

City of Camanche, Iowa

September 15, 2015

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 15, 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, City Attorney Donnelly, and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Hilgendorf and City Clerk/Treasurer Jindrich.

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

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

Fahlbeck read a “Proclamation for Drive the Great River Road Month – September 2015.

Garner Hall – Clara Wiebers turned in a petition with 113 names asking that the demolition of Garner Hall be placed on the ballot. She was told by the county auditor to turn the petition into Roth. Clara stated that Paula Moore, with the State Historical Preservation, would like to send someone to see if the building is worth saving. She has copies of deeds that stated that if Garner Hall was not going to be a community building anymore; it would go back to the original owners. Fahlbeck would like to get copies of those deeds. Donnelly would like to look at the deeds. Clara was wondering why everything is being put on that side of the tracks. What happens if the train blocks the tracks? She was told only a few pieces will be in the new building. Roth stated that the City of Camanche cannot do a public opinion referendum. Wruck stated that people are looking for a larger place to hold family functions. Bonnie McManus was wondering how many firefighters live on the river side of the tracks. Schutte said there are at least 4 with 2 being paramedics. Schutte stated that part of the grant was to get some equipment in the new building – the doors are not high enough to the old building. Charlie Blount feels it should be up to the city to do what they wish with the property.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from the council meeting held September 1, 2015; approve Abstract No. 640 which includes the following:

CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	OIL FILTER FOR MOWER	30.96
CLINTON HERALD	CIVIL SERV ADS,LEGAL PUBLICATION	974.65
CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	4 PART CIVIL CITATIONS	296.00
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	23,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,397.60
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE DISPOSAL	316.36
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	138.46
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENTAL	10.00
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	LEGAL SERV-TAX ABATEMENT	4,540.00
ECONOMY PLBG/HEATING INC	SERVICE AIR COND-GARNER HALL	109.31
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHTING	37.20
ELECTRICAL ENG & EQUIP CO	7TH AVE GENERATOR REPAIR	3,117.80
FASTENAL COMPANY	CABLE TIES-CAMANCHE DAYS	8.03
GALE	ONE BOOK	20.80
GATEWAY DOOR COMPANY	40129-INSTALL ROLLERS,HINGES	226.23
GENERAL BOOK COVERS	BOOK JACKETS	134.65
HARTZ LOCK COMPANY	PADLOCKS	141.24
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	BATTERY,CIRCUIT BREAKER	95.82
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS	906.81
J & C ENTERPRISES	SEPTEMBER COLLECTION	154.00
JIM'S FAB	WELD TARP ON TRUCK #17	25.00

KYLE KING	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	5.82
LECTRONICS INC	RADIO MAINTENANCE	222.50
LESLIE ELECTRIC	DOCK LIGHTS,FLASHER	201.00
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,GAS,CRAFT SUPPLIES	177.90
LOW MOOR AG SERVICE INC	PRAMITOL	191.92
MASTERCARD	BIKE RACK,MEDICBATTERIES,VACUU	905.42
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	INSTALL HYDRANT-CITY PARK	525.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS FOR AUG 2015	84.00
MEREMA BROTHERS INC	BELTS-CEMETERY MOWER	147.52
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	87.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	3,543.67
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	LEVEL RATE TRANSDUCER	975.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	7,986.86
PAULS DISCOUNT	HOSE,DECON,WASP SPRAY	147.44
POSTMASTER	MAIL 3RD QTR WATER/SEWER BILLS	454.59
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	CYLINDER RENTAL	65.10
PREMIER LINEN/UNIFORM	TOWELS,RUGS,MOP HEADS	147.46
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CONTROL	89.00
QUALITY CONCRETE	CONCRETE-BIKE RACK,CENT PARK	183.00
RIVER CITY DISPOSAL LLC	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING	22,659.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG SERV-DUNN ROAD REHAB	3,964.42
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	AUGUST SALES TAX	260.65
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	24 RADIO READ METERES	4,568.66
VERTEX CHEMICAL COMPANY	95 GALLONS HYPOCHLORITE	140.60
WITT'S SMALL ENGINE	PRIMER BULB-WEED EATER	12.00
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	844.00
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS	390.00
KELTEK INCORPORATED	BLUE LIGHT	76.95
XOP NETWORKS	FIREBAR 10/1-12/31/15	600.00
OPENEDGE	CREDIT CARD SERVICES	100.84
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	187.50
MAYER, LONERGAN & ROLFES	ATTORNEY SERVICES-AUGUST 2015	1,310.10
MABAS DIV 30	MABAS DUES	175.00
ILLOWA BASE	3RD STREET CRACKSEALING	9,840.00
CITY OF CAMANCHE	CAFETERIA MONTHLY	43.75
PLATINUM SMART INC.	3RD QTR WATER/SEWER BILLS	322.08
VERIZON WIRELESS01	PIS15-3205-IT SUPPORT	1,431.40
PLATINUM LEASING	CELL PHONES-POLICE	221.40
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES	LEASE-SERVER AND PHONE SYSTEM	1,289.00
LINDA RUNGE	COPIER MAINTENANCE	62.51
GLOCK PROFESSIONAL INC	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	514.66
JUDY DELL	ARMORER'S COURSE-DETERMANN	250.00
BOONSTRA HEATING	MULCH,LANDSCAPE FABRIC-TREES	25.65
OUTDOOR FITNESS INC.	SERVICE CALL-FIRE DEPT	75.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	EXERCISE EQUIPMENT	5,746.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	REFUND DATE 09/09/2015	504.34
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/02/2015	706.06
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/11/2015	31,332.37
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	115,382.29
	GENERAL FUND	52,015.08
	LIBRARY FUND	4,518.61
	PARKS FUND	8,569.41
	CEMETERY FUND	1,653.83

ROAD USE FUND	18,663.77
POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	575.00
WATER UTILITY FUND	9,271.49
SEWER UTILITY FUND	29,682.51
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	22,975.36

Receive and approve the City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for August 2015 which had receipts of: General - \$114,752.87, Library - \$11,393.58, Parks - \$7,637.34, Cemetery - \$4,158.92, Road Use - \$61,611.49, Employee Benefit - \$8.43, Police & Fire Pension - \$17.92, Perpetual Care - \$300.00, Debt Service - \$34.25, Washington Blvd. Enhancement - \$146,496.04, Water Utility Fund - \$2,466.32, Sewer Utility - \$4,170.04, Landfill/Garbage - \$1,561.78 for a total of \$354,608.98; receive, accept and place on file the August 2015 Police and Fire Reports; receive, accept and place on file the minutes from Park and Rec. meeting held September 1, 2015; set Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6-8 as Trick-or-Treat. On roll call – all ayes.

The Professional Engineering Services for Storage Bldg. /Community Center was tabled.

Collective Bargaining Agreement – Fahlbeck wanted to thank the committee. It was a long process. It went from mediation to arbitration. It was settled a week before it went to arbitration. Wanted to thank the police and fire departments for their efforts.

Moved by Lind, second by Wruck to approve the Resolution Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Camanche Police and Fire Bargaining Unit for FYE 2016 and 2017. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Wruck to accept the resignation of Mike McManus from the council effective 09/09/2015. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth stated there are two options. The council can fill the vacancy by appointment with the majority of the council. A resident can then file a petition calling for a special election. The council has 60 days to decide what they want to do. They can wait until after the general election and fill the seat then. They would have to hold a special meeting. A lot of people have taken out papers. There will be a surplus of candidates. It was the consensus of the council to wait until after the general election.

Donnelly reported that the closing was held on the vacant lots behind the old city hall. Now that the collective bargaining contract is finished, he can move forward with the other employment matters.

Roth reported that Solchenberger looked at the issue of a drop-off on 9th Street behind Lyondell. They put a barricade on it. Shive Hattery will decide what needs to be done. Roth also said that the trees have been planted in the parks. Terry and Judy Dell have been mulching and watering them. With coordinating the Christmas decorations and the trees, they have gone above and beyond the call of duty. He has been working on the newsletter and the job descriptions. He and the city clerk will be gone Thursday and part of Friday next week to the League of Cities meeting in Cedar Rapids.

Fahlbeck would like to appoint Marv Lind to be the liaison for Park and Recreation until McManus's council seat is filled. He wanted to point out that there is a deep drop off around a culvert on Dunn Road – around the corner from the bus barn. Hilgendorf will look into it.

Willis wanted to say that the lights that are on the poles on the bypass are not very bright at all. Hilgendorf stated they put those on there on a temporary basis. He has talked to the DOT about signs – like that one that is at Washington Blvd. and Hwy 67. The city will buy them, install them and the DOT will reimburse us for them. He will be ordering them tomorrow.

Wruck would like the council to have a copy of the newsletter before it is printed. He would like to thank the mayor for sticking with negotiations.

Blount was concerned who the moderator was going to be for the candidates' forum. Fahlbeck said the chamber usually sets it up. Blount was wondering who makes up the questions. The reason he is asking is he thought the questions were biased. Judy Dell was wondering if the public could write down questions and have them asked. Roth will check with Nathan. Blount said the children are our future and he feels the candidates should talk to the high schoolers.

Jim Robertson was wondering how much the city spent on collective bargaining. Jindrich stated that all the bills are not in yet - \$23,000 so far. He is concerned that the replacement police officer item on the agenda had been scratched again. Fahlbeck would like to see a full council present to make that decision. If it's a 2-2 tie, then it dies.

Gary Tucker was wondering why the city can't go back to the previous election where McManus was elected and use the next highest vote getter. Fahlbeck commented that we are so close to the present election. He would rather wait to use that. Willis wanted to make everyone aware that they can still make decisions even though it may be a 2-2 vote.

Bob Duncan was curious if CRDC is looking into getting someone in the old Stampede building. Roth reported that CRDC has been out there. It is not easy to market it because of all of the small buildings. Roth will check with CRDC to see if it is listed with the State.

Amber Metzger commented that the Camanche sign looks great. She was wondering what is being done on the abandoned house next to her. Donnelly stated a certified letter has been sent to Fanny May. We are trying to find who the property servicer is.

Fahlbeck read an invitation to the Fall Kick-Off for September 29, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 in Central Park.

At 7:07 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer