

City of Camanche, Iowa

February 18, 2014

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa, met in regular session February 18, 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 call – all ayes.

Andrea Rumler, representing Winkel, Parker and Foster, presented and explained the audit for FYE 2013.

Amber Metzger informed the council she was blown away when she left the last council meeting and had to walk through a cloud of smoke upon leaving City Hall. She would like to see the smoking receptacles moved about 50’ from the front door. Fahlbeck stated the smoking containers could be moved. Roth also commented that the city could have another exit door. Dan Srp stated the city should consider no smoking on the grounds around the beer tent during Camanche Days.

Mike Kirchhoff, President and CEO, and Steve Howes, Chairman, were present representing CRDC. Fahlbeck stated you can’t deny what CRDC has brought to the area. It was a budget decision not to contribute for the next fiscal year. Lind asked if they are looking at certain areas in Camanche. Howes stated they are looking at the area between Lyondell and 54<sup>th</sup> Street – that is the sweet spot. Varner said he can’t see what we are getting for our money. Lind was wondering if the city could use that \$100,000 (\$10,000 over 10 years) for our own use. Willis commented it’s not for lack of effort on the part of CRDC. On the Rail One project, they could not make a deal with the property owner. Roth stated you have to have some faith. They help the region and we are part of the region. He feels Camanche is quitting on them. McManus was wondering if all area cities pay the same. Kirchhoff stated Clinton pays \$50,000. Fahlbeck thanked the gentlemen for their time. Willis felt the city is making a mistake. Wruck asked Willis where are you going to get the money. Willis stated they city could flip flop some projects.

Moved by Varner, second by Lind to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve the minutes from council meeting held February 4, 2014; approve Abstract #603 which includes the following:

ROBERT ALM	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	1,837.36
BLAIN'S FARM & FLEET	HOT WATER HOSE,ADAPTERS	27.17
BONNELL INDUSTRIES INC	WIRE ROPE ASSEMBLY-PLOWS	60.77
BOSS INC	INK CARTRIDGES,COPY PAPER	69.38
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	DUES-IA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	561.00
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	CONDENSER	132.79
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	116.76
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	277.70
CLINTON CO RECORDER	RECORD-RELEASE-GALE HENRY	7.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,907.20
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	COMMERCIAL REFUSE	12.32
CORY DETERMANN	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	3,450.43
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	SNOW REMOVAL-49TH AVE	300.00
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC	TIRES-STREET DEPT PICKUP	294.38

E C I A	WORK ON ORDINANCE UPDATES	150.00
ECONOMY PLBG/HEATING INC	SERVICE CALL-PW HEATER	298.88
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHTS	129.19
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES	18.17
ROBERT HOUZENGA	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	1,124.18
IA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOC	DUES	25.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS	531.89
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY	BATTERIES	262.55
J & C ENTERPRISES	FEBRUARY COLLECTION	131.84
SHERYL L JINDRICH	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	48.01
KYLE KING	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	1,357.86
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	DIESEL/UNLEADED	2,891.31
LECTRONICS INC	RADIO MAINTENANCE	222.50
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,POP,TAPE	160.98
WILLIAM LODGE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	28.24
MASTERCARD	STAMPS, ENVELOPES,GAS	4,774.40
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	WATER MAIN BREAKS	1,110.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	170.25
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS-JANUARY	26.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,658.31
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	144.37
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	9,574.82
PAULS DISCOUNT	WADERS,BOOTS,SUPPLIES-SHED	220.64
PHYSIO-CONTROL INC	REPAIR DEFIBS	392.22
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	CYLINDER RENTAL	62.78
PREMIER LINEN/UNIFORM	TOWELS,RUGS,MOP HEADS	313.53
DAVE RICKERTSEN	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	127.07
DAVE SCHUTTE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	3,560.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG SERV-9TH AVE CURB	1,084.00
TEAM TWO INC	AMBULANCE BILLING FEE-JAN 2014	604.85
TITAN MACHINERY	KIT,GASKET-CASE TRACTOR	120.33
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	JANUARY SALES TAX	2,360.54
UNIFORM DEN	NAME TAG,INSIGNIA-DAU	29.95
USA BLUEBOOK	KITS FOR WATER SAMPLES	139.36
PAUL VARNER	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	105.96
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	76.46
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	105.00
DARYL YODER	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	82.45
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	674.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	568.33
CHRISTY LEU	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	104.00
PREMIER PARTS INC	FITTING-CASE TRACTOR	3.29
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	166.75
GLOBAL PAYMENTS	CREDIT CARD SERVICES	154.54
BIBLIONIX	SUBSCRIPTION	2,000.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	79.00
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	MENDERS-FROZEN WATER	15.96
CLINTON TREE SERVICE	REMOVE TREE-CENTRAL STEEL RD	125.00
	INV 072303454-MAINT	
XEROX CORPORATION	AGREEMENT	29.12
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	210.00
BASE	CAFETERIA MONTHLY	56.25
ADAM ARCHER	TUITION-EMS TRAINING	230.00
NATHAN BRICE	SYSTEM INSTALL AND SETUP	125.00
BROAD REACH	THREE BOOKS	65.79
CITY DIRECTORIES	CITY DIRECTORY	222.40
EDC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	PLUSH-UNICORN	17.99

PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 02/14/2014	33,165.32
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		58,125.57
	GENERAL FUND	60,898.32
	LIBRARY FUND	5,993.54
	PARKS FUND	1,520.37
	CEMETERY FUND	1,704.48
	ROAD USE FUND	10,573.28
	9TH AVE CURB & RECON FUND	1,084.00
	WATER UTILITY FUND	7,325.60
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	2,178.98
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	12.32

Approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for January 2014 with receipts of: General - \$80,782.61, Library - \$11,531.42, Parks - \$33,911.42, Cemetery - \$6,354.75, Road Use - \$34,727.36, Employee Benefit - \$323.82, Police & Fire Pension - \$971.46, Perp Care - \$100.00, Debt Service - \$1,856.93, Washington Blvd. Project - \$7.91, City Hall Project - \$250,000.00, Water Utility Fund - \$29,103.31, Sewer Utility Fund - \$53,032.69, Landfill/Garbage - \$32,968.82 for a total of \$535,672.50; approve a Resolution Setting a Date and Time for the Public Hearing on the Proposed FYE 2015 Budget; receive, accept and place on file Fire and Police Monthly Reports for January 2014. On roll all – all ayes.

Senior Housing Project – Roth stated this has been one of the goals of the council. He met with Bill Groh, an architect from Shive-Hattery, and Mark Takes, a consultant with Senior Housing Consultants. A marketing assessment needs to be done at a cost of \$12,000. When that is finished, Mark takes it back to a developer. He thought Camanche could support one and it would be about 30-60 units. Roth commented that the city has been trying for at least 4 years to get one. He has talked to ECIA and they thought the cost was reasonable. Does the council have any interest? Fahlbeck stated it has been a hard battle. Many people don't want to leave the community. It's important we go forward. Willis asked if you are willing to risk \$12,000 vs. \$10,000 to get an industry in. Lind asked if we could take the money from the city hall budget. Fahlbeck polled the council: McManus stated "no" until the budget is finalized. Wruck commented to let CRDC have time – they should be given the opportunity. Gary Hill commented that there is a downfall to Camanche as there is no downtown for these people to access. Jerry Wiebers stated there is a need for senior housing. He doesn't want to leave Camanche. If we have a chance, do it. Bob Edens commented that he has family in that type of business and there is usually transportation available. He would like to see the council get city hall out for bid and he feels they will be pleasantly surprised at the cost. Then they would have money for CRDC and the assessment. Yvonne Henn was wondering if it is assisted living or senior housing. Solchenberger commented that they look at the demographics. There may be some assisted living and some senior housing. Roth is to get a hold of the consultant.

