

City of Camanche, Iowa

September 16, 2014

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 16, 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, and Jindrich.

A moment of silence was observed. Mayor Fahlbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by McManus, second by Wruck to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Willis, second by McManus to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held September 2, 2014; approve Abstract No. 617 which includes the following:

CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	11 FIREMEN TO FIRE SCHOOL	275.00
CAMANCHE WATER WORKS	3RD QTR WATER/SEWER BILLS	322.08
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	OIL FILTER-DUMP TRUCK,KNEE PADS	88.67
CARRIAGE PAPER PROD CORP	PAPER, TONER	388.75
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	138.92
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	759.89
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	10,191.08
CORE-VENS & COMPANY	ADD INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	288.00
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	CHIP SEALING	19,520.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHTING	35.45
GALE	BOOKS	135.95
GATEWAY SUPPLY LTD	PLATES-SENIORS	74.74
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	STUDS,PLYWOOD,RECEPTACLES	443.81
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL LOCATES	59.40
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS	656.63
J & C ENTERPRISES	SEPTEMBER COLLECTION	160.93
KYLE KING	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	53.72
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	DIESEL	516.26
LECTRONICS INC	CABLE,HOLD SAW,ANTENNA	77.68
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,REFRESHMENTS	198.86
MASTERCARD	BRACKET,BIKE RACK,POSTAGE	2,292.35
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	172.48
MEREMA BROTHERS INC	BLADES-CEMETERY/PARKS MOWERS	240.24
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	3,510.25
JEFFREY MOORE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	20.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	10,886.67
DALE NISSEN	REIMBURSE FOR PHYSICAL PAYMENT	49.00
OSSIAN INC	FUSION 55 FOR SNOW REMOVAL	3,250.00
PAULS DISCOUNT	BOLTS,RAID,BATTERIES,GRASS SEED	182.28
POSTMASTER	MAIL 3RD QTR WATER/SEWER BILLS	456.13
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	CYLINDER RENTAL	63.94
PREMIER LINEN/UNIFORM	TOWELS,RUGS,MOP HEADS	183.50
RIVER CITY DISPOSAL LLC	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING	20,553.00
THOMAS ROTH	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	29.40
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	REFURBISHED ICM PLUS	325.00
DAVE SCHUTTE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	131.23
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	PAINT FOR PICNIC TABLES	181.94
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING SERVICES	12,378.54

THOMAS D LONERGAN	LEGAL SERVICES FOR AUGUST	1,366.78
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	P5c80d7d64-UNCLAIM DEPOSITS	301.83
USA BLUEBOOK	SUPPLIES FOR TESTING	134.71
	95 GALLONS SODIUM	
VERTEX CHEMICAL COMPANY	HYPOCHLORITE	140.60
VOGEL TRAFFIC SERVICES	PAVEMENT MARKING	8,550.00
DARYL YODER	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	60.00
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	809.00
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	TOILET SERVICE-PARKS	360.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	166.75
GLOBAL PAYMENTS	CREDIT CARD USAGE FEES	102.52
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	820.00
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	NUTS & BOLTS	8.00
XEROX CORPORATION	COPIER MAINTENANCE	57.70
HENDERSON TRUCK EQUIP	MOUNT USED TGS,CALIBRATE	800.00
BASE	CAFETERIA MONTHLY	56.25
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER	X103033573-FILTER-DUMP TRUCK	160.74
PLATINUM SMART INC.	SMART BACKUP	383.10
CANADIAN PACIFIC	4TH AVE MAIN OVER TRACKS	750.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 09/05/2014	463.31
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/12/2014	34,537.09
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	104,319.75
	GENERAL FUND	65,101.38
	LIBRARY FUND	4,382.57
	PARKS FUND	2,670.62
	CEMETERY FUND	1,277.46
	ROAD USE FUND	37,247.68
	POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	34.88
	WATER UTILITY FUND	5,928.23
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	2,124.33
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	20,553.00

Approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for August 2014 with the following receipts: General Fund - \$121,869.36, Library - \$10,730.62, Parks - \$8,292.42, Cemetery - \$2,800.00, Road Use - \$50,457.67, Employee Benefit - \$44.53, Police & Fire Pension - \$141.02, Perp Care - \$200.00, Debt Service - \$134.12, Washington Blvd Project - \$3.73, Water Utility Fund - \$3,026.52, Sewer Utility Fund - \$3,655.35, Landfill/Garbage - \$1,894.39 for a total of \$203,249.73; receive, accept and place on file Police Dept. monthly report for August 2014; receive, accept and place on file the Historical Board meeting minutes held Sept. 4, 2014, Rose Hill meeting held Sept. 8, 2014; approval annual Urban Renewal Report; accept Civil Service Certified list for Police Officer Position; set Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6-8 P.M. as Trick-or-Treat. On roll call – all eyes.

Goal Setting – Pat Callahan will be conducting the goal setting session Tuesday, October 28 starting at 5:00. We will have pizza brought in.

Public Works Director Position – 4 applications/resumes have been received. They are due at 4:00 P.M., September 26, 2014. Roth was wondering how the council wants to proceed. By the ordinance, the Mayor recommends and the council approves. Roth and Fahlbeck will look over the applications first.

Employee Contract Negotiations – Fahlbeck would like to separate the contracts and negotiate the departments separately. Lonergan stated that most city administrators participate in negotiations. Roth did not want to participate because a citizen says it is not ethical. Lonergan informed the council of the history of negotiations and he felt Roth should participate. Lonergan's request was that the matter be put on the agenda so all employees know how the council is going to proceed.

Great River Road Month – Edith Pfeiffer had stopped down and dropped a proclamation to be read declaring September Great River Road Month. A study was made and it revealed that it would be great to have the Great River Road Route pass through town and not bypass the city on Hwy. 67. Fahlbeck read the Proclamation.

Engineer's Report – Solchenberger wanted to make sure he was clear on the changes to the Washington Blvd. Enhancement Project. The savings would be \$8,150 with some of the trees eliminated. He stated that using stamped concrete is more than the pavers. There would be a \$6,347 savings to use all concrete. Willis was wondering if it is worth the savings. He would like it to look nice.

Moved by Lind, second by Wruck to use concrete in the sitting areas. On roll call – ayes – Wruck, McManus, and Lind. Nays – Varner, Willis.

Solchenberger reported that Mediacom is moving the lines in order to get the trees cut down along 2nd Avenue. The project should start next week.

Fahlbeck asked him about the drainage issues by the driveway on 9th Avenue. Dan has talked to Todd and Determann is going to take a grinder and grind the curb. See if this solves the problem. There was no problem with it last year. The final payment has not been paid yet.

Moved by Lind, second by Wruck to approve the changing of Great River Road Route. On roll call – all ayes.

Fahlbeck wanted to thank Public Works for their upkeep of the bike path. He would also like to publicly thank Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wiebers, Mr. and Mrs. Al Crider, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murphy for picking up litter along the bike path and the bypass.

In regards to the grass mowing complaint, Wruck was wondering if the door could be tagged on a Thursday and then they have until Monday to cut it. Mark Hilgendorf explained that most of the properties they mow are vacant houses.

Lind was wondering where we are on the sale of the city hall property. Roth stated that Lonergan contacted Steve Howes to do a market analysis. Roth has forwarded some info to him and he hasn't heard back yet. When the city was working on the budget, he thought the city engineer was only going to come to one meeting a month. That hasn't happened yet. He was told that right now there are projects going on and he needs to report on issues.

Schutte was glad to have been given the opportunity to tour the American Queen this afternoon. Concerning the sale of the present city hall, he would like to keep the equipment here. He stated the council wanted to save money and eliminate a building but there still needs to be a building for the equipment. He feels they are being forced out. Fahlbeck stated the reserve money could be used. Schutte said that money is reserved for equipment. Fahlbeck said, "It will all work out."

Hilgendorf reported that the weight limit signs were put up. Roth stated that letters were sent out to the businesses in that area.

Paul Willis commented that since the Scenic Byway will be going through Camanche, he would like to see signs pointing to the river.

At 6:59 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer

At 7:13 - Work Session - Review of qualifications of consulting engineering firms.

Roth reported that he had contacted 8 engineering firms in the area.

Wruck was wondering if there would be cost savings to hire an engineer as a public works director. He feels it would be a good idea to have Tom and a couple of council members to look over the materials received instead of each council member looking at them individually.

Roth was wondering why does the council want to go ahead and change engineering firms. Everyone makes mistakes. He doesn't think anyone is unhappy.

Lind stated he has heard some complaints from citizens about the engineering firm we have. Kenny says he has not been happy with all the changeovers, i.e. the bridge project.

Roth commented on the fact that Shive has been the engineer for 30+ years. Wruck stated longevity isn't always the best.

Lonergan made the comment that with the public works director retiring and if Shive does away, a lot of knowledge will be lost.

Fahlbeck put Varner and Willis on a committee with Roth to review the qualifications.

Dan told the council that if they have any problems with anything, please let him or Tom know.

The work session ended at 7:45 P.M.