

City of Camanche, Iowa

February 12, 2013

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session February 12, 2013 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, 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.

Jessica Leal and Kristin Huizenga with the Caring Community Coalition of Camanche (4C) asked the city to be the grantee (legal agent) for the Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant. The grant is due March 22 and the funds asked for in the grant (\$125,000) would be for a start date of October 1. The council would like to look over the information and it is to be put on the next agenda.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held January 22, 2013 and the budget work session held January 29, 2013; approve Abstract No. 578 which includes expenditures of \$161,117.52, Utility Deposit Refunds - \$130.71 and salaries of \$31,252.60; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for January 2013 with receipts of: General Fund - \$79,561.05, Library - \$13,693.80, Parks - \$7,209.92, Cemetery - \$7,281.34, Road Use - \$34,520.66, Employee Benefit - \$407.96, Police & Fire Pension - \$908.05, Debt Service - \$2,053.93, Washington Blvd. Project - \$64.16, Water Utility - \$25,461.26, Sewer Utility - \$49,245.93, Garbage - \$31,864.77 for total receipts of \$252,272.83; receive, accept, and place on file the Historical Board meeting minutes from January 9, 2013; approve a Resolution Amending the Delinquent Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Lien for 311 11th Place; approve a Resolution Setting Date and Time for the Public Hearing on the Proposed FYE 2014 Budget; approve promotion of James Sowle, Fire Department to 1st Class Firefighter/Paramedic effective January 30, 2013; approve retail cigarette/tobacco application for Dollar General; receive, accept and place on file January monthly reports for Police and Fire Dept. On roll call – all ayes.

Dan Solchenberger, Shive Hattery Engineers, gave a presentation on their company, services offered and fees. Lonergan stated there have been no legal problems with Shive Hattery since he has been city attorney. It is almost impossible to replace their knowledge of the city's infrastructure. It is valuable to have their 34 years of experience. Roth commented that he values the relationship the city has with Shive Hattery.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to approve the reappointment of Shive Hattery as the City of Camanche's city engineer for another 2 year term. On roll call – all ayes.

Resolution Expressing Opposition to Policies that encroach upon rights bestowed by the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution – Kramer and Nelson would like to see this put on hold for a bit. Varner was wondering how much longer do we wait – until the next shooting? Fahlbeck stated it looked like it would be a split vote and he would like to wait until at least the next meeting when we would have a full council. Lonergan said he would bring it up in 30 days.

Collect Unpaid Ambulance Bills – Schutte stated that the billing agency would like to put a cap on the number of statements sent out for unpaid bills. He also stated that the billing agency was OK with the wording on the letter that was proposed to be sent out. Kramer would like to see something put in the next newsletter about the options residents have in paying their ambulance bills before sending the unpaid balance to income offset program.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kampe, to include the letter, stating the payment options, with the 3rd billing cycle statement. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to utilize the Income Offset Program for collecting past due ambulance billings. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Kampe to approve a Resolution Approving of a Road Maintenance Agreement between the Cities of Clinton and Camanche providing for the Resurfacing. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to accept the resignation of Tom Powell as Building Inspector effective May 1, 2013. On roll call – all ayes.

Solchenberger wanted to thank the city for extending the contract with Shive Hattery.

Roth asked the council to submit any ideas for articles for the upcoming newsletter. He also wanted to thank the Fire Department for taking on the responsibilities of Tom Powell which in turns saves the city \$12,000.

Fahlbeck wanted to wish Charlie Blount and Trevor Willis well in the special election.

Kramer questioned the seam in the asphalt on Washington Blvd. in front of Dollar General. Dan will take a look at it.

Varner commented that the Historical Society is conducting a fundraiser on an 18 month calendar featuring old Camanche.

Schutte was wondering if there should be an appointment made by the council for the fire department to take over the duties of the building inspector. Lonergan stated he will work with Roth on this. Schutte commented that he cannot be at the next meeting. Does the mayor still want someone to be there in his absence? After some discussion, it was decided that department heads will give Roth a week's notice when they can't make a council meeting.

Rickertsen reported that the 7th Avenue Lift Station Generator needs to be replaced. It is well over 40 years old. It will probably cost about \$20,000-\$25,000 to be replaced. Does the council want to replace it or fix it? He will have Tom email the council with the details.

At 7:30 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned until the next regular meeting, 6:00 PM, Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer