

City of Camanche, Iowa

April 17, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session April 17, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Hosette, Nelson, Varner and Kampe. Kramer was 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.

Moved by Kampe, second by Hosette to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

Richard Schmitz, Sergeant with the Camanche Police Department, gave a presentation of Drug Trends and the Solvability Rate for the City of Camanche.

Adrian Deering wanted to address the council about the letters that were sent out concerning signage for businesses along Washington Blvd. He did not feel it was right that the businesses at the north end of the project got lots of signs and the southern end of the project was not going to get any signage. After much discussion, it was agreed that there will be signs placed on 9th Street at each intersection indicating which business were located at that intersection.

Moved by Varner, second by Hosette to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from April 3, 2012 council meeting; approve Abstract No. 558 with total expenditures of \$239,280.60 and salaries of \$32,329.38; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Park and Rec. meeting held April 2, 2012, Library Board meeting held April 4, 2012, and Rose Hill Cemetery Board meeting held April 9, 2012; accept and place on file monthly reports for the Police and Fire Departments; approve Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales as submitted by Brenda and Mark Waldorf, dba Jersey's; and approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for March 2012 with the following receipts: General - \$182,058.06, Library - \$10,589.54, Parks - \$7,127.92, Cemetery - \$3,383.33, Road Use - \$40,002.57, Employee Benefit - \$8,885.12, Police and Fire Pension - \$6,174.40, Trust and Agency - \$100.11, Debt Service - \$5,034.25, Storm Sewer Improvement Project - \$36,626.00, Washington Blvd Project - \$4,111,907.80, Water Utility - \$19,122.24, Sewer Utility - \$50,971.52, Sewer Sinking Fund - \$11,067.50, Garbage Utility - \$31,453.99 for a total of \$4,524,504.35. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth presented the first consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Iowa Code of Ordinances by Changing the Section of the Iowa Code Established in Chapter 3-3-6, Item 6, Driving without Valid License.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve the first consideration of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Kampe, Hosette, Nelson. Kramer – absent.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to waive the second and third readings of said ordinance. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kampe to adopt Ordinance 720 - Ordinance Amending the Camanche Iowa Code of Ordinances by Changing the Section of the Iowa Code Established in Chapter 3-3-6, Item 6, Driving without Valid License. On roll call – ayes – Hosette, Nelson, Varner, and Kampe. Kramer was absent. Mayor Fahlbeck declared Ordinance No. 720 was adopted.

Moved by Nelson, second by Hosette to approve a Resolution Approving a 28E Agreement between the City of Camanche and the City of Clinton, The City of DeWitt, Clinton County and the Clinton County Sheriff's Office Relating to Joint Emergency Communications Services for Clinton County. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan reported that releases have been prepared in regards to the sewer backups. The insurance company and city have paid their portions and now we are waiting on the contractor for their payment and releases.

Solchenberger reported on the following: **9th Street Bridge** – doing the final closeout paperwork. **Emergency Generators** – had a nice ceremony with Congressman Brailey and also working on the final paperwork. **MRT** - working on final paperwork. **Lift Station** – paving may be done next week. **Washington Blvd. Project** – working on signage issues. There will be a construction progress meeting on Friday at 10:00 AM at City Hall. The concrete crew is starting their work and once the storm sewer crew is done with Park Drive they will go back to 7th Avenue and work toward 9th.

Fahlbeck wanted to thank Pastor Paul Willis on his part on the suicide town meeting held Saturday. He understood there was going to be committee set up to deal with grief whether it is dealing with death or divorce, etc. There will be a meeting May 15 at 10:00 AM at the Ericksen Center concerning emergency issues - there will be railroad representatives present to discuss the recent lengthy closure of the tracks by stopped trains.

Roth reviewed the Rules and Procedures – especially the section concerning public comments. He commented that the 3 minute rule will be enforced with a timer. He reported that he and Fahlbeck attended a Legislative Coffee on Saturday. He also was wondering what the council wanted to do with the triangle piece of property that the city now owns.

Kampe has noticed that there a lot of out-of-town boaters using the ramps. He was wondering if the city can limit their use to Camanche residents. Rickertsen stated that since the ramps were built with marine fuel tax you have to let everyone use them. The only way that you can limit their use is if City funds were used for construction of the ramps.

Charlie Blount expressed concern about the recent expenditures for the Washington D.C. trip. He was wondering if this travel could be eliminated. It was explained to Blount that the council agrees to send representatives to Washington DC and talked about the advantages of the trip. Fahlbeck stated the council will consider his comments when the trip comes up next year.

Houzenga stated that the police had over 500 calls last month.

Les Shadle wanted to thank the police department for the presentation and wishes more people could have seen it.

At 7:35 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer