

City of Camanche, Iowa

October 20, 2009

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa, met in regular session October 20, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. at Camanche Fire Station. Present on roll call were: Mayor Robertson, presiding, and the following named council members: Fahlbeck, Kramer, Wehde, Varner, and Willis. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger, and department heads Houzenga, Schutte and Jindrich.

Bill Lodge presented to the Mayor and Lonergan the Police and Fire Bargaining Proposal. Robertson asked for volunteers to be on the negotiating committee. Kramer wanted to wait until after city elections but Lonergan stated that the city has to respond within 2 weeks. Robertson stated that Roth, Lonergan and Willis will serve on the negotiating committee.

Moved by Kramer, second by Willis to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from October 6, 2009 regular council meeting; approve payment of bills as listed on Abstract No. 499 dated October 20, 2009 with total expenditures of \$151,407.90 and salaries of \$29,699.44; approve City Clerk/Treasurers Report for September 2009 with the following expenditures: General - \$142,872.57, Library - \$9,999.60, Road Use Tax - \$30,337.37, Debt Service - \$11,113.30, Trust & Agency - \$24,701.64, Water Utility - \$18,897.21, Sewer Utility - \$35,761.96, Recreation - \$6,514.50, Payroll/Clearing - \$99,130.79, Garbage/Landfill - \$32,142.84, ACC/GCC - \$601,391.77 for a total of \$1,012,863.55; accept and place on file minutes for the October 5, 2009 Park and Rec meeting and October 12, 2009 Cemetery Board meeting; approve 2009 Annual Financial Report. On roll call – all ayes.

Solchenberger stated the plans for the lift station will be off to the DNR by the end of the month. Roth indicated that the income survey was successful and ECIA will be submitting a grant for the city in the amount of \$600,000. ECIA stated that the city should submit the application for the higher amount and let IDED decide if we get it all.

Roth reported that Alliant does have the grant for insulating buildings and Dan's office says the product is OK. He was wondering what is the timeline for what the council wants to do with city hall? Robertson feels that a committee should be formed and the city should start saving money. Lonergan feels that the city should get competitive bids for inside insulation. The mayor asked for volunteers to form a committee and Varner and Fahlbeck volunteered. Kramer stated it would be nice to have 2 or 3 recommendations.

Schutte gave an update on the paramedic/firefighter position. The ambulance has been operating as a provisional paramedic since September 9. He indicated that he didn't think it would have taken this long to get the Medicare billing on line. He should have the acceptance letters here within the week. He has met with Lonergan and they should have everything finalized within the week with the billing company. He would like to hire the firefighter/paramedic by January 1. We will separate the budget out to show revenue and expenses for the ambulance. He would also like to set up a policy as to payment if they don't have insurance. They are targeting to start billing December 1, 2009 – before the person is hired.

Moved by Wehde, second by Varner to authorize Schutte to hire a paramedic/firefighter effective January 1, 2010 with billing for ambulance service to begin by December 1, 2009. On roll call – all ayes.

Schutte wanted to thank the council. It has been a long process and they should see the benefits many years to come.

Second reading, by title only, of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Modifying Chapter 10.20.050 by Adding Item G, Providing for a Reduced Speed Limit on 9<sup>th</sup> Street Between 31<sup>st</sup> Ave and Highway 67.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve the second reading. On roll all – all ayes.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to waive the third reading of said ordinance. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to adopt Ord. 700. On roll call – ayes – Fahlbeck, Kramer, Wehde, Varner, Willis. Nays – none.

Roth was wondering if the council was interested in setting up some rules of procedure. He has given the council a sample. Lonergan had made some comments and urged everyone to bring back comments for further review.

There was considerable discussion as to how the council should address late additions to the council agenda. Willis asked Lonergan if didn't he advise the council not to have a hard fast rule on such issues in case of emergencies? Who's going to make the decision? City Hall will be putting agendas on the website so updated ones can be viewed there plus Roth will email the council with any emergency additions.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to approve a Resolution Naming Depositories for Year 2009. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan stated he has forward all documents from ECIA and Top Grade to Scott McDonald, attorney who will be handling any litigation in regards to the force main issue.

Roth reported that he will be attending an RPA meeting in Dubuque on Friday. He is hoping that the present policy will be changed – presently any city over 5,000 gets money from the state and the money for the cities below that goes to the respective county. He is trying to get that policy changed so that Camanche will get their share and not have it go to Clinton County.

Solchenberger reported that the water main it out along Hwy 67. The foundation should be set for the water tower next week at the 9<sup>th</sup> Street site. The steel is progressing well on the tower back behind City Hall. MRT – the preliminary plans will be to the DOT in November. There will be a December or January letting on Washington Blvd.

Robertson stated that there are vacancies on Planning and Zoning and Park and Rec.

Schutte commented that there were 425 people in attendance at the recent open house. He also wanted to thank the people in the audience for their support during the hiring process.

Houzenga reported that Kelly Smith has accepted employment with the Camanche Police Department effective November 1, 2009. She is presently employed with the Sheriff's Office.

At 5:55 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned, and the next regular meeting will be held November 3, 2009.

James R. Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer