

City of Camanche, Iowa

September 1, 2015

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 1, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Willis, Lind, Varner, and Wruck. McManus was absent. Also present were City Administrator Roth and department heads Houzenga, Schutte and Hilgendorf and City Clerk/Treasurer Jindrich.

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

Fahlbeck stated that if everyone is in agreement, due to the absence of McManus, he would like to remove three items from the agenda until a full council can be present: Approve Professional Engineering Services for Storage Bldg. /Community Center; Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Camanche Fire and Police Bargaining Unit and Approving of hiring a replacement police officer.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve the agenda with the three items deleted. On roll call – all ayes.

Fahlbeck opened a public hearing on the sale of lots behind the Old City Hall Building to Steve Reckman at 6:04 P.M. After hearing no comments for or against, the mayor closed the public hearing at 6:05 P.M.

Garner Hall – Roth commented that a public referendum cannot be held for saving Garner Hall. You can't have a referendum for a public opinion. If we were borrowing money for a building, then you could hold a referendum. The City of Clinton can hold a referendum for a public opinion because of the language in their charter. Our charter does not allow.

Clara Wiebers was wondering if the DNR has come in yet to look at Garner Hall. She was also wondering if Alliant has come to do an energy audit. She stated that TAN will be conducting an inspection to see if the building is worth saving. She is going to have the Historic Preservation come in. She is getting money together to bring someone in to inspect the building. Judy Dell commented that she has talked to 3 Historical Society members and they say it isn't worth savings.

Moved by Willis, second by Lind to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held August 4, 2015; approve Abstract #639 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	274.32
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	117.50
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,692.25
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	138.46
ED'S CONCRETE & MASONARY	ADDITIONAL SIDEWALK	2,880.00
	MAINTENANCE-EMER	
ELECTRICAL ENG & EQUIP CO	GENERATORS	993.23
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	SPLINT SYSTEM	4,182.13
GALE	BOOKS	251.09
GATEWAY DOOR COMPANY	39955-JACKSHAFT OPERATOR-FIRE	1,268.89
GRAINGER	EARPLUGS - GARAGE	127.20
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL LOCATES	54.00
IA ASSOC PROF FIRE CHIEFS	DUES	50.00
ING	DEFERRED COMP	500.00

IPERS	IPERS	6,301.21
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,PIC DEV,WATER,JUICE	171.59
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	5,168.10
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	157.96
MIDWEST BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIES	77.02
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	PUMP-7TH AVE LIFT,TRANSDUCER	3,747.00
JEFFREY MOORE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	15.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	7,471.64
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INS-JULY,AUG,SEPT	1,824.57
QC METALLURGICAL LAB	SAMPLE ANALYSIS-WELL #2	20.00
QUALITY CONCRETE	STAKEPINS,CONCRETE-MANHOLE	221.90
RICHARD SCHMITZ JR	SAFETY SHOES	200.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG-WASH BLVD ENHANCEMENT	8,049.27
TEAM TWO INC	AMBULANCE BILLING-JULY 2015	1,175.76
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	4,195.00
PAUL VARNER	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	50.00
WATCON INC	2-55 GAL POLYPHOSPHATE	3,280.71
WITT'S SMALL ENGINE	SPRINGS,CHAIN,KNOBS-CEMETERY	67.50
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	844.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	290.35
PREMIER PARTS INC	BATTERY	108.12
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	444.47
MAYER, LONERGAN & ROLFES	LEGAL SERVICES-7/28-31/2015	510.90
DEPT OF INSPECTIONS	RENEW FOOD SERVICE LICENSE	67.50
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	813.14
GATEWAY AREA CHAPTER	AMER RED CROSS	50.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS	26,781.81
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	567.00
PETS FOREVER	DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION MEDS	85.50
AMAZON	DVDS	63.35
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	120.13
CALIFF & HARPER	LABOR LEGAL SERVICES-THRU 7/31	15,239.55
SUSAN J.M. BAUMAN	CITY SHARE-CANCEL ARBITRATION	500.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/28/2015	32,809.94
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	109,709.12
	GENERAL FUND	96,283.23
	LIBRARY FUND	5,828.02
	PARKS FUND	2,324.76
	CEMETERY FUND	2,326.65
	ROAD USE FUND	4,606.68
	WASH BLVD ENHANCEMENT FUND	8,049.27
	WATER UTILITY FUND	9,677.24
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	13,423.21

Receive, accept and place on file minutes from August 10, 2015 Rose Hill Cemetery, minutes from August 5, 2015 Camanche Public Library; approve new Class B Native Wine, Class C Beer Permit, Class E Liquor License and Sunday Sales effective 10/8/2015 as submitted by Casey's Marketing Company; approve Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit as submitted by Casey's; approve a Resolution of the City Council Establishing Fees for Burials at Rose Hill Cemetery; set fall pick-up for Tuesday, October 6 (Monday's route) and Tuesday, October 13 (Thursday's route); approve 2015 Annual TIF Report. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Willis, second by Lind to approve a Resolution Directing the Sale of a Parcel of Real Estate Located at the Intersection of 9th Avenue and 2nd Street, Legally Described as the South 88' of Lot 1, Block 10, Range 2 and Lot 2, Block 10, Range 2 in the City of Camanche to Steven E. Rickman for the Price of \$27,500.00. On roll call – all ayes.

Golf Carts – Fahlbeck stated that the council had some discussion at the last meeting. Lynne has provided the proof of insurance. Fahlbeck was wondering if the Chief has inspected the cart. He would recommend approving the application pending inspection of the golf cart.

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to approve the Application for Permit to Operate a Golf Cart on Camanche City Streets as submitted by Lynne Hilgendorf for her daughter Carsen Hilgendorf. On roll call – all ayes.

RAGBRAI 2016 – Roth reported that the city has sent in an application the last couple of years. It is a lot of work. He has talked to the school superintendent. They would be willing to provide space for parking and tents. Fahlbeck said they have bypassed us and gone to larger cities. Roth commented that they like to change up the geographical locations – they will go to the north, then to the south and then maybe to the middle of the state. The last time Bellevue hosted the last day, there was a net profit of \$45,000. It went back into the community organizations. Fahlbeck said there will be a lot of revenue coming into the community. Willis was wondering what the department heads thought about it. Bob and Dave are OK with it. Roth commented that the challenge will be how to get them into town without using Hwy. 30. They don't like to use state highways. It was the council's consensus to go ahead with the application – it will be great for the community. Hilgendorf commented that he will be gone during that time.

Roth reported that it is time to put articles together for a community newsletter. He had a phone call from Donna Current asking if it would be OK for the Sharing Tree to use the old city hall. He is in the process of updating job descriptions.

Fahlbeck was wondering how Hilgendorf was doing with inspecting the city's sidewalks. Hilgendorf stated they did clean them up (has the grass out of the cracks). There may be 8-9 squares that need to be addressed. Willis said that he had talked to Hilgendorf about inspecting the sidewalks in the spring or the fall. If we do it by complaints, people will feel we are cherry picking. Wruck would like to see the ordinance updated so that any complaints do not have to come before the council.

Fahlbeck read a letter from IPSCO concerning a permanent mass lay-off. It will affect 44 people. He only hopes that oil prices will adjust so the people can come back.

Fahlbeck read a Thank You from Sharon Stearns concerning the new Camanche lighted sign and benches along Washington Blvd.

Wruck asked Hilgendorf if he looked at the cracks in Murphy's Subdivision. He called Illowa – they are booked until next year. Todd Powers contacted them also. They will be coming Thursday to talk with Hilgendorf – hope they can squeeze the city in.

Willis said that on the consent agenda the dates were set for fall pick-up. He was wondering about getting that into the paper. Jindrich said that it will be on water bills, the community newsletter and an article will also be placed in the Clinton Herald.

Houzenga reported that an 8th police officer in the last 11 days has been killed.

Charlie Blount was wondering if an insurance waiver was provided with the golf cart application. He was told that she did provide proof of insurance.

Klahn asked the city clerk specifically what items were taken off the agenda. He saw that there \$15,000 in labor law services paid. How much more will be spent? The city has not gotten the bill for August yet.

Judy Dell was wondering what the City wants Park and Rec. to do with Lum Park. There are 5 lots. The neighbors are very intimidating – they just stare at you. You can't drive through it. What can be done? They would like the City's input. Wruck commented that a lot of people probably don't even know it's there.

Bob Duncan was wondering about the lamps that were going to be placed in the triangle piece of ground. Fahlbeck informed him it was too costly to provide the electrical. Bob also wanted to thank Mark for turning the buffalo box at 19th Avenue and 11th Street.

Charlie Blount stated he likes parks. But Lum Park should be evaluated. Maybe the city could sell it off. Roth said the city could sell it off and put the money into the other parks. Or they could put equipment in it. Judy said to get the word out and she is putting an article in the next newsletter telling the people about it.

At 6:50 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the regular meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer