

City of Camanche, Iowa

March 19, 2013

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 19, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Willis, 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 Nelson, second by Kampe to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held March 6, 2013; approve Abstract No. 581 which includes expenditures of \$77,128.48, utility billing checks of \$19.45 and salaries of \$32,399.37; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for February 2013 which included the following receipts: General Fund - \$206,864.21, Library - \$13,850.61, Parks - \$6,846.29, Cemetery - \$5,225.67, Road Use - \$37,090.87, Employee Benefit - \$466.79, Police & Fire Pension - \$1,039.00, Perpetual Care - \$300.00, Debt Service - \$2,350.15, Washington Blvd. Project - \$47.71, 21st Street Culvert Project - \$94,407.02, Water Utility - \$3,419.11, Sewer Utility - \$7,640.06, Garbage - \$1,727.80 for a total of \$381,275.29; receive, accept and place on file February 2013 monthly reports for Camanche Fire and Police Departments. On roll call – all ayes.

411 Pension/Work Comp – Jim Griswold, representing Core-Vens (the city's liability insurer) was present. Roth reported that the city received two renewal quotes from EMC for workers comp insurance. The first quote is for traditional workers comp across the board in the amount of \$98,610.00. The second quote involves purchasing a medical expense only endorsement for the police and firefighters that would save \$6,380.00. Roth represented three options to the council. He stated that Option 2 will not work. April 1 is the renewal date for work comp insurance. The council was wondering if we can get an extension. Lonergan stated the city needs to go to the bargaining unit if the city wants to go with the medical endorsement only. There are very few cities that are providing both 411 and work comp. It is very complicated.

Roth recommends renewal at the full amount and continue to work with the bargaining unit. Lonergan stated the city is not trying to take anything away from anybody.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner, to go with the fill work comp quote at the price of \$98,610.00

Resolution supporting the 2nd Amendment – Lonergan handed out a copy of a resolution passed by the National Sheriff's Association. He would like to see this tabled and he and Roth will work on drafting a resolution supporting the resolution passed by the NSA.

Roth read a letter from Shane Sutton, Property Manager of Indian Village Apartments, asked if the city could help with the disposal of TVs. The council agreed they would be opening a can of worms if they provided this for Indian Village Apts. It would only lead to other items such as white goods, batteries, tires, etc. Roth will send him a letter stating the council's views.

Additional Street Lights along Washington Blvd - Kampe would like to see additional lights along the south end of Washington Blvd. There are several dark spots. He would like to see a couple more lights put in from 17th Avenue to the Bowling alley. He thinks there are enough poles there already so no more have to be put in.

Kampe believes the parking issues at the elementary school is a school issue not a city issue – especially with the staff parking. The council advised Roth to write the school a letter.

Charlie Blount addressed concerns about the 411 policy to the city council.

Gary Tucker was wondering if the Washington Blvd. Project is finished. Fahlbeck stated there is a punch list that will be addressed with the city engineer and the contractor.

Larry Halweg stated that a village in Wisconsin has a policy concerning the disposal of E-products. He advised Roth to check their website.

At 7:17 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer