

City of Camanche, Iowa

September 7, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 7, 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, Varner and Kampe. Also present were: City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Rickertsen, and Jindrich.

The Mayor opened a public hearing on the Camanche Revitalization Area at 6:02 P.M. Roth reported that a notice of this public hearing was sent to all property owners. After having no written comments and no comments from the audience, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 6:04 P.M.

Paul Williams with the VFW told the council that there will be a Veteran's Day ceremony on Veteran's Day at Garner Hall. The ceremony starts at 6:00 P.M. followed by a steak dinner. The cost for the dinner is \$9.00. Mr. Williams asked Paul Varner to be the speaker.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from regular council meetings held August 3 and August 17, 2010; approve Abstract 519 and 520 dated August 17 and September 7 respectively with total expenditures of \$244,394.15 and salaries of \$104,207.49; accept City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for July 2010 with receipts of: General - \$433,588.59, Library - \$10,721.99, Road Use Tax - \$23,337.29, Debt Service - \$1,888.08, Trust & Agency - \$4,396.69, Water Utility - \$28,229.04, Sewer Utility - \$61,993.78, Recreation - \$5,970.41, Payroll Clearing - \$126,331.56, Garbage - \$31,669.62, ACC/GCC - \$47,736.56, Washington Boulevard - \$22,400.01, Ambulance - \$8,512.46 for a total of \$806,776.08; accept and place on file minutes from Library Board meeting held August 4, 2010, Park & Rec meeting held August 9, 2010, Planning & Zoning meeting held August 10, 2010, Camanche Historical Society meeting held July 14, 2010 and Cemetery Board meeting held August 9, 2010; approve appointment of Christine Leslie to Historical Board for a term ending July 2011, approve appointment of Trisha Erne to Park and Rec for a term ending July 2010; approve a Resolution Approving and Adopting the Annual City Street Financial Report for FY 2010; approve Pay Estimate #15 to Langman Construction in the amount of \$188,753.88 for the water main project; approve Pay Estimate #14 to Maguire Iron in the amount of \$93,179.88 for the water tower project; approve payment to Shive Hattery for engineering services for the water main/tower project in the amount of \$9,916.94; approve transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the MRT Project Fund; set October 19 for fall pickup for the Monday route and October 26 for the Thursday route; set Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 6-8 PM as Trick-or-Treat; accept and place on file August monthly reports for the Building Inspection and Police Department; approve renewal of Liquor License for The Litehouse pending notification of dram shop. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to approve the consideration of the 2nd reading by title only of an ordinance granting franchise to operate an electrical distribution system to MidAmerican Energy. On roll call – ayes - Nelson, Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, and Kramer.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to waive the 3rd reading of an ordinance granting franchise to operate an electrical distribution system to MidAmerican Energy. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer and Nelson.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to Adopt Ord. 707 – An Ordinance Granting to MidAmerican Energy Company, Its Successors and Assigns, the Right and Franchise to Acquire, Construct, Erect, Maintain and Operate in the City of Camanche, Iowa An Electric System to Furnish and Sell Electric Energy to the City and Its Inhabitants and Authorizing the City to Collect Franchise Fees for a Period of 25 years. On roll – ayes – Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson and Varner. Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

Lonergan stated that Top Grade has asked \$18,000 for damages and the city has filed a lawsuit against ECIA. He stated that he and Scott McDonald recommend paying the \$18,000 to Top Grade. He will have them (Top Grade) sign a release and also ask them to cooperate in the litigation.

Moved by Kramer, second by Kampe to approve payment of \$18,000 to Top Grade for costs related to the delay on the force main project. On roll call – all ayes.

Extend Ambulance Service to Camanche Township – Roth asked the council how they wanted to proceed. Schutte thinks it would be good. It won't tax his department and doesn't think it would be a burden. The equipment is there. He said if the township would be annexed, the city would have to provide all services – garbage, fire, police and snow removal. Robertson raised several concerns – some being the number of miles to be served being doubled and the problem of possibility leaving the city without an ambulance if both are out to the township.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Kampe to move forward and have the fire chief start the process of extending ambulance service to Camanche Township. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to approve the FYE 2011 – 2012 employment agreements. On roll call – all ayes.

Mike Cross has requested that the city vacate and sell an alley right-of-way near 302 4th Avenue. His property is the only one affected by this vacation.

Moved by Kramer, second by Kampe to proceed with setting a public hearing to sell the right-of-way near 302 4th Avenue. On roll call – all ayes.

Chad and Lori Bigwood and Jane Willis have requested the city vacate and sell alley right-of-way near 630 4th Avenue.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to proceed with setting a public hearing to sell the right-of-way near 630 4th Avenue. On roll call – all ayes.

Proposal to purchase real estate near the intersection of Washington Blvd and 2nd Avenue – Roth stated that when we do Washington Blvd this would be a nice place for welcome signs, landscaping, etc. It's also a nice place to have something in connection with the bike trail. The advertising sign on the property pays \$1200 a year in rent.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to purchase the real estate near the intersection of Washington Blvd and 2nd Avenue. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Nelson to approve the supplemental agreement with ACC/GCC for the water system project which provides for the issuance of the \$10,000 to the property owners. On roll call – all ayes.

Rezoning of lots in Cross Subdivision – Planning and Zoning has approved this pending approval of the final plat.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 18.12, Districts and Boundaries, of the Camanche Municipal Code to Rezone a Parcel of Ground Owned by Mark Cross, Defined as Lots 1-3, 16-26 of the Proposed Cross Subdivision from the Current Zoning Classification of R-1 Urban Residential District to R-2 Multi-Family District zoning Upon Acceptance of the Final Plat of said Proposed Subdivision. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, and Kramer.

Moved by Nelson, second by Fahlbeck to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 18, the Zoning Ordinance, of the City of Camanche, Iowa to Establish a Minimum Lot Width and Area for Zero Lot Line Single Family Attached Dwellings and Two Family Dwellings in R-1, Urban Residential and R-2 Multi-Family Zoning Districts. On roll call – Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson.

Moved by Nelson, second by Fahlbeck to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Designating the Camanche Residential Revitalization Area. On roll call – ayes – Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson and Varner.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson that the second readings be by title only of the ordinances pertaining to the rezoning in Cross Subdivision, minimum lot width and area and residential revitalization area. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to approve a Resolution Stating the Intentions of the City Council with Regard to the Designation of the Camanche Residential Revitalization Area and the Proposed Plan Therefore. On roll call – all ayes.

Planning and Zoning Commission appointment (Amber Metzger, Mike McManus) – Amber Metzger's application was received first and the city also will be required by the State to have the boards and commissions gender balanced by 2012.

Moved by Varner, second by Kampe to appoint Amber Metzger to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending January 2013. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to appoint Christopher Myrben to Park and Recreation for a term ending 7/2012. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan reported that municipal infractions have been issued on Bob Bartels. Houzenga reported that they were served today.

Solchenberger reported on the following:

Washington Blvd Overlay Project – We are working with IADOT to complete the final closeout of the project. There is considerable paperwork involved and we are working through the project at this time.

MRT – Work is progressing with grading being completed on both ends of the project. Retaining wall work should be starting in the near future. There will be construction progress meeting on September 13th.

Water main – the resident connections are complete and the 9th Street area is receiving city water. They are working on the SCADA and electrical work for the system.

Water Tower – the water tower project is near completion with sidewalk work remaining at the 67 tower. Two paint issues remaining for the insurance companies to work out.

Force main - the project is complete and Top Grade is near completion with their final punch list items.

WWTP – the project is at IADNR for review. We were asked by IADNR to hold off bidding the project until October to give them time to review the project.

Emergency Generators – we have received word from Homeland Security that the FEMA grant award has been made and we will need to attend a meeting in Urbandale to go through the grant information.

Cross Preliminary Plat – we are reviewing the submittal and will be responding with a letter for the preliminary plat.

Robertson reported that it was nice to see that all of the boards and commissions positions are filled.

Nelson questioned what was going to be done with the concrete that was breaking up in Lawrence Subdivision. Rickertsen stated that Clinton Engineering will replace the concrete. It was also commented on that crack sealing needs to be done in Murphy's Subdivisions.

Schutte reported that Qwest, who is the provider of the fire phone system, will not be supporting the system anymore if changes need to be made. They will be coming up with an alternate system.

At 7:34 P.M. being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer