

City of Camanche, Iowa

February 4, 2014

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa, met in regular session February 4, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding and the following named council members: Willis, McManus, Lind, Varner, and Wruck. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Rickertsen and Jindrich.

A moment of silence was observed. Mayor Fahlbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve the agenda. On roll all – all ayes.

Fahlbeck requested that Item #7 on the consent agenda – Approve Resolution to Recognize the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Corporation Housing Trust Fund - be placed under New Business.

Moved by McManus, second by Lind to approve the consent agenda, as amended, which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held January 21, 2014 and budget work sessions held January 14 and January 28, 2014; approve Abstract No. 602 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	4,137.06
ROBERT ALM	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS/COINSUR	47.51
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CAMANCHE FOOD PRIDE	CLEANING SUPPLIES	89.75
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	HYDRAULIC FLUID, PLUGS	657.39
CLIA LABORATORY	CERTIFICATE FEE	150.00
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER	18,661.19
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	10,056.08
COMPANY ONE	NEW FIRE EXTINGUISHER-POLICE	64.00
CORY DETERMANN	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYS/COINSURANC	23.46
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC	TIRES-CASE TRACTOR, EXPEDITION	966.20
EICCD	EMT EXPENSES	2,993.00
ELECTRICAL ENG & EQUIP CO	GENERATOR REPAIR-FIRE STATION	380.00
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	GLOVES,CLIPBOARDS,WIPES	262.72
GALE	BOOKS	155.94
GATEWAY DOOR COMPANY	REPLACE SPRING-POLICE DEPT	98.00
GATEWAY UNITED WAY	UNITED WAY	30.00
MARK HILGENDORF	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYS/COINSURANCE	29.62
ROBERT HOUZENGA	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS/COINSUR	427.79
ILEA	2 DVD-MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING	20.00
ING	DEFERRED COMP	750.00
IPERS	IPERS	10,406.09
KYLE KING	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYS/COINSURANCE	142.66
CH LANGMAN CONST	WATERMAIN REPAIR-RR TRACKS	12,082.03
LECTRONICS INC	DESK MICROPHONE-CITY HALL	86.00
WILLIAM LODGE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS/COINSUR	114.76
MALONEY EQUIPMENT INC	BELT FOR CEMETERY SNOWBLOWER	29.80
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	109.95
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES	FLU SHOTS	720.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS-DECEMBER	51.00
MICROMARKETING LLC	CD	14.99
MIDWEST BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIES MADE-POLICE,CITY HALL	48.57
NATALIE MORSE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYS/COINSURANCE	523.99

MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	9,871.32
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	HAMMERS	19.98
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC	DRESS UNIFORMS-SOWLE	83.94
PHYSIO-CONTROL INC	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE-DEFIBS	2,052.00
POLICE DEPT PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,FRAMES,COMPLIANCE CK	92.49
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CONTROL	56.00
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	608.72
QC METALLURGICAL LAB	SAMPLE ANALYSIS WELL #2	20.00
QUILL CORPORATION	COPY PAPER,GLUE STICKS,WIPES	45.96
RIVER CITY DISPOSAL LLC	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING	9,120.00
THOMAS ROTH	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS/COINSUR	63.40
RICHARD SCHMITZ JR	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYS/COINSURANCE	9.17
DAVE SCHUTTE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYS/COINSURANCE	75.86
SEWER EQUIPMENT CO	HOSE FOR SEWER JET	2,567.13
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING SERVICES	5,051.38
TARGET BANK	DVDS, T TISSUE, CONTAINERS	116.06
TEAM TWO INC	AMBULANCE BILLING FEE	962.26
THOMAS D LONERGAN	LEGAL SERVICES FOR JANUARY	1,545.60
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	7,467.00
UNITEDHEALTHCARE OF THE	HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS	24,981.88
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PLATES,O-RINGS FOR METERS	153.19
PAUL VARNER	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYS/COINSURANCE	18.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	76.46
VERTEX CHEMICAL COMPANY	95 GAL SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	140.60
ALBERT C WARFORD	GARNISHMENT	550.00
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYS/COINSURANCE	279.90
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	674.00
PREMIER PARTS INC	HOSE FITTINGS, WRENCH	440.01
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	1,180.50
GATEWAY AREA CHAPTER	AMER RED CROSS	75.00
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	1,440.00
COMPUTER BOX	SERVICE CALL-BACKUP PROBLEMS	120.00
PARK & RECREATION	HALF SPONSORSHIP-LIGHTS	300.00
TODD POWERS	EMT EXPENSES	87.50
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 01/22/2014	125.83
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS		135,175.36
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/31/2014	33,838.74
	GENERAL FUND	91,397.31
	LIBRARY FUND	5,556.69
	PARKS FUND	3,178.47
	CEMETERY FUND	1,304.45
	ROAD USE FUND	10,076.24
	9TH AVE OVERLAY/ANAMOSA FUND	705.00
	WASH BLVD ENHANCEMENT FUND	1,459.28
	WATER UTILITY FUND	20,493.49
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	25,849.00
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	9,120.00

Accept resignation from Gary Kampe – Planning and Zoning Commission; approve Bob Duncan’s appointment to Planning and Zoning – term ending January 2019; receive, accept and place on file Fire Department Annual Report for calendar year 2013; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Park & Rec meeting held January 6, 2014, Planning and Zoning meeting held January 28, 2014; approve a Resolution Amending the Delinquent Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Lien for 620 3rd Avenue; approve Class B Wine, Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales as submitted by Dollar General. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve a Resolution to Recognize the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Corporation Housing Trust Fund. On roll call – all ayes.

Edens Second Addition – Robert Edens asked for the following design variances to the City of Camanche Ordinance for his subdivision. 1. Variance for Block Length exceeding 1000 feet. 2. Sanitary Sewer Alignment – allow the alignment to be in along the centerline of the road. This alignment is consistent with the alignment location for the adjacent Murphy's Addition Subdivision. 3. Water Alignment – allow the alignment to be between the back of curve and the right-of-way line. This alignment is consistent with the alignment location for the adjacent Murphy's Addition subdivision. Solchenberger recommends approval of the preliminary plat.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve the recommendation of P&Z regarding the preliminary plat of Edens Second Addition residential subdivision. On roll call – all ayes.

Monthly Departmental Reports – Fahlbeck stated that he and Wruck met with Tom Roth concerning the monthly reports submitted by police and fire. They would like to see the calls broken up – list calls in Camanche City Limits and mutual aid calls. Willis wanted to know what the purpose was of this. Fahlbeck stated it is a concern. He felt it would be a good thing to keep track of. Wruck stated it opens up the communication on the monthly reports. Schutte was wondering if the council wants him to list when Clinton provides mutual aid. They stated they would. Schutte stated Clinton is a town of 28,000 vs Camanche is 4,400. It is not an even trade off.

Solchenberger handed out a couple of ideas for signage on the triangle piece of property. Wruck was wondering if the school kids could work on the sign – they could cut the letters and lay mortar. Dan will check on the grant regulations – see if the school can work on it since it is federal funds. Dan encouraged the council members to let Roth know what design they like.

Roth informed the council he has a meeting on Friday with folks on senior housing. He attended the Hwy 30 Corridor Study meeting. The study is for the portion of Hwy 30 between Clinton and Low Moor. Clinton would like Mill Creek Parkway to be a part of Hwy 67. The group will have a meeting and will invite elected officials to see their final presentation. He is thrilled to see a new subdivision on the table. New housing is our life blood.

Mayor informed the council that Emergency Management is conducting an Incident Command System for Executives, Administrators and Police Makers, March 31 at the fire station lasting approximately 2 hours.

Fahlbeck would like Jindrich to check into the emails from Legislative Link that the city use to get. Jindrich will forward them to the council when she receives them.

Fahlbeck does not want any more meetings like last month. The council and the public need to show more respect to each other. He won't tolerate someone being belittled. They will ask to leave or be removed.

At 6:40 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned. They will take a five minute break and will continue with the budget work session.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer

The City Council of the City Camanche, Iowa met for the purpose of a budget work session #3 February 4, 2014 at 6:47 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding and the following named council members: Willis, McManus, Lind, Varner, and Wruck. Also present were City Administrator Roth and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Rickertsen, and Jindrich.

Roth reiterated that there is an \$110,000 shortfall. He went over the options that he had put on the white board at the last budget session. He senses that the council does not like Option #2 (raise taxes) or Option #4 (transfer funds). This is not a one year problem. It will only get worse before it gets better. His idea would be to cut a little and do alternative revenues. The council needs to decide what they want to do.

The Engineer line was brought up. The council determined that they would let Roth decide if the engineer needs to be at every meeting. Deduct that amount from the line.

Varner questioned the crossing guard line in the police department. McManus stated it is a public safety issue. If the city deducts it and let the school take it over completely, the school taxes would probably go up.

Varner has a problem with the contribution to CRDC - \$10,000. McManus stated he does also. Willis has no problem giving them the money. Roth felt the CRDC does well for the area. McManus stated the prison employees will come to Camanche to live whether we pay CRDC or not. Willis feels someone needs to come down here and talk to the council. Fahlbeck polled the council as to whether to cut the \$10,000 funding to the CRDC. McManus, Lind, Varner, Wruck said yes. Willis stated he was undecided.

Wruck asked Houzenga about the crossing guards. Houzenga stated the crossing guards use to be the city's responsibility. The school then took it over and the city pays half of the expenses. Fahlbeck said it is a tough call. Willis was wondering if someone could contact the school and see if they would cover the whole thing. McManus would like that line to stay in. He feels if the school takes it out it will probably come back to the city and we would have to pay for all of it again.

McManus feels the council should look at the overall area – look at areas to cut. He is in favor of franchise fees but would like to see a gradual increase. Everybody, including renters, would contribute to supporting the city with the fees. A 2% franchise fee would raise a projected \$95,000. It was stated that the commercial utility rate is less than residential. Commercial property is going to be paying less in property taxes.

Wruck feels that going down the road with franchise fees that cuts are still going to have to be made. McManus feels 5% is too deep right now. Fahlbeck wanted everybody to keep in mind the elderly on fixed incomes. Varner would like to see 2% in franchise fees.

Schutte said he already cut \$4,500 out of his budget before he turned it in. Is the council proposing he cut another \$2,600? Houzenga said a \$4500 cut will be detrimental to the police dept.

Fahlbeck asked if the council is in favor of the projected cuts. Roth also reminded the council that there are 2 projects Park & Rec would like the city to help with funding that would come from tax asking. One is wiring for the Christmas lights for about \$6,000 and \$10,000 for a skateboard park. Judy Dell, representative for Park & Rec, stated she would like to do some more research on the skateboard project. They have \$5,000 from ADM and \$960 in donations.

How does the city want to move? McManus would like to see a 2% franchise fee on both gas and electric with a gradual 1% increase. After the council was polled, there were 3 for and 2 against. Lind stated he was not in favor. He will have problems asking people to fund a new city hall with this added fee.

The cuts are: engineering line in city hall budget - \$5,000 and CRDC - \$10,000.

Wruck wanted to go back to the equipment reserve. He inquired about the police vehicles. Houzenga informed him that the Expedition was acquired through a Homeland Security Grant. There are 3 squads in the rotation. Roth said approximately \$120,000 is put into the equipment reserves. The City has been criticized for not saving money for Washington Blvd or a new city hall. McManus does not want anything to be taken away from the equipment. Willis stated it would have to come from somewhere later, i.e. bond issue, loan, etc.

Yvonne Henn would like some clarification on the franchise fee. She was wondering if it will be on both utilities. She was told "Yes."

Roth commented that the 2% franchise fee and the 2 cuts would take care of the shortfall.

Gary Hill was wondering where the franchise fees go? Is it going to be used to fund city hall or go to a certain department? Roth stated it is for debt reduction.

Charlie Blount stated communities across the country are cutting. He wanted to inform the council that once again he is for Option #1 – Cut expenses/personnel.

Amber Metzger wanted the council to keep in mind the working poor of the community. Keep in mind the franchise fees are taking money from these people that they would need for food or gas.

At 8:08 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the budget work session to be adjourned.

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