

City of Camanche, Iowa

December 7, 2010

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

At 6:01 P.M. the Mayor opened a public hearing on the plans and specifications for the lift station project. Having received no written comments and not hearing any comments from the audience, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:02 P.M.

Larry Burger with Speer Financial gave a presentation on their services in regards to bonding for the Washington Blvd. project.

Sean Stickel with DigiTrans Internet talked to the council about his request to lease space on the water tower for wireless internet service. He is to get back to the council with pictures of the type of equipment they would be installing.

Moved by Kramer, second by Fahlbeck to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from November 16, 2010 regular council meeting; approve Abstract No. 526 dated December 7, 2010 with total expenditures of \$156,384.70 and salaries of \$36,895.86; receive, accept and place on file police monthly report for November 2010; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Historical Board meeting held November 10, 2010, Rose Hill Cemetery Board meeting held November 8, 2010; approve liquor license for Hides Inn effective January 3, 2011; approve liquor license for Imperial Lanes pending dram shop effective December 31, 2010; approve liquor license for Kwik Star effective February 7, 2011; approve November 2010 City Clerk/Treasurer's Report with receipts of: General - \$187,991.85; Road Use Tax - \$35,244.42; Debt Service - \$9,144.83; Trust & Agency - \$26,184.74; Water Utility - \$4,824.94; Sewer Utility - \$14,638.37; Garbage - \$4,363.84; ACC/GCC - \$47,185.94; for a total of \$329,578.93. On roll call – all ayes.

Stipend for Volunteer Firemen – Schutte stated that the council had agreed that if the city started charging for ambulance services, the volunteers would be compensated for generating revenue for the city. Lonergan commented that he checked with Jim Griswold, Core-Vens, and the volunteers would still be under the "Good Samaritan" part of the policy. The cap for payment would be \$599 so no 1099's would have to be issued. Schutte commented it would be retro to January 1, 2010 with checks being issued the middle of December.

Moved by Kramer, second by Nelson to approve an annual stipend for the volunteer firemen at \$1.00 per call for non-certified ambulance, \$3.00 per call for EMT-B and \$5.00 per call for Paramedic with a cap of \$599.00. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kampe to approve a Resolution Approving the Adopting of the Clinton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation and Requesting Approval of the Plan at the Federal Level. On roll call – all ayes.

Engineering Services for the Emergency Generator Project – Solchenberger stated that there are a few items that need to be added to the proposal. It was agreed upon to have this on the next agenda with the changes.

First consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.36.020 of the Camanche Municipal Code by Modifying the Way in Which Costs for Removal of Snow and Ice from Uncleared Sidewalks are Established.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Nelson to approve the first reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner. Nays – Kampe.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Varner to waive the second reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner and Kampe.

Load limit of city streets had been brought up due to the damage being done to 49th Avenue. The city will look at the traffic count on that area and Shive will look into weight limits. An ordinance will be drawn up.

Lift station project – Clinton Engineering was the low bidder at \$1,035,053 and Shive Hattery recommends awarding the contract to them.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Varner approving a Resolution Accepting the Low Bid of \$1,035,053 from Clinton Engineering for the Lift Station Project and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute an Agreement with Clinton Engineering for the Completion of the Lift Station Project. On roll call – all ayes.

The council would like Roth to contact 2 other financial advisors and see if they can come to the next meeting concerning financing for the Washington Blvd Project. Lonergan would like to get things organized and to have public meetings showing the design and costs at the same time.

Lonergan reported that there will be a hearing on the Bartels nuisance Thursday.

Solchenberger reported on the following:

MRT – done for the winter.

Water main project – should be done by the end of the month.

Tower Demolition – the old tower will be down today.

Mayor reported that interviews will be conducted in the city clerk's office for the utility billing clerk. He does not feel that anyone from the council or himself should be in on the interviewing process. Department heads should be able to choose their own employees.

Roth stated that he has been working on the STP applications. It is just about budget time. The city will be going out for bids on health insurance after the first of the year.

At 8:25 PM, being on further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer