

City of Camanche, Iowa

February 7, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session February 7, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Hosette, Kramer, Nelson, Varner and Kampe. Also present were: City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, and Rickertsen.

Mayor Fahlbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roth requested that Item 11 of the consent agenda be removed and placed for new business. Mayor declared agenda approved with the change.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to approve the consent agenda as amended which covered the following items: approve minutes from January 17, 2012 meeting and budget work session January 31, 2012; approve Abstract No. 554 with total expenditures of \$144,310.70, Water Utility Deposit Refunds of \$144.55 and salaries of \$93,814.99 receive, accept and place on file minutes from Historical Board meeting held November 9, 2011, Park and Recreation meeting held January 9, 2012; 2011 annual report for Camanche Volunteer Fire Department, and January monthly report for Police Department; approve Resolution Hiring Firefighter/Paramedic for the Fire Department of the City of Camanche, Iowa; authorize city clerk to transfer the \$130,948.90 contingency fund from the General Fund to the Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for January 2012 with the following receipts: General - \$122,293.28, Insurance Fund - \$62,500.00; Library - \$12,295.34, Parks and Rec. - \$7,861.26, Cemetery - \$7,601.62, Road Use - \$33,909.94, Employee Benefit - \$1,170.38, Civil Service - \$813.32, Debt Service - \$663.12, Storm Sewer Improvement Project - \$31,803.00, Washington Blvd. - \$27,390.39, 9th Street Bridge Cash - \$43,383.48, Emergency Generator - \$51,156.16, Water Utility - \$35,540.99, Water Deposits - \$840.00, Sewer Utility - \$86,518.47, Sewer Sinking Fund - \$11,067.50, Garbage - \$42,272.18 for a total of \$579,080.43; approve Class C Beer Permit (Carryout Wine and Beer) and Sunday sales as submitted by Dollar General; accept Mike Baker's resignation effective January 28, 2012; approve Pay Request #6 to Clinton Engineering in the amount of \$126,366.48; approve Change Order No. Two – Misc. items – lift station project for a decrease of \$1,339.65. On roll call – all ayes.

Mike Maloney, with PFM, reviewed the bids that were received for the Washington Blvd. Reconstruction bond sale project. The projected rate has dropped steadily since we began last year. The current low rate is 2.14% for 15 years. The lower interest rate will allow the city to decrease projected debt service tax levy.

Moved by Kramer, second by Kampe to approve Resolution Awarding Sale of General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2012. On roll call – all ayes.

Fire Chief Schutte administered the oath of office to Firefighter/Paramedic James Sowle. The Mayor and City Council welcomed Jim to the city.

Kampe proposed that the City begin the process of cleaning up Washington Blvd corridor by requiring existing auto repair shops to removed unlicensed junk autos. Fahlbeck has visited with four business owners about the situation and they are willing to work with the city to clean up their properties and the community.

It was noted that a water rate increase had been discussed at budget time.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Amending Water Rates for Customers of the Camanche Municipal Water System. On roll call – all ayes.

Kampe proposed a moment of silence to begin each meeting. Lonergan explained that while prayer might cause legal concerns, a moment of silence was acceptable.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to begin each meeting with a moment of silence. On roll call – all ayes.

Wellness Participation – Roth suggested that the City consider a policy to address employees who refuse to participate in the wellness program offered by UnitedHealthCare of the River Valley. UHCRV will offer a discount, estimated at 10%, to employees who agree to participate in the wellness plan. Employees who do not participate will not receive the discounted premium. It was agreed that Roth will prepare a resolution for consideration at the next meeting.

Wastewater Plant Driveway – Solchenberger reviewed Change Order #3 which dealt with paving the driveway to the wastewater plant. The cost to pave the driveway is \$26,515.00. The council discussed the proposal and preferred the City solicit bids to pave the roadway. It was agreed to investigate competitive bids and place the matter on the next agenda for further consideration.

Solchenberger presented the City Project Summary:

WWTP – the contractor is making progress with the remainder of the work that includes new manhole construction, pipe connections, and demolitions. The lift station is pumping wastewater to Clinton. Potential Extra Work: mercury removal from the existing control building will be an extra cost associated with the project. This was brought to our attention today and the contractor is going to get us a cost associated with completing this work. Cost will be dependent on the amount of mercury present and whether there has been any released. At this point we do not believe there has been any released.

9th Street Bridge – working through the IDOT paperwork. The pavement will be smoothed on the approaches when the weather allows.

Trail Project – working through the IDOT paperwork process.

Washington Blvd. – the contractor started at 4th Avenue and 7th Street today and will continue to work his way down 7th and then up 5th to Washington Blvd. From there it is anticipated he will move to Park Drive and work up Park Drive to Washington Blvd. This construction is anticipated to take him into March. Prior to March, we will have an updated schedule and will be relaying that to business owners and property owners along the way.

RPA Projects – as Tom previously pointed out the City has been awarded RPA money for 3 projects in the community – **9th Avenue – Bypass to Platt Park** – total project costs \$338,790 – STP funds \$271,032, City \$67,578; **Third Street Mill and Overlay** – total project costs \$213,500 – STP funds \$170,800, City \$42,700; **9th Street Recreation Trail** – total project costs \$172,588 – STP funds \$138,080, City \$34,518. Because these projects have Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) money involved in them through the IADOT, there are certain guidelines that must be followed to use the money. These guidelines must be followed throughout the project from consultant selection to project closeout. This means the process from design to construction will have to follow the IADOT bid letting schedule. If the process was started today and the most optimistic schedule was applied, it may be possible to get a contract let in the October 16 letting, which would mean the contractor would most likely not be able to start until late November 2012. My suggestion/recommendation would be to begin the process now and plan to bid these projects January 2013 and construction in calendar year 2013. I believe this will work with the grant funding timelines and should get the best pricing for next year construction.

Fahlbeck complimented City staff on the work on the City's budget. Also, expressed his pleasure at such a competitive bid on Washington Blvd.

Charlie Blount questioned the condition of a culvert under 21st Street and the condition of asphalt due to Clinton sewer project. He also decried the method garbage is billed in Camanche. He labeled it "taxation without representation!" He demanded a change in the way garbage is billed – described it as unfair.

Hosette discussed the need for a traffic/emergency plan for the Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project.

Kampe discussed the issue of residents who might want to complete driveway repairs or improvements in conjunction with the Washington Blvd. project.

Houzenga reviewed junk vehicle regulations within the City.

Schutte stated the smoke detector replacement program is underway. There is no cost to the residents and might save lives.

Rickertsen proposed temporary no parking on 9th Street from 7th Avenue to 4th Avenue.

At 7:30 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Thomas Roth
City Administrator