

City of Camanche, Iowa

November 20, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session November 20, 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, Varner, and Kampe. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan and department heads Houzenga 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.

Moved by Hosette, second by Nelson to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held November 6, 2012; approve Abstract No. 573 which includes expenditures of \$693,385.17 and Payroll of \$34,692.13; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for October 2012 which included expenditures of General - \$474,146.85, Library - \$11,641.99, Parks and Recreation - \$7,722.42, Cemetery - \$3,720.67, Road Use - \$34,361.44, Employee Benefit - \$23,424.45, Police & Fire Pension - \$52,138.30, Debt Service - \$117,933.47, Washington Blvd Project - \$246.80, Water Utility - \$284,956.44, Sewer Utility - \$250,461.03, Garbage - \$29,212.65 for total of \$1,289,966.51; receive, accept and place on file the Camanche Fire Department report for October 2012; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Camanche Library meeting held November 7 and special meeting held November 12, 2012, Park and Recreation meetings from September 10, October 1, and November 5, 2012, Rose Hill Cemetery meeting held November 12, 2012; approve Tax Abatement Application as submitted by Jerry Gravert – 1407 Anthony Place. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth read by title only an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Chapter 12 to Title III, Community Protection Regulating Adult Entertainment Business. Lonergan recommended that the council take action on this ordinance.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to approve the second reading by title only an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Chapter 12 to Title III, Community Protection Regulating Adult Entertainment Business. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe, Hosette and Kramer.

Moved by Varner, second by Hosette to waive the third reading of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Chapter 12 to Title III, Community Protection Regulating Adult Entertainment Business. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Kampe, Hosette, Kramer, and Varner.

Moved by Varner, second by Hosette to adopt Ordinance No. 725, an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Chapter 12 to Title III, Community Protection Regulating Adult Entertainment Business. On roll call – ayes – Hosette, Kramer, Nelson, Varner, and Kampe. Mayor declared Ordinance No. 725 adopted.

Lonergan stated Fire Chief Schutte, Roth and he have been working on an agreement with the volunteer firemen in regards to paramedic training reimbursement if they don't remain for a certain length of time in the department after the city pays for their training. This agreement will be put on the next agenda.

In Solchenberger's absence Roth read the following report: Langman has all intentions of getting the project wrapped up by Monday, November 26th. It is planned the sidewalk and driveway crew will be in town tomorrow (Wednesday) to pour the remaining drive(s) and sidewalk tomorrow, Friday and Saturday. The topsoil and seeding operation is following behind the sidewalk crews to finish up.

As we discussed before, there will be a punch list developed sometime in the next couple of weeks for Langman to work on. They will have to return in the spring to finish up the punch list items and address the areas of paving along Washington Blvd. We will maintain retainage on their pay application. If there are areas that you notice or think should be added to the punch list, please let us know and we will address.

21st Street Culvert, they are going to be bringing the remaining ditch level to within approximately 1 foot of the finished surface yet this week and will be looking to pave the area the week of November 26th as long as the weather holds out.

Roth reported that at the recent League of Cities meeting, one session talked about ordinances dealing with building maintenance – deals with dilapidated homes, i.e. Tyvek flapping in the wind, partial siding put on. Lonergan stated this gives the city a tool to work with. The council would like Roth to come up with an ordinance for their review.

Roth and Fahlbeck thanked Sheryl and Christy for getting the newsletter out on a timely fashion. Fahlbeck wanted to thank Eric for his service and good luck with the move.

Fahlbeck questioned when the addition of new street lights would be put in along Washington Blvd. He thought they might need more. He also stated that February 12, 2013 will be the special election and 3 packets have been taken out.

Fahlbeck wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Hosette thanked everyone for the opportunity to sit on the council and for their help.

Varner also wanted to thank Eric for his service to the fire department.

Larry Halweg was wondering if the city should look into daylight light bulbs along Washington Blvd. Roth will ask MidAmerican about these.

James Robertson wanted to address the council concerning the problems in his block on 8th Avenue. He said he will be content to wait until spring. At the corner of 9th Street and 8th Avenue where the handicap ramp is, it isn't filled in with dirt yet along the sidewalk (there is a drop off). He believes this is a liability issue and would think this should be a high priority.

Kramer commented that people are parking the wrong way along Washington Blvd. Everyone feels that "No Parking" signs should be placed on Washington Blvd. and that maybe after striping is done this will help with that problem.

Robertson felt that where the water main break was, from a practical standpoint, concrete should have been used for the patch instead of asphalt. He felt it would hold up better.

At 6:48 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer