

City of Camanche, Iowa

May 5, 2015

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session May 5, 2015 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, Brian Donnelly, and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Hilgendorf, and Jindrich.

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

Roth asked the council if it would be OK to add Danny McGarry, 316 4th Avenue, to the agenda. He bought property from Brandon Dohrn and would like to ask the council if he could buy some of the property being leased by Artco.

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

Moved by Lind, second by McManus to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held April 21, 2015; approve Abstract No. 632 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	1,065.45
BOSS INC	CHAIRS,CHAIRMATs	830.22
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	ALTERNATORS	348.22
CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SPRING TEXTBOOKS-FRANKLIN,GRAY	442.90
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	161.64
CLERK'S PETTY CASH FUND	LUNCHES,POSTAGE,CAR WASHES	81.47
CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	LETTERHEAD-POLICE DEPT	40.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,174.99
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	276.92
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	WASH BLVD ENHANCE-PAY APP#1	6,851.60
ECONOMY PLBG/HEATING INC	SERVICE WATER HEATER-POLICE	155.50
GALE	BOOKS	195.13
GATEWAY DOOR COMPANY	IND DUTY JACKSHAFT OPERATOR	1,146.16
GATEWAY UNITED WAY	UNITED WAY	20.00
HARTZ LOCK COMPANY	KEYS FOR NEW CITY HALL	21.50
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL EMAILS	34.20
ING	DEFERRED COMP	500.00
IPERS	IPERS	6,385.62
ELECTRONICS INC	NEW ANTENNA,LABOR-CITY HALL	1,075.76
LESLIE ELECTRIC	SERVICE CALL-WELL #3	52.00
MIKE MCMANUS	BASEBALL BASES	482.00
MEREMA BROTHERS INC	PARTS FOR MOWERS	155.89
MICROMARKETING LLC	TWO CDS	86.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,515.96
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	CHILDREN BOOKS	149.16
MIDWEST BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIES-POLICE	68.81
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	9,923.24
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	6 PK PAPER	4.99
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	609.57
QC METALLURGICAL LAB	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	20.00
QUILL CORPORATION	LAMINATOR CARTRIDGE	75.98
THOMAS ROTH	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	88.13

SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	FLOW TESTING,PUMP SERVICE	1,925.10
DAVE SCHUTTE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	150.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG-COUNCIL,ASST LIVING MTG	1,038.10
BETH THILMANY-BLUMER	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	5.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	4,341.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	VALVE BOX RISER	91.98
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	73.38
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	ROCK FOR ALLEYS	493.53
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	454.49
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	859.00
EDENS CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION DRAW-CITY HALL	20,534.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	571.02
CHRISTY LEU	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	336.65
PREMIER PARTS INC	BELT-CEMETERY MOWER	38.75
ADRIAN'S COLLISION CENTER	PAINT FILING CABINET	154.00
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	SCREWS	2.00
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	813.14
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	1,350.00
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERV	COLLECTION	35.80
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	APRIL/MAY HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS	60,097.62
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	281.28
PLATINUM SMART INC.	INV 15-1578 DOMAIN SSL-3 YRS	637.15
AMAZON	DVDS	551.04
TOWN SQUARE PUBLICATIONS	BALANCE-AD-CHAMBER COMMERCE	500.00
HDSUPPLY	HAMMER DRILL IMPACT COMBO KIT	390.48
ABSTRACT & TITLE GUARANTY	REIMBURSE LITEHOUSE-TAXES	1,702.00
O'MEARA CUSTOM PRODUCTS	CUSTOM BUILT COUNCIL TABLES	2,120.00
KIM STUTTING	REIMBURSE-PAYMENT THRU TWICE	343.21
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	OVER PHONE INTERPRETATION	362.40
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 04/24/2015	32,368.65
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	144,791.13

Approve Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales for Jersey's as submitted by Brenda and Mark Waldorf, approve Application for Tax Abatement for 2126 14th Street as submitted by Richard and Barbara Ketelsen. On roll call – all ayes.

Danny McGarry, 316 4th Avenue, would like a 20'x150' strip of land that Artco is leasing from the city to build an attached garage. He will be building a 3 car garage and will access it from the blacktop that Artco leases. Jim Dougherty, with Artco, has written a contract up. He would like the city to sell him that portion of 4th Street. Roth indicated it is an involved process. There would have to be a public hearing on the sale of that property along with resolutions passed. The council agreed to go ahead with the process.

Moved by Varner, second by Willis, to approve the appointment of Brian Donnelly to fill Thomas Lonergan's term of office as City Attorney. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Willis, second by Lind to approve a Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on a Proposal to Amend the FYE 2015 Budget. On roll call – all ayes.

Tax Abatement – There was discussion on an Amendment to the Tax Abatement Program for an area from Artco north to Clysar. Roth stated he will be meeting with Clysar representatives and the county assessor to find out what the new values of the expansion will be. The council agreed to table this until the next meeting.

Roth administered the Oath of Office of City Attorney to Brian Donnelly.

Donnelly wanted to thank the council and mayor for appointing him. He would like them to contact him with any questions.

Roth sent a letter to ECIA asking if we could transfer leftover STP funds from the 9th Avenue Curb and Gutter project to the 3rd Street Mill and Overlay project.

Solchenberger relayed to Roth that he will light a fire under Determann Asphalt to get things progressing faster on the Washington Blvd. Enhancement project.

Roth stated the city has received a letter from PERB concerning the employees who wish to join the bargaining unit.

Fahlbeck was wondering if we could take the black chairs (that were in the council chambers of the old city hall) from the closet and maybe take them to Garner Hall.

Fahlbeck was wondering where are we on the handbook. Roth stated he is half way through proof reading it. Wruck questioned if we can have a date. Roth commented that it will be on the next agenda.

Fahlbeck got a call from the transportation department at the school about Dunn Road. Where are we for a plan to fix it? Hilgendorf stated he, Solchenberger, Roth and Todd Powers met and looked at the rural roads. They are trying to develop a plan. Roth informed the council that the city is going to get an extra \$80,000 in road use funds. They have asked Solchenberger and Powers to come up with numbers. They then could see if bonding for the repairs would be feasible.

Fahlbeck stated he talked to Ronnie and the mural for the wall out front is just about done.

Fahlbeck was wondering where the blueprints were going to be located that were at the old city hall. Roth informed the council they will be put in the basement of the police station. The water, sewer and zoning maps will be on the back wall of the council chambers.

McManus asked Hilgendorf about street sweeping. Hilgendorf stated sealed bids are due May 18th. McManus would like someone to look at the area between the post office and Adrian's. The concrete has heaved and the asphalt has sunk. Someone wiped out there.

Lind questioned the sale of the property behind the old city hall. Sealed bids are due May 18th.

Wruck brought up the issue of having a sign-up sheet at city hall. He would like to see what the traffic is – if they came in for city business – how long are they here? Why are some employees' vehicles here for 3 hours? Roth asked if he wanted the department heads to sign in also. There was a heated discussion concerning this matter. Bob Edens asked what the repercussion is if people come in too much. The matter of a sign-up sheet will be put on the next agenda.

Wruck had concerns about a paragraph that Roth put in the newsletter. Has employees seen it? Roth read that paragraph. He stated he doesn't want to be accused of taking sides. Another heated discussion followed.

At 7:14 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned until May 19, 2015.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer

The meeting minutes are being amended at the request of the mayor:

Wruck had concerns about a paragraph that Roth put in the newsletter. Has employees seen it? Roth read the paragraph – “It’s fairly obvious that we have a polarized city council. Disagreements are common, often accompanied by emotions and “venting”. That’s fine and it is what it is. I have told most of you that it makes it very difficult to do my job as “no man can serve two masters.” Last week, when visiting with the mayor, I explained that, if there are sides to be chosen, I have no interest in choosing a side. I simply want to do what is best for the City and our community; as I’m sure each of you want to do. I work for 5 councilmembers and the mayor, collectively. Individually, we’ll agree and we’ll disagree. That’s inevitable. I will speak honestly and frankly, which is what I believe you pay me to do. In the meantime, I’d ask each of you to keep in mind how difficult it is to work in an environment that is so divided – not just for me, but all of the City employees.” Roth stated he doesn’t want to be accused of taking sides. Another heated discussion followed.