

City of Camanche, Iowa

November 16, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session November 26, 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.

Stacy McIntosh, with the Clinton Substance Abuse Council, and Kristine Houzenga with the Drug Free Council were present to speak about the Drug Fee Council grant that the DeWitt and Camanche Police Departments received. Things are in the planning stages on setting up a coalition.

Moved by Kramer, second by Kampe to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from Goal Session-October 25 and November 2, 2010 regular council meeting; approve Abstract No. 525 dated November 16, 2010 with total expenditures of \$305,388.39 and salaries of \$32,308.43; receive, accept and place on file the October 2010 monthly report for the Fire Department; accept Langman Substantial Completion; approve payment to Top Grade Pay Estimate #11-Final - \$4,000; accept and place on file minutes from Park and Rec-November 1, 2010, Library meeting-November 3, 2010; accept and place on file the resignation of Kyle King as Utility Billing Clerk effective May 1, 2011; approve the October 2010 City Clerk/Treasurer's Report. On roll call – all ayes.

Proposal from Shive Hattery Engineering to Complete Final Design for the Washington Blvd Project – Kampe would like to see the road in front of the fire station also addressed. Solchenberger said the cost would be \$240,000 plus reimbursable for the design. The city might need to acquire temporary or permanent easements which would be extra. The tentative timeline would be: 1. Have the plans ready to bid February 7 – obtain survey information; 2. Detail design; 3. Landscape/Streetscape. Solchenberger thought the contractor would begin after March and should be pretty well done by the end of the summer. Roth will be looking at financing options. Schutte also suggested that the city look into the large pool of gaming grants.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to approve the proposal from Shive Hattery to design Washington Blvd. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe. Nays – Fahlbeck, Kramer.

Roth stated that he had not had much luck in finding anyone to do insulating or tuck pointing at city hall. There was a lengthy discussion about what the options were to either fix or build a new city hall. The mayor polled the council – Kampe said no tuck pointing or insulating; Varner – don't put money into it; Nelson – don't put money into it; Kramer – don't do anything right now.

Moved by Kramer, second by Fahlbeck that if the contractor can still insulate city hall by the end of the year in order for the city to receive the rebate, to go ahead with it. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Fahlbeck to send Roth, Robertson, Solchenberger to the Mayor's Summit in Washington D.C. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kampe, second by Fahlbeck, to authorize Roth to negotiate with Jorge, River City Disposal, for a three (3) year extension to the present solid waste contract. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan stated that Scott McDonald is working on a proposal to settle the ECIA/City of Camanche/Top Grade issue.

Solchenberger report – **Water Main** – finishing up the punch list; **Lift Station** – prebid meeting this Thursday with a December 2 bid opening; **MRT** – Fahlbeck was wondering who is responsible for the signage along the MRT. Solchenberger stated the contractor puts the signs back – part of the project. The contractor will be mulching now and will seed and mulch in the spring.

Robertson stated the council received a Thank You from the Camanche Historical Board/Society for helping with the insurance and utility costs. Varner will be the Mayor's representative for the Exelon drill.

Roth commented that he and the Mayor met with IPSCO officials. He also was wondering how the council wanted to handle property owners who do not remove snow. The council wanted the city clerk's office to publish a notice in the Clinton Herald and the school paper about snow removal.

Kampe – notification has been received from Emergency Management that once paperwork has cleared their budget that Public Works will get their grant for an emergency generator.

Houzenga wanted to remind the council that calendar parking began November 15.

Shutte stated that Camanche Township decided not to utilize Camanche ambulance services. He would like the council to take a look at the burn ordinance. He would like the council to eliminate burn barrels.

Rickertsen said that Determann will be doing patching on 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the City limits.

Fahlbeck would like to see the city have load limits on some city streets.

At 7:43 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer