

City of Camanche, Iowa

May 1, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session May 1, 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, Rickertsen and Jindrich.

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

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

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from April 17, 2012 council meeting; approve Abstract No. 559 with total expenditures of \$177,387.46 and salaries of \$32,839.91; receive, accept, and place on file minutes from Historical Board meeting held April 11, 2012; approve a Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on a Proposal to Amend the FYE 2012 Budget; approve tax abatement applications as submitted by Joshua Davis – 1465 Lawrence Avenue, Ben and Sarah Erwin – 1506 Lawrence Avenue, Dave and Diane Michels – 1205 23rd Avenue; approve Private Event Applications as submitted by Deb Liles – June 30, 2012 and Jen Beck on behalf of American Cancer Society – August 4 and 5th, 2012; approve Pay Request to Langman Construction for the Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$361,486.76. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth stated that there are some tax compliance procedures that the city has to perform in connection with the tax exempt general obligations bonds purchased.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to approve a Resolution adopting and approving Tax Compliance Procedures Relating to Tax Exempt Bonds. On roll call – all ayes.

There was some discussion as to whether the council was to allow chickens/livestock in residential areas within the city limits. Hosette stated the regulations need to be made black and white. He feels the resident should have a minimum of 5 acres and have certain setbacks for the pens/coops. Roth was instructed to come back to the council with an ordinance for their consideration.

eCivis Grant Network – Roth said the software was impressive and he does not feel it would be that beneficial to the city.

Lonergan reported that he has all the money now for the sewer backups. The releases have been prepared and will be mailed in the next few days with the compensation to follow.

Solchenberger reported the following: **Washington Blvd.** – Park Drive has been paved and they are now starting on the other end with the 4th Avenue intersection. Letters will be going out to the businesses west of 9th Avenue to inform them about accesses. Sidewalks may be formed shortly down by 4th Avenue. **9th Street Bridge** – he will talk to Clinton Engineering tomorrow to see when they plan to take care of the roughness.

Fahlbeck reported that city wide garage sales will be May 4th and 5th.

Roth stated that we plan on putting out a newsletter in May. If the council has any ideas to please let him know. One of the topics will be Washington Blvd. issues. He stated that he has talked with Dave Schutte about coming up with topics for monthly employee safety training sessions. He also reported that it was agreed to put the sign at the Historical Building and a lap top will be needed to put the information on the sign.

Kampe stated he was asked if there are funds available similar to the STP funds to build some more boat ramps. Rickertsen reiterated that the present boat ramps were built from marine fuel taxes. If the ramps were to be built with taxpayer money, you could then control the usage.

Houzenga wanted to remind Roth that not all of his employees work Monday – Friday in regards to the safety training and it could incur overtime. Roth stated he hoped that some of the sessions could be videos viewed on work time. Houzenga also stated that Sergeant Richard Schmitz will be receiving a federal award through HIDTA on May 10, 2012 at 1:30 PM at Davenport Police Department.

Fahlbeck also wanted to remind everyone that Thursday is a National Day of Prayer.

At 6:50 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer