

City of Camanche, Iowa

February 21, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session February 21, 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, and Varner. Kampe was absent. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger, and department heads Houzenga, Rickertsen and Jindrich.

A moment of silence was observed.

Mayor Fahlbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from February 7, 2012 meeting; approve Abstract No. 555 with total expenditures of \$203,790.84 and salaries of \$32,449.81; receive, accept and place on file minutes from February 1, 2012 Library board meeting, Rose Hill Cemetery board meeting held February 13, 2012, January monthly report from the Fire Department; approve Resolution Setting a Date and Time for the Public Hearing on the Proposed FYE 2013 Budget; and approve Pay Request #3 from Preferred Electric for the Emergency Generator Project in the amount of \$16,101.51. On roll call – all ayes.

A resolution establishing a policy if an employee declines to participate in the wellness program with UHCRV was tabled until the council received more information from Roth.

Moved by Varner, second by Hosette to approve a Resolution Establishing a “Temporary No Parking” Restriction on 9th Street Between 7th Avenue and 4th Avenue during the Reconstruction of Washington Blvd. On roll call – all ayes.

The council would like to see letters sent to residents along 9th Street.

Since the resolution is quite lengthy, Lonergan advised Roth to read a summary of the Resolution providing for the Issuance of \$4,195,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2012 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same and to put a copy of the summary with the minutes.

Moved by Hosette, second by Nelson to approve a Resolution providing for the Issuance of \$4,195,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2012 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. On roll call – all ayes.

Solchenberger stated there will be a meeting on Friday at 10:00 at City Hall with the contractor for **Washington Blvd** to get a schedule together. About midweek (next week), Washington Blvd. will be closed between 4th and 7th Avenues. Letters will be sent to residents and businesses. **Generator Project** – payment request has been approved with the retainage still to be paid. **9th Street Bridge** – will get the contractor in when the weather breaks. **WWTP** – mercury will be removed.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to scarify and put down asphalt on the roadway to WWTP and to take the funds out of road use. On roll call – all ayes.

Fahlbeck stated that last week a train was across the tracks for a considerable length of time due to a broken axle. He, the fire chief and the police chief will meet with Kness to set up something with the railroad when something like this comes up again.

Fahlbeck commented that there will be a Storm Spotter Class on March 26 at Clinton Community College from 6:30-8:30 P.M. There will also be a Red Cross Fundraiser March 30 at Rastrelli's. There are board vacancies on the Board of Adjustment and the Historical Board.

Roth stated someone was in and commented on the "vicious dog" label that is given a dog according to our ordinance. Houzenga and the council feel the present ordinance should be left alone.

Council would like Roth to look into converting the current SRF loan into a general obligation loan. They want to see how much savings there would be.

ECIA reported there is \$100,000 in STP funding for small cities available. Does the city want to apply and maybe do the 9th Avenue Culvert or mill 9th Street out by Murphy's? If no small city wants the funding, it will go back to the large cities. It has to be for a federally funded roadway. Dan will get some figures together and the council will decide at the next meeting which project to apply for.

Rickertsen reported that if the city loses the starter on Well #6, 80% of the city's water pumping capacity will be lost. This would be put on the next agenda for council approval.

At 6:44 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer