact with Attorney Ivan Weber on the franchise ordinance. He stated that MidAmerican will be present at a council meeting and provide a copy of their proposed ordinance.

Roth reported that the City has been awarded \$300,000 through the CDBG program. More money was available than previously thought. The City had also applied for money through I-JOBS. IDED does not know what they are going to do with our application since we were awarded money through CDBG. Mark Schneider is going to lobby for us and hopefully get some money from I-JOBS also.

Roth wanted to commend the employees for their patience in the transition to new health care insurance. It has not gone smoothly.

Robertson reported vacancies on Planning and Zoning and the Historical Board.

Robertson stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow night in connection with the city administrator evaluations.

Kampe reported that his father has been ill due to an industrial disease so he will be gone the last week of the month but will be here for the council meeting.

At 7:23 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer