

City of Camanche, Iowa

April 3, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session April 3, 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 Jindrich.

A moment of silence was observed. Mayor Fahlbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Fahlbeck opened a public hearing at 6:04 P.M. pertaining to entering in a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of refunding the outstanding balance of the City's Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2009. Roth reported that the WWTP upgrades are under the State Revolving Fund which has an interest rate of 3%. The city was hoping to put this under a general obligation bond but the rates have inched up. Mike Maloney will keep monitoring the rates since we can't do anything anyway until May. After hearing no comments from the public and having no written comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:07 P.M.

Ruth Evans, representing the Historical Society, asked the City if they would be willing to provide matching funds so they could apply for an electronic sign. Last year the Historical Society asked the City to provide matching funds in the amount of \$2,588.25, the Historical Society would provide \$1,000 and they would ask for \$10,764.75 through the grant. They were told last year that the grant would be denied because they had not turned in all of the paperwork. They are going to try again and are asking that the City provide matching funds in the amount of \$2,680.00, the Historical Society would provide \$1,100 and they will be asking for \$10,764.00 through the grant. Bob Jordan said the sign will have LED lights and will be mounted on steel posts. The bottom of the sign will be 10' off the ground.

Roth commented that Park and Rec. also wanted to put a sign in Central Park. He would like to see City Hall be in charge of putting the information on the sign. Jordan stated that the Historical Society said they looked at the sign for any non-profit organization. A committee should sit down and make a policy. Five messages will be displayed at one time. The Historical Society's name will be on top of the sign because they would like to promote the society. Schutte stated the Historical Society and the city should have a contingency plan because the grants aren't always funded in its entirety. It was agreed that Roth should invite Park and Rec. to the next Historical Society meeting, April 11 at 6:30 P.M. so both groups can discuss the project.

Steve Ames, with Clinton Regional Development Corporation, updated the mayor and council on what has been happening in the Clinton Region as far as attracting businesses and industries and what leads they are pursuing.

Moved by Hosette, second by Kampe to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from March 20, 2012 meeting; approve Abstract No. 558 with total expenditures of \$237,712.97, deposit refund checks of \$133.41 and salaries of \$41,350.92; receive, accept and place on file minutes from March 14, 2012 Historical Board meeting; approve hiring of Winkel, Parker & Foster to perform FYE12 audit; approve Pay Request #2 to Langman Construction for the Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$160,172.94. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Taking Additional Action to Enter into a Loan Agreement. (Paying the cost of refunding the outstanding balance of the City's Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2009-SRF). On roll call- all ayes.

Lonergan indicated he has talked with the police department and Roth concerning correcting a section of our city code which deals with invalid driver's license. It needs to be made more uniform with the state code.

Solchenberger reported on the following:

9th Street Bridge – he has talked to Clinton Engineering. They will use a profilograph and input that information into the grinder so they know how much to grind off. Shive is still waiting on the DOT to perform the paperwork audit.

MRT – waiting for the DOT to perform the final paperwork audit.

Gen Set – waiting for the audit also and the contractor needs to replace some panels.

WWTP – a gas meter needs to be relocated so therefore some more gas line needs to be run (maybe 20'). The grit building is going to be used for cold storage by the police department so therefore the roof top unit doesn't need to be there. It will be removed and the roof patched. The pumps and force main are working.

Washington Blvd. – on the 28th of March there was a meeting with the utilities. MidAmerican Energy has relocated all of their poles. On April 11 at 9:30 A.M. there will be a meeting with MidAmerican in regards to placement of lighting for the sidewalks. They have talked to Ryan Kinkaid (Cedar Heights) about access off Washington Blvd. to the trailer court. The grading and storm sewer crews are in. In a couple of weeks, curb and gutter will be started.

Roth reported on the DC trip. There is no money to be had. They did stress the importance of Highway 30 being expanded to 4 lanes which is critical to the development of Eastern Iowa. In regards to the work comp issue, the city is looking at different options of bringing the individuals back to work. Braley's office has indicated to him that he may be town April 12 or 13 for a dedication ceremony for the emergency generators which his office was instrumental in securing funds for.

Fahlbeck stated there are no more earmarks available. The meetings in DC were from 8-5 and wanted to thank the Chamber for all the work they did in scheduling those meetings. He commented that the City did not receive funding for the CDBG housing grants. If a council member cannot attend a board meeting that they are a liaison to, he would appreciate if they would contact himself or Roth.

Kramer would like the City to keep enforcing junk vehicles and equipment.

Hosette would like to see the council look at a policy concerning gifts to employees upon retirement or on other occasions.

Darla Corbiser, Lezah and Lou Creed talked to the council about several issues which included an accident wherein a child was hit by an automobile in the trailer park, metering of a private well in lieu of plat rate sewer bill, dogs running at large and how the city's code is in violation of civil rights in regards to bicycle seats.

At 7:42 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer