

City of Camanche, Iowa

March 6, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 6, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Hosette, Varner and Kampe. Kramer and Nelson were absent. 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.

Fahlbeck opened a public hearing on the proposed FYE 2013 budget at 6:02 P.M. Roth commented that the tax levy was \$11.47/\$1,000 last year and will be \$11.99/\$1,000 this year. He stated the increase is not as high as anticipated even with the Washington Blvd. Reconstruction debt included. Fahlbeck thanked Roth and the City Hall staff for their detailed work showing every line item detail. After hearing no comments from the public or having received no written comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:05 P.M.

Moved by Hosette, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from February 21, 2012 meeting; approve Abstract 556 with total expenditures of \$109,329.14 and salaries of \$33,119.41; receive, accept and place on file minutes from February 8, 2012 Historical Board meeting; set Tuesday, May 8 (Monday's route) and Tuesday, May 15 (Thursday's route) for Spring Clean-up; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for February 2012 with the following receipts: General - \$112,533.06, Library - \$11,673.80, Parks and Recreation - \$57,124.01, Cemetery - \$8,799.60, Road Use - \$40,137.30, Employee Benefit - \$1,457.81, Civil Service - \$1,013.05, Debt Service - \$825.99, Washington Blvd. - \$172,898.90, Water Utility - \$96,830.46, Water Deposits - \$720.00, Sewer Utility - \$13,481.89, Sewer Sinking Fund - \$11,067.50, Garbage Utility - \$3,969.68 for a total of \$532,533.05; approve Pay Application #1 to Langman Construction in the amount of \$85,761.73 for the Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Hosette to approve a Resolution Approving the FYE 2013 Budget. On roll call – all ayes.

Wellness Program with UnitedHealthCare of the River Valley – Roth stated there was only going to be about a 2% savings and the University of Iowa was not going to be in the network and would have a separate deductible. If we stay with our current policy, the premium will increase 6%. The council agreed to put the renewal on the next agenda when there will be a full council.

Moved by Hosette, second by Kampe to approve a Resolution Establish a Policy for Use of Credit Cards Issued in the City's Name. On roll call – all ayes.

Property and Casualty Insurance – Roth stated there was only one bid received. He opened the bid from Core Vens with a bid of \$125,121. He commented that 2/3 of the premium was for work compensation (\$85,000). Roth commented that due to our mod factor for worker's comp IMWCA would not give a bid for worker's compensation so therefore ICAP was not able to bid. Lonergan asked if the city had taken the correct measures to solicit bids. Jindrich stated that we had published the notice for bids in a timely manner and we had sent a package to a couple of agents. Lonergan then stated that the city had done everything to satisfy the requirements and only one insurance company chose to bid. Roth stated the city will start safety programs. Lonergan wanted to know if Roth recommends a one or three year renewal. Roth recommends a three year renewal. Jim Griswold, Core-Vens, will visit with EMC

at the end of the year after they have brought the engineers in to see if we can get the mod factor down on the worker's comp.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner, to accept the bid from Core-Vens in the amount of \$121,151 for the annual premium and go for a three year contract for property and casualty insurance. On roll call – all ayes.

Consideration of the extension of employment of temporary public works employee for 6 months was tabled until a full council was present.

Solchenberger commented that there will be a meeting Thursday with the contractor. Washington Blvd. will be closed from 3rd Avenue to Kwik Star. Signs are up for high traffic businesses. Fahlbeck heard from residents that they were happy to get the letters and that they were being informed of the construction details.

Fahlbeck stated there are board vacancies on the Historical Board and Board of Adjustment. He also commented that there will be a Storm Spotter Class at the college on March 26. He, Roth and Solchenberger will be going to Washington D.C. the week of March 19th.

Roth commented that he is completing a STP application to overlay 9th Avenue from Anamosa Road to the bypass. The application will be on the next agenda for council approval.

Kampe questioned Solchenberger if the concrete structures were inspected before they are put in the ground. Dan stated that Kevin Temple (Shive-Hattery) inspects all concrete materials that are received.

Schutte said the fire department has completed a site visit to the Meal Site. He stated there are a few things that need to be addressed and he has informed public works of these items. They will be doing site visits to other city buildings.

Charlie Blount questioned whether general fund dollars were used to subsidize the deficit in the water fund. Roth stated no general funds dollars were used and it would have had to be approved by the council to do that. Blount also asked about filling potholes on 9th Avenue. He was informed that the city has to wait until the asphalt plant starts up to fill those.

Les Shadle commented on how some of the businesses have cleaned up their properties along Washington Blvd.

At 6:59 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer