

City of Camanche, Iowa

December 18, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session December 18, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Kramer, Nelson, Varner and Kampe. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan 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 Kampe to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Nelson to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held December 4, 2012 and work session held December 6, 2012; approve Abstract No. 575 which includes expenditures of \$516,143.64, deposit refund checks \$128.42 and salaries of \$35,595.52; receive, accept and place on file November monthly reports for Police and Fire Dept.; receive, accept and place on file the minutes from Library Board meeting held December 5, 2012, Rose Hill Cemetery Board meeting held December 10, 2012; approve reappointment of Ann Wiebers and Karla Morgan to Cemetery Board, Mike McDanel to Board of Adjustment, Yvonne Henn and Amber Metzger to Planning and Zoning for terms ending January 1, 2018; approve beer and native wine permits and Sunday sales for Kwik Star effective Feb. 8, 2013; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for November 2012 with receipts of: General Fund - \$162,648.60, Library - \$20,541.58, Parks & Rec. - \$6,942.42, Cemetery - \$3,625.67, Road Use - \$32,764.17, Employee Benefit - \$6,141.80, Police & Fire Pension - \$13,670.47, Perp Care - \$200.00, Debt Service - \$39,672.92, Washington Blvd. Project - \$220.29, 9th Street Bridge - \$50,823.65, Water Utility - \$2,898.94, Sewer Utility - \$6,399.86, Garbage Utility - \$2,418.53 for a total of \$348,968.90. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth read the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Title III, Community Protection, of the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Chapter 12 Entitled "Property Maintenance."

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve the first reading of Ordinance Amending Title III, Community Protection, of the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Chapter 12 Entitled "Property Maintenance." On roll call – ayes – Kampe, Kramer, Nelson and Varner.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to have the 2nd reading be by title only of an Ordinance Amending Title III, Community Protection, of the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Chapter 12 Entitled "Property Maintenance." On roll call – ayes – Kramer, Nelson, Varner and Kampe.

Paramedic Reimbursement Training Agreement – Fahlbeck thought he should have been notified before the meeting of this agreement. Schutte reported that it is not mandatory that each volunteer go through the paramedic course. This is to protect our investment. There were heated discussions about this agreement and communication in general between the department heads, city administrator and the Mayor.

Moved by Varner, second by Kampe to stop this discussion and to move forward with the decision of this agreement. On roll call – all ayes. Lonergan recommended approval of this agreement.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Adopting an Agreement Providing for Reimbursement of Paramedic Training Costs Provided to Volunteers Who Leave the Service of the Camanche Fire Department. On roll call – all ayes.

Solchenberger reported that the audit was done on the emergency generators. A punch list for the Washington Blvd Project has been made. Street lighting along Washington Blvd. should be put in in January.

Fahlbeck asked Dan about problems of water on Bruce Edelman's property. Dan will look at it and he doesn't think the Washington Blvd. project is causing the problem.

Roth was wondering if the council wanted the city to certify unpaid ambulance charges to the income offset program. Lonergan would like this put on a future agenda. The council would like to see dollar amount, statistics, etc. of what would be certified.

Fahlbeck stated he has gotten complaints on the garbage collection in that they are throwing containers. He spoke with Eric VanLacker about possible polling places for the upcoming special election. Eric was thinking about holding it at the school administration building. The council really didn't like that location. Fahlbeck is asking department heads to have someone at the council meetings if they can't come. Rickertsen stated that would result in overtime.

Kramer reported that vehicles are still parking the wrong way on Washington Blvd. Houzenga will have someone stop and talk to them.

Kampe commented that people are speeding especially at the west end of Washington Blvd. Dan stated that it technically is still under construction and that is why you see "No Pavement Marking" signs and 25 mph signs.

Charlie Blount has concerns about the spending. He doesn't see anything on the agenda about cutting the budget or reducing spending.

Larry Halweg stated we have a city administrator form of government and he feels the mayor wants to run the whole show. Fahlbeck stated he just wants to serve.

Blount stated it doesn't seem the economy is prosperous with all the debt and the city is taking money out of their pockets.

At 7:28 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned until 6:00 PM, Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer