

City of Camanche, Iowa

September 18, 2012

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Fahlbeck gave a history as to how the school had tried in years past to obtain grants to install a sidewalk along 9th Street in Murphy's Subdivision. Does the council want to go to each property owner and ask if they want a 5' sidewalk and are they going to pay for it? Roth mentioned to the council that ADA requirements would have to be followed.

It was brought up that originally there was a 10 foot gravel shoulder when the subdivision was put in and that the homeowners over the years have removed that and put in grass.

Roth commented that the council will hear from them (property owners) that this trail will devalue their property, take away parking spaces and that there will be safety issues.

The work session was adjourned at 5:42 PM until the council meeting at 6:00 PM.

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The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 18, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Kramer, Nelson, Varner, Kampe. Hosette 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 Varner to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

Anthony Wynkoop, 1507 Anthony Place, addressed the council concerning a \$15 calendar parking ticket he received. He feels the police department has an attitude and would like it addressed. Houzenga told him he could file a complaint. Wynkoop said he will.

The Mayor opened a public hearing at 6:08 PM to review the plans, specs and estimate of cost for 21st Street Culvert Replacement Project. Solchenberger stated 6 bids were received. Lonergan said the City of Camanche and the City of Clinton have signed a Road Maintenance Agreement stating that the City of Clinton will be paying half of the costs. Solchenberger stated the contractor hopes to have it done before the end of November. After hearing no comments from the audience for or against and having no written comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:10 PM.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kramer to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from September 4, 2012 council meeting; approve Abstract 569 with total expenditures of \$404,207.01 and salaries of \$33,047.26; approve the City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for August 2012 with receipts of General Fund: 100,079.78, Library - \$11,457.62, Parks - \$7,308.28, Cemetery - \$2,825.67, Road Use - \$46,739.41, Washington Blvd.

Project - \$460.11, Emergency Generator Project - \$563.60, Water Utility Fund - \$12,679.78, Sewer Utility Fund - \$29,796.57, Garbage - \$2,125.28 for a total of \$214,036.10; receive, accept and place on file the minutes from Camanche Public Library meeting held September 12, 2012; receive, accept and place on file the August monthly reports for Police and Fire departments; approve the liquor license pending dram shop for Poor House Tap; approve Change Order #2 to Jim Schroeder Construction for the 9th Street Bridge Project in the amount of \$46,923.60; approve Pay Request #6 to Jim Schroeder Construction for the 9th Street Bridge Project in the amount of \$33,385.85. On roll call – all ayes.

9th Street Rec Trail Project – Fahlbeck stated that the council had discussed the history of the project. Pat McClure stated that everybody else has curb and gutter in the city for parking along the street. She feels the properties would decrease in value if the trail is installed because of the decrease in parking. After considerable discussion, Solchenberger stated he needs direction as to what the project is going to be so he can submit the preliminary plans to the DOT.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to have Shive Hattery finish designing the 9th Street Recreational Trail Project as 8' concrete. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to approve a Resolution Establishing a Policy Whereby Individuals May Request City Council Approval to Place Improvements upon the Public Street Right of Way. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner, to approve a Resolution Approving the Memoranda of Understanding Between the City of Clinton and City of Camanche for the Placement of a Repeater Antenna. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth asked the city council if the council wished to purchase shirts for themselves and have the "City of Camanche" monogrammed on them. The council agreed they would purchase shirts at their own expense.

Sidewalk at Historical Museum – Roth stated to the council that there is approximately a four foot section between the public sidewalk just poured and a sidewalk that is there around the monuments. The Historical Society does not want a sidewalk there to link those. Everyone agreed that this property is owned by the City. Lonergan told the council that the City should just put it in.

21st Street Culvert Replacement – Solchenberger would recommend that the City accept the low bid of \$161,353 from Arsendorf Excavating. He also had checked with other places that they have done work for and everything was satisfactory.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to approve a Resolution Accepting the Low Bid of \$161,353 Submitted by Arsendorf Excavating for the Replacement of the Culvert Under 21st Street and Awarding a Contract for the Completion of the Project. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan stated that Roth has asked for clarification on the vacation provisions in his employment agreement. Kramer would like to look at the contract and put it on a future agenda. Lonergan advised the city clerk to put this on a future agenda under his communication.

Lonergan also stated that he would be willing to answer any questions concerning the Wynkoop hearing after the meeting.

Solchenberger reported that the plans have been submitted to the DOT for the 9th Avenue project; the grinding has been finished on the 9th Street Bridge Project; the contractor is coring out the west end of Washington Blvd and the concrete pour crew is supposed to be back in this week.

Roth reported that the SRF loan is paid off and that Mike Maloney is no longer with PFM.

Fahlbeck will be contacting Nelson and Kramer to set up a meeting concerning the city administrator evaluation. He also stated he put a flier at every one's chair and would like to see all department heads/employees and their families and council members to the "Time of Prayer" to be held October 7, 2012 at Camanche Middle School Commons.

Houzenga reported he will be speaking at the Iowa Association for Justice Annual Criminal Law Seminar in Iowa City on Thursday and Friday.

Schutte reported he will be requesting that the Civil Service Commission conduct promotional testing for the assistant fire chief position that was vacated with the retirement of Robert Alm. This promotion will be within the department. Also he stated that the truck the city will be purchasing from Fulton will be used for training tomorrow night.

Charlie Blount disagreed with opening up contracts.

At 7:25 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Jindrich