City Hall Project – Roth once again informed everyone that a committee was formed last April. They had looked at several options. When the old pharmacy building came up for sale, the committee recommended to the council that that was the best option. The council needs to decide how to proceed – put it out for bid or put it up for sale.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner, to put the remodeling of the old pharmacy out for bid and see what the costs are. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Willis and McManus. Nays – Wruck and Lind.

Roth will put the floor plan options on the next agenda.

Franchise Fees – Roth commented that after the last budget meeting, the council wanted to pursue franchise fees. He has talked with Lonergan and they have talked with Ivan Weber, franchise attorney. The process is to have public hearings on the proposed revenue purpose statement for gas and electric franchise. The council then approves the revenue purpose statement and then adopts the ordinances. Randy Starr, Determann Asphalt, asked

questions about franchise fees and commercial property roll backs. Dan Srp spoke on behalf of Camanche Schools. He would like the council to think about exempting the schools from the franchise fees. Fahlbeck stated he did some research on franchise fees. There can be a referendum. He wanted to throw it out there for the council to think about. Jindrich stated the council can't wait for that. They would have to come up with other cuts then. They need to have the budget to the state by March 15. She informed them they just approved a public hearing for the budget for March 4<sup>th</sup>. The last day to publish it is Saturday, February 22. There was much discussion on franchise fees, budget and city hall. Jon Glahn was wondering how many council members or the mayor have their own businesses. This franchise fee is a scam. The city is buying too much stuff. Robert Duncan stated he talked to 15 people and they don't want the franchise fees. They can't do it. He said they shouldn't have bought the old pharmacy. McManus would like to see the city take the capital reserves to balance the budget. Kimberly Willis stated there are ways for low income to get help with their utilities. Jindrich asked again – "What are you going to do?" Sue Lind asked if city hall is going to fall down in the next couple of years. Lonergan informed the council they could do like Roth stated – adopt the budget the way it is. Willis is sticking to his original vote. McManus stated after last meeting he has heard people say they don't want the franchise fees. He can't support it now.

Health Insurance – Willis, Wruck, Fahlbeck, and Roth met with Chuck Duax. They are taking applications from BCBS. The gap has narrowed between BCBS and UnitedHealthCare of the River Valley.

Public Hearing on the Franchise Fees – Fahlbeck asked Jindrich to go over the deadlines once again for the budget. She stated since they approved the public hearing on the budget for March 4, the budget summary needs to be published no later than Saturday, February 22. Lonergan asked if the budget can be submitted to the state by deleting the franchise fees. Roth said "yes" it can. He stated the city will be deficit spending. McManus and Wruck both would like the franchise fees removed from the budget. Roth wanted to go on record stating "this is terrible public policy." Do you want the budget published with deficit spending? Roth stated we will have to transfer from capital reserves and put it in the operating budget.

Moved by Wruck, second by McManus, to authorize the city administrator and the city clerk to publish the budget with a shortfall and that shortfall to be paid out of reserves. On roll call – ayes – McManus, Lind, Wruck. Nays – Willis, Varner.

Solchenberger asked the council where they were at with the sign options. Fahlbeck recommended that the city keep the sign in the grant and the kids could add to the sign or make a sign for the other end of town. The blue sign wins.

Roth stated he attended a meeting at the airport. The city will have to work on the zoning ordinance. They need to enact zoning changes restricting height of buildings in the flight paths.

Fahlbeck commented that he attended a meeting today on snow emergencies – they gave different scenarios. He informed Jindrich that on the new Board and Commissions roster, Mr. Mensinger's name needs to be removed as he is deceased. He also was wondering about the police and fire department monthly reports. He noticed that there was no breakdown between city calls and mutual aid calls. Houzenga reported that they were turned in before the change was agreed upon.

Houzenga wanted to reiterate on how the police and fire departments work together. Both departments responded to a call and he wanted to commend the paramedics on what a wonderful job they did.

McManus stated that all personal issues should be left behind. Every person has a right to their own opinions.

At 8:40 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer