

City of Camanche, Iowa

September 2, 2014

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 2, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Willis, McManus, Lind, Varner, and Wruck. 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.

Fahlbeck would like to move the item under New Business "Consideration of proposal to sell the existing City Hall Property" to be moved under Old Business. He would also like to table the work session until the next meeting.

Moved by Willis, second by Lind to approve the amended agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

Amber Metzger and Nikki Carber spoke on behalf of Speak Out Against Suicide. On September 23, Kirk Smalley will be speaking at the Middle School and High School at 1:30. On September 20, from 8-5, there will be an Adult Mental Health Training at the Fire Station for a cost of \$60.00. The Suicide Awareness Walk will be held Sunday, September 21 starting at 1:00 P.M. Pictures of people lost due to suicide will be placed along the route. 550 people attended last year.

Moved by Lind, second by McManus to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held August 19, 2014; approve Abstract No. 616 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	290.16
BOSS INC	COPY PAPER	83.22
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	OIL FILTER-SEWER JET	4.69
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER	18,661.19
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,703.52
DEMCO INC	APPLICATION CARDS,PAPER	47.34
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	.31 TONS PREMIX	34.85
DES MOINES STAMP MFG CO	PERMA STAMP	30.70
GALE	INV 52648501	173.54
MARK HILGENDORF	WELLNESS PROGRAM	163.44
ROBERT HOUZENGA	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	6.85
ING	DEFERRED COMP	750.00
IPERS	IPERS	9,793.21
ELECTRONICS INC	BATTERY,RADIO MAINTENANCE	309.00
LESLIE ELECTRIC	REPLACE SURGE SUPPRESSOR	78.00
WILLIAM LODGE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	636.26
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	109.95
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS FOR JULY	111.00
MEREMA BROTHERS INC	BEARING,BOLT,SPACER-MOWERS	46.42
NATALIE MORSE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	1,211.78
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	10,243.87
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC	ALTER UNIFORMS-PETERSEN	93.95
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CONTROL	58.58
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	609.57
QC METALLURGICAL LAB	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	60.00
QUALITY CONCRETE	FILLCRETE - DUNN RD	150.00

RICHARD SCHMITZ JR	WELLNESS PROGRAM	50.00
DAVE SCHUTTE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	15.50
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING SERVICES	1,895.05
TARGET BANK	DVDS	157.62
TEAM TWO INC	BILLNG FEE RECEIPTS-JULY	764.52
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	6,519.00
USA BLUEBOOK	MATERIALS FOR WATER TESTING	134.71
WATCON INC	2-55 GAL SODIUM PHOSPHATE	3,133.05
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	809.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	730.07
CLINTON AUTO GROUP	BULBS	57.02
JAMES SOWLE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	436.98
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	1,180.50
GATEWAY AREA CHAPTER	AMER RED CROSS	75.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	INS PREMIUM	521.00
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	421.92
COMPWIZ COMPUTER SERV.	SYSTEM SETUP-7/29 - 8/7	277.50
VERIZON WIRELESS-LERT B	SMS PRESERVATION	50.00
TRAVIS SNODGRASS	EMT TESTING AND LICENSE	155.00
HUGUNIN SEWER & PLUMBING	LOCATE SEWER-1306 ANTYHONY PL	270.28
PRINCETON BEACH MARINA	BUMPERS FOR DOCKS	224.00
AMES FORD LINCOLN	2015 4X4 REGULAR CAB	25,009.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/29/2014	33,094.78
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS	CLAIMS TOTAL	96,847.81
	GENERAL FUND	84,921.82
	LIBRARY FUND	4,815.10
	PARKS FUND	2,857.89
	CEMETERY FUND	2,010.38
	ROAD USE FUND	3,097.57
	POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	5.22
	9TH AVE OVERLAY/ANAMOSA FUND	1,895.05
	WATER UTILITY FUND	8,477.87
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	21,861.69

Approve Application for Tax Abatement as submitted by Robert and Gloria Stamp – 1217 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; receive, approve, and place on file minutes from Rose Hill Cemetery meeting held August 11, 2014, Camanche Historical meeting held August 14, 2014, Park and Rec meeting held August 4, 2014. On roll call – all ayes.

**City Hall Property** – Roth stated that at the last council meeting, the council voted 3-2 to not accept Bob Eden’s bid to remodel the old pharmacy building. A council member approached him that someone was interested in buying the present city hall. Fahlbeck commented that he was approached by some council members to sell the present building and the empty lot on the corner to help pay for remodeling the old pharmacy building. Wruck was wondering if a building can be built on the tennis courts to house the fire department equipment. Rickertsen stated there is no room. Many contractors use the extra space in the summer as a staging area for their equipment. The council wondered if a building could be put on the empty lot. Rickertsen said it was a substandard lot. Fahlbeck stated that if we put a building on that empty lot, it takes away from the cost to be used for remodeling. Willis questioned whether we can go to the south of the present fire station. Build a hose tower there. Wruck was wondering how the building for the fire department was going to be paid for. Can they use the equipment CD? Roth stated they could go for a grant. Wruck was wondering why they couldn’t take it from the equipment CD because it should be used to maintain buildings. Lonergan stated everything can’t be solved at one time. He thinks plans could be made for the fire department equipment after an offer is accepted on the property. Money could be split – maybe used for match on a grant and some used on pharmacy building. If you don’t sell the empty lot, maybe a building could be put there then. Roth said if we sell the present building, city hall needs a home. Lonergan commented that you can put whatever

possession date you want. Fahlbeck asked Schutte could we use the meeting room in the fire department for overflow meetings. Schutte stated the city could.

Moved by Varner, second by Wruck to sell the present city hall and the vacant corner lot. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Wruck, McManus, and Lind. Nays – Willis.

Roth was wondering what we do next? He likes the option of building on to the fire department. Lonergan also commented that you might find out that the empty lot is not worth anything at all.

**Remodeling the Pharmacy Building** – Fahlbeck stated that the council has had plenty of discussions.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to accept Bob Eden’s bid to remodel the old pharmacy building. On roll call – all ayes.

**Goal Setting** – Roth commented that he had received three proposals: Institute of Public Affairs - \$1,100; Patrick Callahan - \$1,100 if all of his options were used. He would send out a questionnaire to each of the council members ahead of time. ECIA - \$1,500. Roth liked Callahan’s proposal. He knows him personally and Pat has gone cable franchise work for the city in the past.

Moved by Wruck, second by Varner, to accept Patrick Callahan’s proposal for goal setting at the price of \$1,100. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth asked the council when they would like to have one. Roth will ask Pat Callahan if October 14 or 28 would work for him.

Moved by Willis, second by McManus to approve a Resolution Accepting the Low Bid of \$103,505.00 Submitted by Determann Asphalt Paving LLC of Camanche, Iowa for the Reconstruction of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue from US 67 to the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Contract for the Project. On roll call – all ayes.

Solchenberger reported on the following: DOT will be doing the final audit on the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Recreational Trail on September 23. The final audit for 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Reconstruction and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Mill/Overlay will be coming up. The preconstruction meeting was last Wednesday for the Washington Blvd. Enhancement Project. To cut some of the costs, the council had suggested cutting back on the amount of trees. If you take some trees out, the price per tree will go up. Right now the price of the trees is \$350.00/tree with a 3 yr. warranty. Pavers – if we were going to take them out – esthetically it will take away from the appearance of the project. The city could remove the parking area in the triangle but the grant was submitted to have a trail head. It was the goal to have people park there and get on the trail. There would be approximately \$8,000 in savings if the city takes out part of the trees. Wruck was wondering why we would to have a parking spot? Solchenberger stated that if you take that out you would have to get DOT approval and then it would have to go to the RPA. That could change the scope of the project. McManus feels we need to have the parking. Most towns do. The pavers would cost \$10,000. If you go from pavers to concrete there could be a \$5,000 savings.

Roth commented that he had received an email from ECIA regarding the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The state has put some more guidelines on the application. The city would have to have an income survey done. It was the consensus of the council to pass on the application at this time.

Wruck stated he has been approached from some residents about a sidewalk along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 13<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Place. He was told there is a grant through the Dept. of Education. Roth will do some homework. Solchenberger said this grant is very competitive because it is Federal funding.

Houzenga informed the council that Civil Service performed some testing on August 23. There were 8 candidates that took the physical agility and 7 passed. The city has not gotten any written test results back yet. He wanted to thank the Civil Service Commission, Trevor and his wife, Sheryl and the Fire Dept. for their help. Schutte stated the two that had applied for the firefighter/paramedic did not show.

Schutte reported that some changes have been made to the building permit process. They will now be signed off by the Public Works department. That way they can make sure something is not built on an easement. If someone comes in on a Friday at 2:30, it won't be approved that day. The Fire Department will be submitting a check to MDA in the amount of \$11,700+.

Yvonne Henn was wondering what kind of monetary savings there will be with the new ISO rating. Schutte does not know.

Jim Robertson questioned whether the culvert situation has been remedied in connection with the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. Rickertsen stated they took pictures of it and it looks good.

Donna Current reported that Kids First Academy will be sponsoring an ID program at the Fire Dept. on Saturday, September 6 from 9-4. ID's will be taken; DNA sample taken; plus other photos. This is for newborn to college age children.

Current was wondering if you can sell city property (the property behind the old pharmacy building). She was informed that a public hearing was held. Everything was done legally.

At 7:25 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer