

City of Camanche, Iowa

October 2, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session October 2, 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 and Varner. Kampe 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 Hosette, second by Nelson to approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by Varner, second by Hosette to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from Work Session and the Council meeting held September 18, 2012; approve Abstract 570 with total expenditures of \$1,802,613.82 and salaries of \$33,431.67; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Historical Board meeting held September 12, 2012; approve Pay Request from Langman Construction for Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$253,688.27 and Pay Request #5 from Schroeder Construction for the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project in the amount of \$12,130.04. On roll call – all ayes.

Approve a Resolution Approving Standard DOT Title VI Assurances and a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement. On roll call – all ayes.

**Library Dock** – Roth stated a citizen reported since the river is so low right now it would be a good time to remove the abandoned section of the library dock as it is sticking up out of the river right now. Calvin Leitzen had reported he could do the work for approximately \$5,000. It was the consensus of the council to not spend the money on it at this time.

**Ordinance Amending Utility Billing Process** – Lonergan stated this is a solid policy and it gives the clerk's office some guidance. Charlie Blount replied that the garbage fees are excessive. It is an exorbitant amount of a fee. Lonergan informed Blount that the discussion of garbage fees was not on the agenda and Fahlbeck informed Blount he could put it on the next agenda if he wished to discuss it further.

Moved by Hosette, second by Nelson to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Utilities-Billing Charges, of the Camanche Municipal Code by Deleting Sections 6-5-3, Payment and 6-5-4, Enforcement, and Inserting New Section in Lieu Thereof. On roll call: ayes - Hosette, Kramer, Nelson, and Varner. Kampe was absent.

Moved by Varner, second by Hosette to waive the second and third reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Utilities-Billing Charges, of the Camanche Municipal Code by Deleting Sections 6-5-3, Payment and 6-5-4, Enforcement, and Inserting New Section in Lieu Thereof. On roll call: ayes – Hosette, Kramer, Nelson, and Varner. Absent – Kampe.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to adopt Ordinance 724 - an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Utilities-Billing Charges, of the Camanche Municipal Code by Deleting Sections 6-5-3, Payment and 6-5-4, Enforcement, and Inserting New Section in Lieu Thereof. On roll call: ayes – Kramer, Nelson, Varner and Hosette. Kampe was absent. Fahlbeck declared said ordinance adopted.

Lonergan brought up the issue of the City Administrator Roth's question regarding vacation. He said this should be resolved before the first of the year. Fahlbeck would like to see it deferred until the evaluation is over and tie the two together.

**21<sup>st</sup> Street Culvert** – Solchenberger thought the contractor should start next week. They were awaiting the delivery of the box culverts. Something will be put in the paper informing people that the road would be closed to general traffic from 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Anamosa Road during the time of construction.

**Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project** – the concrete crew is working on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue right now.

Roth reported that the Thomsen Prison has been sold and eastern Iowa should see the benefit of this. Our four grants submitted to CCDA were funded: Fire Department received \$30,000; Platt Park Electrical received \$24,000 – he has talked to Solchenberger to see if the project can be pared down to meet the money received; Historical Sign - \$3,000 – we will see what their plans are since the full thing was not funded; Library Roof and Tuck-pointing - \$11,000. He also reported that there was some concern that Adrian Deering had removed some of the top soil that the contractor just put down. Adrian stated he was going to put down sod.

Fahlbeck reminded everyone of the Community Faith Prayer Day this Sunday starting at 2:00 PM at the Camanche Middle School.

Kramer questioned whether the property at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue/6<sup>th</sup> Street was fixed after the water main repair. Rickertsen stated it had gotten raked and seeded today.

Varner stated Chief Houzenga should be commended for speaking at the Iowa League of Justice instructing judges and lawyers on gun laws. They sought him out.

Houzenga reported that 85 pounds of medicine was collected Saturday at the Clean out your Medicine Cabinet. In the future, there will be a permanent receptacle at the Police Station for collection.

Schutte stated that delivery of the new truck was today. Due to the ACC/GCC water main and Washington Blvd. water main looping projects, the water flows are increased and the water pressures are greatly improved. Rickertsen reported that due to the looping at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Washington Blvd., there is a 38% increase in water pressure at the Lawrence Subdivision. Reminder – Fire Dept. Open House will be held Saturday, October 13.

Charlie Blount was wondering what the status was on the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Recreational Trail. Solchenberger stated that the preliminary plans (8' concrete trail) have to be to the DOT by the 18<sup>th</sup> with a letting date sometime in February. Kramer stated she had gotten 3 phone calls from residents along 9<sup>th</sup> Street thanking her that the council agreed not to put the sidewalk in as they could not afford to pay for it. She also got another call from a resident who just was not happy with the whole project.

Russ Mussman, 9<sup>th</sup> Street resident, was asking about the work done on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated it is like living on a gravel road. It was explained to him that the chips were put on later than anticipated. Solchenberger stated the chips will work in. Fahlbeck feels the city should work on communication – the residents along there should have been notified of this work.

At 6:52 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer