

City of Camanche, Iowa

August 21, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session August 21, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Hosette, Kramer (left at 7:45 PM), Nelson (arrived at 6:03 PM), Varner, and Kampe. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger, and department heads Houzenga 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 all – all ayes.

Michael Maloney, with PFM, was present regarding the sale of GO bonds to refinance the SRF loan that occurred today. The delivery of the bonds will be September 17, 2012 and the rate was 2.6771%. There will be a total of savings of \$74,479.99 over the life of the loan. He would recommend accepting the low bid from Northland Securities. Hosette thanked Mike for staying on top of the interest rates so this refinancing could take place.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson, to approve a Resolution Awarding Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012B (in the amount of \$1,695,000). On roll call – all ayes.

Verna Shields, a resident of Indian Village Apartment, spoke on the issue of the gate at Blackhawk Lane. She stated when the gate is closed wheelchairs are not able to access it and proceed down to the park or other places in town. The council stated this is a private matter and that she should talk to the manager at Indian Village.

9th Street Recreation Trail – There were several property owners along 9th Street present to voice their concerns over the proposed recreation trail on 9th Street.

Louie Ronnfeldt stated that a grant was written for a 10' trail and at the meetings they were told it was going to be 8'. He has checked with ECIA and they didn't feel the width could be changed. There are 19 property owners and 15 driveways affected by this trail. He has talked to realtors and an appraiser and two said that building this trail would lower the value of their property. They don't want the asphalt trail.

Ruthann Melchiori stated the first time she had heard about this project was when the surveyors were in her yard. She stated she was behind getting the petition generated. If cars are parked on her property, she can't see the trail and it is an accident waiting to happen.

Larry Halweg was wondering why there wasn't a sidewalk put in when the subdivision was put in.

Roth asked Ruthann if property owners would be willing to pay for having a sidewalk put in. She commented that she would be willing to pay but she can't speak for the other property owners.

Lonergan stated the city has two options: a recreation trail which will be paid for by the grant or a sidewalk which will be done by special assessment and paid for by property owners.

Cheryl Lind asked why the trail can't be put across the road.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from August 7, 2012 meeting; approve Abstract No. 567 with total expenditures of \$688,578.97 and salaries of \$33,066.26; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's

Report for July 2012 with receipts of: General Fund - \$78,432.15, Library - \$11,570.04, Parks - \$7,284.92, Cemetery - \$2,952.92, Road Use - \$31,117.74, Employee Benefit - \$1,700.46, Police and Fire Pension - \$1,181.67, Debt Service - \$963.47, Storm Sewer Improvement Project - \$11,172.00, Washington Blvd. Project - \$513.26, Water Utility - \$35,610.69, Sewer Utility - \$66,199.53, Sewer Sinking Fund - \$4,480.25, Landfill/Garbage - \$36,418.43 for a total of \$289,597.53; approve liquor license as submitted by Dev Supermart Inc., dba as Camanche Food Pride; approve Final Payment - \$24,406.18 – and Change Order - \$1,682.07 to Clinton Engineering Company for the Lift Station Project; receive, accept and place on file Camanche Police Department monthly report for July 2012; receive, accept and place on file the minutes from Library Board meeting held August 8, 2012 and Rose Hill Cemetery Board held August 13, 2012; approve Resolution approving and adopting the annual City Street Financial Report for FYE June 30, 2012; set October 31, 2012 from 6-8:00 PM as Trick-of-Treat. On roll call – all ayes.

Third reading by title only of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Code of Ordinances by Amending Section 4-1-1, Definitions by Adding Definitions for Domestic Fowl and Livestock and by Adding a New Chapter 4-1-37-A, Providing for the Keeping of Domestic Fowl and Livestock within the City of Camanche.

Moved by Hosette, second by Nelson to approve the third reading of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Code of Ordinances by Amending Section 4-1-1, Definitions by Adding Definitions for Domestic Fowl and Livestock and by Adding a New Chapter 4-1-37-A, Providing for the Keeping of Domestic Fowl and Livestock within the City of Camanche. On roll call – ayes – Kampe, Hosette, Nelson, and Varner. Absent – Kramer.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to adopt Ordinance No. 722 – an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Code of Ordinances by Amending Section 4-1-1, Definitions by Adding Definitions for Domestic Fowl and Livestock and by Adding a New Chapter 4-1-37-A, Providing for the Keeping of Domestic Fowl and Livestock within the City of Camanche. Mayor Fahlbeck declared the ordinance adopted.

Roth read the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-3-29 of the Camanche, Iowa Code of Ordinances by Adding a New Section 36, Establishing No Parking Areas Near the 5th Avenue Boat Ramp. Roth asked if the council wanted to make it seasonal parking. The council indicated they did not.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-3-29 of the Camanche, Iowa Code of Ordinances by Adding a New Section 36, Establishing No Parking Areas Near the 5th Avenue Boat Ramp. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe, and Hosette. Absent – Kramer.

Moved by Kampe, second by Hosette to have the second reading be by title only of Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-3-29 of the Camanche, Iowa Code of Ordinances by Adding a New Section 36, Establishing No Parking Areas Near the 5th Avenue Boat Ramp. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe, and Hosette. Absent – Kramer.

Roth commented on the resolution to transfer funds between the sewer fund and the water fund to help pay for water meters. This is only reasonable because without the water meters there is no way to measure usage for billing purposes. He was wondering how much the council wished to transfer. It was the consensus to transfer \$250,000.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kampe to approve a Resolution Directing the Transfer of Funds Between the Sewer Fund and the Water Fund to Pay for Water Meters. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan stated he has delivered the revised contracts to Roth for the employees' signatures. He also be drafting a new lease for the marina and will deliver that to Roth to be put in the next council packets.

Solchenberger gave his report: **Washington Blvd** – they are finishing up the 9th and 9th intersection. It has taken longer than anticipated. There will be a construction meeting August 31. **Emergency Generators** – final paperwork is in to Homeland Security. **Lift Station** – the final paperwork is also in. **9th Street Recreational Trail** – he needs some direction. Fahlbeck would like to set up a work session to discuss. Kampe would like Shive to look at retaining wall possibility on Jerry Wieber's property.

Roth commented that ARTCO does not know if any more wind turbines will be coming into their property. It all depends on the wind turbine legislation. Therefore, he felt the city should wait to see about the Hwy. 67 intersection. Last Friday a Mediacom cable was hit by the construction crew. Langman had found the first one and nobody told them there was another one. It was 12 foot deep. 9th Street Bridge – Clinton Engineering is looking at September to mobilize the equipment.

Fahlbeck commented that it was a successful Camanche Days. He wanted to thank all of the volunteers. He had people from other communities thank Camanche for having a celebration.

Lonergan was wondering if Fahlbeck wanted to set a date for the work session on 9th St. Recreation Trail. Solchenberger stated they would like to let all 3 projects at the same time in hopes of having one contractor bid all three. They would need to know by November. September 18 at 5:00 PM was set as a work session (committee of the whole) with the council meeting to follow. The council would like Shive to provide them with pricing for 5' sidewalk, 8' asphalt trail and an 8' concrete trail before that meeting.

Hosette reported that 1400 people attended the MDA breakfast.

Houzenga stated he is hoping to have a name by the next meeting for the new hire and the council should have had in their packets a list of the activity during Camanche Days.

Les Shadle was wondering why on Washington Blvd the green space is in different widths between the road and edges of sidewalks. Solchenberger stated that the right-of-way widths are different.

At 7:41 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer