

City of Camanche, Iowa

December 15, 2009

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa, met in regular session December 15, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call were: Mayor Robertson, presiding, and the following named council members: Fahlbeck, Kramer, Varner, Willis. Wehde was absent. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney, and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, and Jindrich.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Willis to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from December 1, 2009 regular council meeting; approve Abstract No. 503 dated December 15, 2009 with total expenditures of \$546,256.17 and salaries of \$35,687.36; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for November with total receipts of: General-\$158,916.08, Library-\$9,990.25, Road Use-\$33,300.57, Debt Service-\$5,626.46, Trust & Agency-\$12,505.98, Water Utility-\$4,303.71, Sewer Utility-\$11,751.60, Recreation-\$6,915.00, Payroll/Clearing-\$98,963.56, Garbage/Landfill-\$4,839.92, ACC/GCC-\$1,153.941/21 for a total of \$1,501,054.34; accept and place on file minutes from Library Board Meeting held December 2, 2009, and Planning and Zoning meeting held December 8, 2009; approve Mayor's City Council Committees appointments; accept November Police and Fire Department reports; approve Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Kwik Star and Class C Liquor License, Catering, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Imperial Lanes; approve appointment of Julia Leonard to Historical Board; approve reappointment of George Andresen to the Cemetery Board and Melvin Albrecht to Planning and Zoning. On roll call – all ayes.

Establishing signing bonus – Lonergan stated he felt this resolution should be passed. The council would negotiate the signing bonus with the bargaining unit. The bargaining unit knows it's an issue that needs to be addressed.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to approve A Resolution Establishing a Policy Whereby the City of Camanche Will Consider Offering a "Signing Bonus" for potential new hires in the Police Department Who are ILEA Certified or Potential Hires in the Fire Department Who Have a State of Iowa Paramedic Specialist License. On roll call – all ayes.

Schutte stated that there is no update on the hiring of a paramedic/firefighter. He is waiting to hear about the signing bonus before he can offer the position to the individual. The fire department is officially billing for ambulance services.

It was the consensus of the council just to have "Camanche" on the water tower and not have "Iowa" on it also.

Moved by Willis, second by Kramer to approve the appointment of Thomas Lonergan as City Attorney for a two year term (2010-2011) and approve the increase in compensation as addressed in his letter dated December 10, 2009. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan commented that he appreciated the increase and support.

Moved by Kramer, second by Fahlbeck to change the meeting date and time of the next council meeting to January 4, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Kramer to amend Resolution 09-26 – setting the time and date of the public hearing on the proposed 3rd Street Urban Renewal Area to January 4, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to approve a Resolution to Fix a Date of Meeting at which it is Proposed to Approve a Development Agreement with R.J. Edens Rental Properties, LLC, Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments in an Amount Not to Exceed \$240,000. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Willis to accept the resignation of Thomas Runge, 1st Class Police Officer, effective December 25, 2009. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to authorize Chief Houzenga to hire a police officer. On roll call – ayes – Willis, Kramer, Varner; nays – Fahlbeck.

Roth stated that there is a Change Order #2 for the force main project in the amount of \$7,350.00 for flushing valves. This is our share of the cost. We are splitting the cost with Top Grade.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve Change Order #2 for the force main project in the amount of \$7,350.00. On roll call- all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Willis, to approve Pay Application #4 to Top Grade for the force main project in the amount of \$141,543.09. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan recommended authorization for the city to execute a waiver between Top Grade, Shive Hattery and the City suspending the thirty day requirement fro Engineer's action on Top Grade's claim dated October 23, 2009.

Moved by Willis, second by Kramer to authorize the mayor and city engineer to sign the waiver. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth reported that that the city had received an email from Hank Manning announcing that IDED has reviewed the invoices submitted by the City for reimbursement under the CDBG contract for the WWTP improvements. We can now submit a draw request for \$302,201.65 to reimburse the city for engineering and subsurface exploration costs.

Roth wanted to express his appreciation to the members of the various boards and commissions. Some have had to come out in the latest bad weather.

Roth stated that Fahlbeck has been working with local contractors on getting prices for a vestibule onto city hall. He would like the council to look at the long term plan for city hall. Kramer stated that we should look at this at budget time.

Robertson thanked Willis for his service to the city council.

Robertson also wanted to thank Thomas Runge for his service to the city and he has been an asset to the community. Lonergan stated he was been very professional and there did not seem to be any growing pains as a young officer.

Robertson reported that there are board vacancies: Planning & Zoning, Park and Rec Board and Historical.

Fahlbeck would like the police chief to investigate the traffic on 14th Ave between Washington Blvd and 9th Street at the time that school is getting out. He would like to see no parking signs on the east side of the street. Houzenga will check into that.

Willis wanted to thank everyone. It has been a learning experience and also been fun.

Roth reported that Rickertsen is thrilled with the performance of the new salt monitoring system. He will probably be asking for another one.

Roth swore in the new council members (Kramer, Kampe, Nelson), the mayor and city attorney.

At 7:00 P.M. being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned, and the next meeting will be held Monday, January 4, 2010.

James R. Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer