

City of Camanche, Iowa

September 21, 2010

The City of Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 21, 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.

Robertson administered Oath for Public Office to Police Reserves Corie Flack, Jacob Mussmann, Nathan Petersen, and Kevin Goddard.

Robertson read a Resolution thanking Police Chief Robert Houzenga for his 30 years of service to the City of Camanche.

Doug Murphy stated that he is asking EPA to test the lakes (Willow Lake, etc) in his area yearly because the plume is headed towards the lakes. He would like a letter of support from the city council in regards to his request to the EPA. Robertson agreed that we all want safe water for our residents.

Moved by Kramer, second by Fahlbeck to have Roth write a letter of support for Doug's request that EPA test the lakes at least once a year. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from September 7, 2010 council meeting; approve Abstract 521 dated September 21, 2010 with total expenditures of \$303,599.70 and salaries of \$35,114.37; accept City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for August 2010 with receipts of: General - \$50,571.19, Library - \$10,167.58, Road Use Tax - \$42,987.06, Debt Service - \$9.72, Trust & Agency - \$27.84, Water Utility - \$9,267.82, Sewer Utility - \$14,639.18, Recreation - \$6,970.41, Payroll Clearing - \$117,251.61, Garbage - \$3,833.92, CDBG/Sewer - \$71,888.81, ACC/GCC - \$273,276.97, Ambulance - \$11,172.10 for a total of \$612,064.21; accept and place on file minutes from the Library Board meeting held September 1, 2010, Park and Rec meeting held September 13, 2010, Rose Hill Cemetery Board meeting held September 13, 2010; approve renewal of Class C Liquor License for Donald McManus, dba Poor House Tap; approve Resolution setting public hearing for vacation and sale of an alley as submitted by Mike Cross; approve Resolution setting public hearing for vacation and sale of an alley as submitted by Chad and Lori Bigwood and Jane Willis; approve final payment to Top Grade for the force main project in the amount of \$64,093.21. On roll call – all ayes.

Consideration of the 2nd reading by title only of an ordinance rezoning lots in the proposed Cross Subdivision (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.

Moved by Nelson, Kampe to approve the second reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer and Nelson. Nays – none.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to waive the third reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, and Varner. Nays – none.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to Adopt Ordinance No. 708 - rezoning lots in the proposed Cross Subdivision (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 – Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner, and Kampe. Nays – none. Robertson declared Ordinance No. 708 adopted.

Consideration of the 2nd reading by title only of an ordinance establishing minimum lot size and width for zero lot single family attached dwellings. (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.)

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to approve the second reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Kramer, Nelson, Varner, Kampe, and Fahlbeck. Nays – none.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to waive the third reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, and Kramer. Nays – none.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kampe to Adopt Ordinance No. 709 - 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 – ayes – Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer and Nelson. Nays – none. Robertson declared Ordinance No. 709 adopted.

Consideration of the 2nd reading by title only of an Ordinance Designating the Camanche Residential Revitalization Area.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kramer to approve the second reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson and Varner. Nays – none.

Moved by Kramer, second by Nelson to waive the third reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner, and Kampe. Nays – none.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to Adopt Ordinance No. 710 Ordinance Designating the Camanche Residential Revitalization Area. On roll call – ayes – Kramer, Nelson, Varner, Kampe and Fahlbeck. Nays – none. Robertson declared Ordinance No. 710 adopted.

Improvements to City Hall – Roth stated that the back wall of city hall needs tuck pointing. He would like to see a comprehensive plan if the council wants to spend money on the building. Robertson was wondering how much does the council want to spend on the building. Kramer would like to see a plan and have a committee look at the options. They all agreed that the building should be insulated. Kampe and Nelson volunteered to be on the committee.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to approve a new outdoor service license for Shane Edwards, dba Kramer's Cantina. On roll call – all ayes.

Planning/Goal Setting Session – Kramer would like to see the council do it on their own. It was the consensus to hold one Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to authorize the fire chief to purchase a department command vehicle. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan stated that he had prepared the release for Top Grade and forwarded it to Roth. He also has prepared the ordinances for the vacation of the alleys.

City Engineer's Report –

9th Street Bridge – IADOT Bid letting today – Jim Schroeder Construction was the low bidder at \$404,700. Our estimate was \$531,357. We will discuss with IADOT to determine what they will require since there was only one bid on the project.

Camanche Water Main Project – Langman has French Landscaping in town to do the clean up work – Leslie Electric is working on the electrical for the SCADA system.

Camanche Water Tower Project – the sidewalk at the 67 tower is complete.

MRT – Asphalt paving will start next week (weather permitting). Wall work will begin tomorrow (weather permitting).

WWTP Lift Station – we have the plans in for IDNR review. We have contacted IDNR to see where the plans are in the review process, once this is determined, we will advertise for bid and open bids in late October.

Washington Blvd – Tom and I are discussing options of cost and financing (grants, bonds, etc) for the project.

Areas north of Murphy Subdivision – Tom and I are reviewing the information and costs associated with the various options. We are looking at ways to equitably split the costs between developers and the city.

Robertson was wondering what the plans are for Murphy's subdivisions. Solchenberger stated that in the 1st Subdivision the manholes were not boxed out so that led to the concrete cracking. Robertson would also like to see crack sealing done out there.

Robertson stated that the rough draft of the county emergency mitigation plan will be on Emergency Management's next agenda. Solchenberger and Roth will be meeting with Homeland Security next week concerning paperwork for the emergency generator grant.

Roth said there is another prescription that is not covered by UHCRV. He will get the information to the committee because it fits the policy. The city has gone forward with several nuisances. He has met with Larry Nagle concerning the code updates. He also wanted to congratulate the Library, Park and Rec and Fire Department on obtaining grants.

Houzenga wanted to thank the council for the recognition of his 30 years of service with the city.

Schutte said he will have the tentative agreement with the township for ambulance service to the council for the next meeting.

Jindrich stated that the auditors will be at city hall the first week in October.

At 7:10 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer

After the meeting, Solchenberger presented plans for the new lift station. Bids will be let in November. It should be done by March. DNR is reviewing the plans now. The approximate cost will be \$1.6 million. The council would like to see the breakdown of expenditures and funding for the project.