

City of Camanche, Iowa

December 2, 2014

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session December 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 and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Rickertsen, 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 Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held November 18, 2014; approve Abstract No. 622 which includes the following:

CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	85989-BATTERY-CEM MOWER	62.83
CARRIAGE PAPER PROD CORP	PAPER-LIBRARY	136.44
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	116.20
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,835.66
DATA TECHNOLOGIES INC	LICENSE FEES,SUPPORT-2015	6,245.38
THE DES MOINES REGISTER	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	432.04
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	9TH AVE/HWY 67, PREMIX	102,879.25
ECONOMY PLBG/HEATING INC	FAN MOTOR, DIRTY BURNERS	350.20
GENERAL BOOK COVERS	JACKET COVERS	126.80
ROBERT HOUZENGA	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYS	335.70
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL LOCATES	48.60
ING	DEFERRED COMP	500.00
IPERS	IPERS	6,584.21
KENDRICK TERMITE SERVICE	TERMITE INSPECTION	65.00
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	MAIN BRK, DIG 2 GRAVES	790.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	109.95
MIDWEST BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIES-C HALL, POLICE	79.08
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	INSPECT RADAR UNITS	240.00
MILLER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	CABLE TIES-CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	18.56
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	UPGRADE PUMPS-10TH ST LIFT	19,950.00
JEFFREY MOORE	WELLNESS PROGRAM	40.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	9,921.47
DALE NISSEN	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAY	17.60
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SEALED BEAMS-SALT TRUCKS	15.98
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	609.57
QC METALLURGICAL LAB	SAMPLE ANALYSIS-WELL #2	20.00
DAVE RICKERTSEN	COPAYS FOR PHYSICALS	300.00
SCHIMBERG CO	BOLTS,NUTS-HYDRANT INSTALL	22.25
DAVE SCHUTTE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAY	80.00
LES SHADLE	WORK AT CEMETERY	94.59
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG SERV-9TH ST BRIDGE INSPECT	790.02
SPRINT	POLICE CELL PHONES	221.80
TARGET BANK	DVDS,T TISSUE, JUICE BOXES	270.06
BETH THILMANY-BLUMER	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAY	75.00
THE LIBRARY STORE	TAPE,MAILERS	82.49
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	4,467.00
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	SAFETY SHOES	200.00

1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	859.00
EDENS CONSTRUCTION	FRAMING,PLUMBING NEW CITYHALL	19,812.38
RAY O'HERRON CO INC	VEST-PETERSON-RESERVES	1,060.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	704.55
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	496.88
CAMANCHE HISTORICAL	CITY SHARE OF CONCRETE WORK	320.00
JAMES SOWLE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAY	1,355.00
CUMMINS CENTRAL POWER	REPAIRS-EMERGENCY GENERATOR	496.85
FLENKER LAND	MONITOR WETLANDS	750.00
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	787.00
GATEWAY AREA CHAPTER	AMER RED CROSS	50.00
PRINCETON BEACH MARINA	NEW DOCK	9,454.90
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	INS PREMIUM	525.00
JETCO INC.	CONFIGURE RADIO	2,489.05
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	281.28
PLATINUM SMART INC.	POLICE BACKUP	385.30
THE BOOK FARM INC	PUZZLES	9.99
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 11/21/2014	33,426.84
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	266,871.13
	GENERAL FUND	65,676.12
	LIBRARY FUND	5,529.94
	PARKS FUND	11,802.54
	CEMETERY FUND	2,171.84
	ROAD USE FUND	3,091.53
	DEBT SERVICE FUND	58,745.00
	WASHINGTON BLVD PROJECT FUND	2,728.75
	9TH AVE OVERLAY/ANAMOSA FUND	100,150.50
	CITY HALL PROJECT FUND	19,812.38
	WATER UTILITY FUND	7,644.33
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	22,945.04

Receive, accept and place on file the minutes of Camanche Library meeting held November 5, 2014, Historical Board meeting held November 13, 2014, Park and Rec. meeting held November 3, 2014; approve Class C Liquor, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales License to Aaron Holstein, dba Hides Inn, pending dram shop effective January 4, 2015; approve Application for Tax Abatement as submitted by Don and Jean Weis – 810 16th Place; approve Pay Estimate #4 – Final to Determann Asphalt for 3rd St Mill/Overlay Project in the amount of \$2,489.41. On roll call – all ayes.

Public Works Employee – Rickertsen would like to get someone in line to replace Mark Hilgendorf. Willis asked, “Didn’t we decide at the last meeting to hire someone? We can look at the stop increases over the next 6 months.” Discussion was held on benefits. Fahlbeck felt we should hire the employee at \$17.00/hour contingent on the existing contract.

Moved by McManus, second by Varner to hire a Public Works Employee to replace Mark Hilgendorf at \$17.00/hour contingent on the existing contract. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Willis, McManus. Nays – Wruck and Lind.

Present City Hall Building and Vacant Lot – Fahlbeck stated the city had agreed to sell the present City Hall and vacant lot and use the proceeds for remodeling the city hall. Willis commented that the city had agreed to sell the building. But the motion was not necessarily made to use that money toward the old pharmacy building. Roth stated the big picture is what to do with the fire department equipment. Also there are people here who use the building for the food baskets. Schutte commented that he needs a 3,600 sq. ft. building. The cost would approximately be \$150,000 and that does not include a hose tower. \$20,000 would be the cost for ground work (if use the old tennis court site) and at least \$80,000 for the building.

Jerry Wiebers stated he had been on a volunteer firefighter for 26 years. All the fire department ever asked for is to give them the resources to do their job. He gave the history of the capital fund which was started in 1972.

Roth stated he and Schutte have talked about applying for one of the large gaming grants. The city would have to come up with half of the cost.

Lonergan said the city needs to look at the long term plan. The City needs to provide the fire department with space – whether you lease or build. McManus would like to see the equipment put in a better location. He would like to see the present city hall sold and put back on the tax rolls. Todd Powers was wondering if you have the money allocated for the remodeling of city hall, why is the city in a rush to sell the present building.

It was agreed upon to sell the corner vacant lot. They agreed to sell it by sealed bids.

Moved by McManus, second by Willis to authorize the city administrator to publish notice soliciting bids for the vacant corner lot; minimum bid of \$12,500 and bids due 60 days from date of publication. On roll call – all ayes.

Rickertsen asked how much land would be going with the city hall. It was stated that the property would go back to the edge of the asphalt. There was discussion to have a minimum bid of \$75,000 for the sale of the city hall building.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to put off the sale of the present city hall building until the next meeting and come up with a plan for the fire department equipment. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth asked the council what they wanted to do. How are they going to pay for the new building? He will get the numbers out to the council on the price he had received for a Wick building. Wruck asked Schutte if the city needed all the equipment since there is mutual aid. Schutte explained that mutual aid is there to help – not to replace our equipment. Schutte asked Wruck to stop up at the fire station and he could talk to him about the equipment.

Fahlbeck stated that in consideration of the Sharing Tree, the city needs to look at what they will be building and take them into consideration or find another spot for them. They (Sharing Tree) will be kept in the decision making.

Roth reported that the newsletter should be going out next week. He had checked outsourcing the printing, but the city hall employees can do it \$300 cheaper. Park and Rec are looking at 10-12 more Christmas decorations. They would be placed along 7th Avenue, 9th Street and farther down Washington Blvd. At budget time, they will be asking the city to help with the wiring costs. This week Mid-American is supposed to be up here to finalize the wiring for them. McManus stated that 3 businesses had missed the past deadline for the Christmas decorations and Park and Rec. decided to open it up again and the cost will be \$650.00. Roth also stated that they are looking at seasonal banners.

Rickertsen reported that the new pump at 10th Avenue Lift is up and running. It use to run 8-9 hours and now it's down to 1 hour and is pumping 3 times the flow. He is checking into the city getting out of the gas business. Replacing the present gas tank would be approximately \$5,000 plus the insurance on it is \$750.00 per year. Solchenberger is dong to check into what it would take to shut the system down – whether the tank has to be dug up or what has to be done.

Houzenga stated the new computer server was delivered today. Just in time because their storage space is less than a thumb drive.

Jerry Wiebers asked about the senior housing. Roth reported that it is moving forward and she is looking at property.

Deb Wiese stated the Sharing Tree is a continuous thing. It starts with Trick or Treat for the Needy in October. Boxes will be packed in mid-December. She hopes the city arrives at a solution.

Yvonne Henn asked about the senior housing survey that was supposed to have gone out. She was told that it went out in the latest newsletter.

At 7:19 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer