

City of Camanche, Iowa

August 7, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session August 7, 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 and Varner. Kramer and Kampe 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.

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

Amber Metzger, a representative of “Speak Out Against Suicide” was present. They are having a kick off Thursday at 7:30. They are going to have a pledge booth at Camanche Days, going to be in the parade and they would like everyone to join them walking. They are having a meeting Saturday, September 8 at Garner Hall. It will be an open forum. They are trying to get the message out to the community that nobody is alone and we need to support the families that have gone through suicide. There’s also a Facebook page.

Moved by Hosette, second by Nelson to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from July 17, 2012 council meeting; approve Abstract No. 566 with total expenditures of \$191,995.38 and salaries of \$63,997.54; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Historical Board Meeting held July 11, 2012; receive, accept and place on file Camanche Fire Department monthly reports for June and July 2012; approve Pay Request for Langman Construction for the Washington Blvd Project in the amount of \$495,941.04; approve promotion of James Sowle to 2nd Class Firefighter/Paramedic effective July 30, 2012; approve Change Order in the amount of \$37,282.11 and Pay Application in the amount of \$102,365.00 to Clinton Engineering for the Lift Station Project. On roll call – all ayes.

Second consideration 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 4-1-37A, Providing for the Keeping of Domestic Fowl and Livestock within the City of Camanche. Varner was wondering what it was referring to when it mentions enclosure. Roth stated it meant anything to keep chickens from running loose such as a fence or coop.

Moved by Nelson, second by Hosette to approve the 2nd 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 4-1-37A, Providing for the Keeping of Domestic Fowl and Livestock within the City of Camanche. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Hosette and Nelson. Kramer and Kampe absent.

Charlie Blount opposes the ordinance. He doesn’t feel it should be regulated.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve Change Order No 1 in the amount of \$4,191.25 for the 9th Street Bridge Replacement to take care of quantities. On roll call – all ayes.

Parking signs on 5th Avenue Boat Ramp – Right now there are 5 painted parking spaces and there are signs that say boat trailers only. Fahlbeck commented that there are vehicles parked on the grass and in the turnaround areas. Rickertsen stated signs could be placed in the turnaround area stating “No Parking”. Lonergan commented that Roth can come back with an ordinance for this change in order for it to be enforced.

Sidewalk on 14th Avenue – Roth stated that Kampe wanted this put on the agenda. He felt there should be a sidewalk on the “east” side of the 14th Avenue – this would be a direct path to the middle school. Solchenberger said the cost would be \$6,000-\$10,000. He will come back with more details for next meeting.

Moved by Hosette, second by Nelson to approve a Resolution Approving Agreements between the Iowa DOT and the City of Camanche for Improvements to 3rd Street and 9th Avenue and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute Said Agreements on Behalf of the City. On roll call – all ayes.

It was the consensus of the council to table action directing the transfer of funds between the Sewer Fund and the Water Fund to Pay for Water Meters until there is a full council.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Setting date for sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection with the sale of the Bonds. On roll call – all ayes.

New Marina Lease – Roth stated ARTCO is interested in keeping the land a marina. If they decide to sell, the City has first right of refusal. They have a new legal description. Lonergan was wondering how long of a term does the City want. The council recommended a 15-20 year lease. Lonergan will get with Roth and prepare the lease.

Moved by Varner, second by Hosette to approve the final payment to the City of Clinton for the MRT matching funds in the amount of \$14,463.52. On roll call – all ayes.

Culvert – 21st Street – Lonergan told the council they could approve this but he may come back with a simpler resolution. Normally 28-E agreements are for continuing maintenance agreements, not a onetime shot.

Moved by Hosette, second by Varner to approve a Resolution approving the execution of a Chapter 28-E agreement between the Cities of Camanche and Clinton providing for the replacement of the culvert under 21st Street. On roll call- all ayes.

Solchenberger reported that there will be a meeting this Friday on the Washington Blvd. Project. They will have the north section of 9th Avenue open during Camanche Days. On August 15th from 4-6 at Camanche City Hall, there will be an open house meeting for residents on 9th Street and 9th Avenue in regards to the upcoming projects in that area.

Fahlbeck would like the city attorney to send a letter to Jim Schroeder Construction concerning the grinding issue on 9th Street Bridge that has not been done yet by Clinton Engineering.

Roth commented on the truck traffic (wind turbines) coming out of ARTCO. Rickertsen will talk to the DOT about getting that island on the Hwy 67 intersection removed.

Fahlbeck reported that residents are filling big drums with water at the RV dump station and taking them to their own home for watering. Rickertsen will get a sign saying “RV Use Only – Violators will be Prosecuted.”

Fahlbeck stated he met with area pastors about their joint worship service during Camanche Days. They would like to use a shuttle to get the elderly from the Baptist or Methodist Churches to the Library. They are going to use 4 wheelers/golf carts. Houzenga stated they have to be street legal vehicles.

Fahlbeck wanted to wish everybody a safe Camanche Days weekend.

Nelson stated he has gotten positive comments about Washington Blvd but people aren't paying any attention to the rough road signs.

Hosette questioned where we were at fixing 7th Avenue between the railroad tracks and Hwy 30. Roth stated Shive is preparing a power point that will be presented to the DOT Commission asking for funding. The estimated cost is \$1.2 million. They are going to stress that this is a major link between Hwy 30 and Hwy 67. He stated it needs to be widened and put decent shoulders in.

Houzenga stated Determann will be back full duty after the 14th and Broadrick had knee surgery and will be out approximately 3 months.

Schutte reminded everybody that the MDA breakfast will be Sunday from 6-12 at the high school. The fire department will also have extra people on hand during the fireworks.

Rickertsen wanted to let the council know that Troy is now employed with the City of Miles. Fahlbeck stated he was sad to see him go and wanted to thank him for his work.

Curt Cooley was wondering how the city was going to enforce the chicken ordinance and what about honey bees? They are considered livestock.

At 7:23 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer