

City of Camanche, Iowa

April 16, 2013

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session April 16, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Willis, Nelson, Varner, and Kampe. Kramer 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 Varner, second by Willis to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held April 2, 2013; approve Abstract No. 583 which includes expenditures of \$186,082.53, utility deposit refunds \$91.87 and salaries of \$33,553.26; approve and accept the City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for March 2013 with receipts of General Fund - \$105,800.38, Library - \$11,472.44, Parks - \$7,672.42, Cemetery - \$3,475.67, Road Use - \$46,697.03, Employee Benefit - \$3,430.44, Police & Fire Pension - \$7,635.48, Debt Service - \$17,270.98, Washington Blvd Project - \$53.50, Water Utility - \$23,694.85, Sewer Utility - \$49,545.31, Landfill/Garbage - \$33,166.46 for a total of \$309,915.10; receive, accept and place on file the Park and Recreation Board minutes from April 1, 2013, the Library Board minutes from April 3, 2013; approve Application for Tax Abatement as submitted by Stephen and Erika Clements – 1505 Woods Avenue; approve Library's Board recommendation to accept Gary Haines' application to fill a vacancy on the Library Board – term ending July 2018; approve renewal of Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales as submitted by Brenda and Mark Waldorf, dba Jersey's; approve hiring of Winkle, Parker and Foster to complete FYE 2013 audit. On roll call – all ayes.

Highway 30 Corridor Transportation Study – Clinton Mayor Mark Vulich was present to answer any questions. The City of Clinton is asking the City of Camanche to contribute \$3,142 towards the study. If Camanche agrees to contribute, he will then go to the City of Clinton and Clinton County and ask that they contribute the same amount. 7th Avenue/Mill Creek would not be part of the study. Lonergan stated that unless we invest in this study, we may not have a say in the study or have an opportunity for future grant possibilities. Solchenberger also recommends the City participate in the study. All of the intersections in the study lead to property in Camanche city limits.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve the expenditure of \$3,142 as Camanche's portion of the Corridor Study pending the City of Clinton and Clinton County's approving of the same amount. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to approve a Resolution ratifying the City of Clinton's approval and acceptance of the lowest responsible, responsive bid for the 7th Avenue Resurfacing/Recycling Project. On roll call – all ayes.

Rickertsen recommended to Todd Powers with Determann not do work on 7th Avenue during Camanche Days.

Washington Blvd. Update – Roth stated there was a meeting with Langman and Determann. Determann sent a letter to Langman Construction detailing how they will be grinding the rough spots. Solchenberger said this option will provide a smoother ride. Todd Powers stated they could start maybe next week. Manatt has the diamond grinder. Willis questioned a monetary compensation. It was the consensus to see what the road looks like after the grinding to see if the City will be asking for a monetary compensation.

Roth would like the council to review a letter he has prepared to property owners along Washington Blvd. concerning the care of the new sidewalks and grassy areas. Once everyone has had a chance to look at it, he will send it out.

Request from "Speak Out Against Suicide" for a donation – Willis stated he thought the City would be opening a can of worms if we started contributing to charitable organizations. We can't pick and choose what charities we should use tax payer's money towards. Roth will send a letter to them that it was the consensus of the council not to make a monetary contribution.

It was the consensus of the council to allow the city administrator to miss the June 4 meeting.

Lonergan reported that there has been a complaint about someone operating a business out of their home. This is being looked into.

Solchenberger reported that the DOT had the bid opening today for the 9th Street Recreational Trail. There were 4 bids and the low bidder was Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete with a low bid of \$153,900.33. They are waiting to set up a pre-construction meeting for the 3rd Street Milling/Overlay and the 9th Avenue Reconstruction projects with Determann.

Roth stated that Karlee Low was wondering if the city would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony of the Washington Blvd. Project in conjunction with Party in the Park on July 18. Everyone thought that was a good idea.

Roth brought up that city hall would like to purchase a new water payment drop off box. Fahlbeck would like to see this tabled. He also showed the council the barn quilt that was painted by the Camanche High School Art Dept. for the Clinton County Fair anniversary.

Fahlbeck would like to have a special work session to go over city hall building issues on April 23 at 6:00 P.M.

Kampe thinks that letters need to be sent out to businesses along Washington Blvd. to clean up their properties.

Houzenga reported to the council that this is the year to replace a squad car. They will be replacing the 2007 which has about 180,000 miles. Once the numbers are finalized, he will put this on a future agenda.

Rickertsen reported that the 7th Avenue generator should be up and running by the end of the week. They have lost Well #5 – by the old water tower. The cost to repair it will be approximately \$10,000. It's been 25 years since the pump has been pulled on Well #3 and he will be having that done also. It's not quite as deep as Well #5.

Larry Hallweg stated to the council that he thought the city should move the Historical Society to City Hall and move City Hall up there.

Roth commented that April 29th will be Tom Powell's last day.

At 7:05 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer