

City of Camanche, Iowa

September 4, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 4, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Hosette, Kramer, Nelson and Kampe. Varner 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 Kramer, second by Hosette to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

Thomas Stutting was present to talk about planter boxes in the city right-of-way at CWI Welding, 417 So Washington Blvd. They will be made of rebar metal cages with concrete inside and outside. They will be 24" from the sidewalk – to center of the planters. He will be putting low evergreen type bushes in the planters. Lonergan would like the city to check with the insurance company to see if the city would be liable if someone would run into them and do damage to their vehicles, etc. An agreement would be made with Stutting as to the upkeep of the boxes. If anyone else wants to make improvements in the city right-of-way along Washington Blvd, it will be reviewed on an individual basis. Fahlbeck asked if it was the council's consensus to allow Stutting to put the planters in city right-of-way. It was their consensus pending insurance approval.

Amber Metzger with Speak out Suicide/Bullying wanted to update the council on what they have been doing. She stated Camanche has the highest suicide rate in the Midwest for towns our size. They want everyone to know that their group cares. During Camanche Days they had lots of people sign the bullying and Speak Out Suicide pledges. They have partnered with Bridgeview and will be hosting a Speak Out/Reach Out this Saturday at Garner Hall from 1-5. They would like to have a movie night and show "To Save a Life" and to sponsor a walk. They would like to have the council support outside of the council chambers as well. Charlie Blount asked if there were any common denominators in the suicides.

Moved by Hosette, second by Kramer to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from August 21, 2012 council meeting; approve Abstract 68 with total expenditures of \$244,611.63, Utility Deposit Refunds of \$48.01 and salaries of \$31,569.17; set fall pickup dates – October 2, 2012 for Monday's route and October 9, 2012 for Thursday's route; approve Pay Estimate #7 to Langman Construction for Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$284,085.92; approve attendance of city officials at Iowa League of Cities meeting – Sept. 26-28 in Sioux City; approve Pay Estimate for Schroeder Construction for the 9th Street Bridge Project in the amount of \$16,675.81; approve Tax Abatement Application as submitted by Joe Weinschenk, Jr. – 1006 – 49th Avenue. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth read the second reading by title only 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 Board Ramp.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kampe to approve the second reading by title only 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 Board Ramp. On roll call – ayes – Kampe, Hosette, Kramer, Nelson. Absent – Varner.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to waive the third reading by title only 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 Board Ramp. On roll call – ayes – Kampe, Hosette, Kramer, Nelson. Absent –Varner.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kampe to adopt Ord . 723, 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 Board Ramp. On roll call – ayes – Hosette, Kramer, Nelson, and Kampe. Absent – Varner. Mayor declared Ordinance 723 adopted.

Moved by Nelson, second by Hosette, to approve a Resolution Proposing a Lease Agreement Between the City of Camanche and Archer Daniels Midland for the Property Known as the Camanche Marina and Setting a Public Hearing on the Proposed Lease Agreement. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Hosette, second by Kramer to approve a Resolution Directing the Closure of the Sanitary Sewer Reserve and Sinking Funds and Transferring the Balance of Both Funds to the Sewer Fund. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Hosette, second by Kramer to approve a Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Loan Agreement, Providing for the Issuance of \$1,695,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012B and the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same. On roll call – all ayes.

City Engineer's Report – **21st Street Culvert** – will be opening bids September 14 at 2:00 with council approval on the 18th. **Washington Blvd.** – the final lift will be done Friday from 4th Avenue to 16th Avenue. Grading is being done on the south portion. **3rd Street Overlay and 9th Avenue Project** – plans have been submitted to the DOT and hoping to be placed on the February letting. **9th Street Recreational Trail** – hope to finalize plans so this can be placed on the March letting.

Roth reported that the city will be performing STP projects worth \$1,228,878 with \$311,376 coming from Road Use Funds. The city needs to slow down now a little bit. He stated that the residents along the 9th Street Rec Trail Project don't want to give up their parking. Kramer stated she thought safety was their issue. He stated that concerning the fence at Hiawatha Lane – residents don't want the gate removed.

Mayor reminded the council of the work session September 18th starting at 5:00 PM to discuss the 9th Street Recreational Trail. Lonergan advised the city clerk to put this on the council agenda in case they want to take some type of action.

Kramer commended Roth for the good job explaining the STP projects.

Kampe stated the city needs to step back and use Road Use Funds for streets that need fixing and not for new projects.

Houzenga reported that he is still working on the hiring process for the replacement officer.

Schutte reported that the Fire Department made a donation to the MDA in the amount of \$13,200.00.

Charlie Blount had some questions concerning the 9th Street Overlay work that has been done. Rickertsen reported that the project is not finished and will be completed in September.

Yvonne Henn was wondering if there are any regulations for these little motorized vehicles that the kids use. Fahlbeck said the police department should track down the parents and inform them of the hazards.

At 7:14 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer