

City of Camanche, Iowa

July 20, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session July 20, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Robertson, presiding, and the following named council members: Kramer, Nelson, Varner, Kampe. Fahlbeck was absent. Also present were: City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Rickertsen, Jindrich.

Brenda Larkey, Camanche Days representative, extended an invitation to everyone to attend the upcoming Camanche Days. There will be a lot of cool things including the Camanche School 50th Reunion.

Roth brought up the fact that Lou Creed would like the alley opened up between 13th Avenue and 14th Avenue. Planning and Zoning had granted him permission to install a private driveway on the alley from 13th Avenue to where he wants to build a garage. This was pending approval by Robert Bartels whose property is next to the Creed and Hunter properties. Bartels said it was OK with him as long as it was not on his property. Lonergan stated it has never been opened. People have built things on it.

Moved by Kampe, second by Kramer to uphold the decision of Planning and Zoning to allow Lou Creed to install a private drive on the alley to where he is going to build a garage. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth stated he had gotten a call from the Chamber stating that the city can not submit four grant applications. Only three are allowed. One will have to be withdrawn. The four submitted are: Library – furnace and air conditioning updates; Park and Recreation – playground equipment; Park and Recreation – Platt Park electrical updates; Fire Department – command vehicle. Schutte stated they have submitted applications every chance they could and it would be crazy if theirs was withdrawn. Public safety should be a priority.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to forfeit the grant application for electrical improvements at Platt Park. On roll call – all ayes.

Houzenga stated that in the future the city should get all entities together to prioritize the applications.

Varner would like to see Item 3 on the consent agenda (approve employee agreements) removed from the consent agenda to discuss separately.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda, with item 3 removed to new business, which covered the following items: approve minutes from regular council minutes held July 6, 2010; approve Abstract No. 516 dated July 20, 2010 with total expenditures of \$287,614.47 and salaries of \$34,446.50; approve Special Class C Liquor License (Beer/Wine) for Camanche Bowling Association during Camanche Days pending dram shop; accept and place on file minutes of the July 13, 2010 Planning and Zoning meeting, July 12, 2010 Cemetery Board meeting, the July 12, 2010 Park and Rec Board meeting, and July 7, 2010 Library Board meeting; approve Clerk's report for June 2010 with receipts of: General - \$148,428.34; Library - \$10,305.17; Road Use Tax - \$23,655.25; Debt Service - \$1,124.98; Trust & Agency - \$2,601.01; Water Utility - \$23,217.30; Sewer Utility - \$51,934.18; Recreation - \$6,976.21; Payroll/Clearing - \$111,060.49; Garbage - \$30,933.90; CDBG/Sewer - \$130,270.16; ACC/GCC - \$233,575.52; Ambulance - \$8,202.59 for a total of \$782,285.10; approve Pay Estimate #1 to Determann Asphalt Company in the amount of \$193,474.68 for So. Washington Blvd overlay project. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve Resolution declaring necessity and providing for notice of hearing on proposed revitalization for residential property tax abatement. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth brought up the issue of insulating City Hall. The cost would be \$8,300 with a \$5,000 rebate. Kampe thought the city should look at tuck pointing the building. Rickertsen said if they would insulate they would drill into the blocks and spray in the foam. Robertson would like to see if it will be effective and what is going to be insulated. He would like to see this issue tabled.

Electrical Franchise Agreement – Roth stated that the franchise attorney and MidAmerican Energy are in agreement on the proposed franchise agreement. Lonergan said it looks pretty standard. The agreement leaves the door open to set franchise fees. The city will hold a public hearing at the next meeting on the agreement.

Kids First Academy – representatives from Kids First stated they will make the same payment but could they leave the 80 cents off and just make it \$500.00. Lonergan will draft the amendment and get a copy to Mike Wolfe.

Employment Agreements – Item #3 from Consent Agenda – Varner stated he would like the council to vote on each of the agreements individually. Lonergan was wondering if the bargaining unit had voted on the changes yet. He thought they would have to make their vote first. The city can't move forward on the contract. Schutte stated there were some issues with the Department Head contract. Lonergan stated he should get a corrected copy from Roth. There will need to be a meeting of the negotiation committee.

Solchenberger stated that only one bid was received for the demolition of the water tower. The reason others did not bid it was because ACC/GCC required a \$10,000,000 insurance requirement. A lot of businesses could not come up with that much. They are looking to see if ACC/GCC will lower the insurance requirement.

Roth read a resolution establishing a policy for reimbursement of specific, non-covered medical expenses. Kramer feels at least one council member should be on it. The council agreed.

Moved by Kampe, second by Kramer to approve a Resolution Establishing a Policy for Reimbursement of Specific, Non-covered Medical Expenses. On roll call – ayes: Kramer, Nelson, Kampe. Varner – abstain.

Robertson was wondering who the council wanted on that committee. Kampe asked Kramer if she would like to be on it and she said she would.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to appoint Kramer to the committee. On roll call – all ayes.

Solchenberger commented on the \$75,000 offer from ACC/GCC for future maintenance costs associated with the new water system. Solchenberger felt it would be a fair offer.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to accept the \$75,000 from ACC/GCC for future maintenance costs associated with the new water system. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth stated that the work comp premium costs were lowered to \$2,160.

Solchenberger stated that construction on the MRT is underway. There is tree clearing on So. Washington Blvd. Water main – Langman will be scheduling the hook-ups. There is grading, fencing and a driveway to complete at the water tower sites. The water tower painters have to get an adjuster in to inspect the house and roof that had paint overspray. Shive has not heard anything on the generators. Roth will call Braley's office again.

Roth stated he has a call into the city's auditors to see if the city has to issue a 1099 Misc. form to people getting the \$10,000 from the water project.

The mayor reported that there is a board vacancy on Planning and Zoning, Historical and 2 on Park and Rec.

Adrian Deering stated there were a number of people who had overspray on their vehicles who wanted to use his shop. They were told they could not use him and had to use the company the city wanted them to use. He did not think it was right to allow an out-of-town company to do the work and let them use city property to do it. Solchenberger tried to explain that the city had nothing to do with who was chosen. Maguire Iron contracted the painters. The painting company was given a couple of names from area body shops. They chose to go with a company that they have used in the past. They are a mobile body shop.

After a short recess, Solchenberger and Greg Schaapveld (Shive Hattery) presented proposed plans for Washington Blvd improvement project. The next step is to present the council with different streetscaping plans.

At 8:40 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer