

City of Camanche, Iowa

October 6, 2015

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session October 6, 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. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Donnelly, City Engineer Solchenberger, department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Hilgendorf and City Clerk/Treasurer Jindrich.

Fahlbeck informed the council and audience that Les Shadle had passed away. Les had been on the Cemetery Board for many years. Les could be considered an honorary council member as he faithfully attended the council meetings. Paul Willis stated that the visitation will be Thursday from 4-7 and the funeral will be Friday at 10:00 at Camanche Snell-Zornig. We all need to keep the Shadle family in our prayers.

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

Moved by Varner, 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 September 15, 2015; approve Abstract No. 641 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	287.81
AMERICAN ELECTRIC INC	ADD 4 OUTLETS-LIBRARY	950.00
BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY	ONE BOOK	14.75
BOSS INC	COPY PAPER,TAPE,CLIPBOARDS	305.05
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CAMANCHE FOOD PRIDE	CLEANING SUPPLIES	112.02
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	BATTERY,ABSORBENT	128.99
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	113.60
CLERK'S PETTY CASH FUND	POSTAGE,DRILL MANHOLE COVER	87.89
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	23,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	10,744.44
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	138.46
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENTAL	10.00
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	2.05 TONS PREMIX	180.40
IOWA DNR	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE	99.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	SCREWS,NUTS	4.19
GALE	BOOKS	210.32
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL LOCATES	62.10
ING	DEFERRED COMP	500.00
IPERS	IPERS	6,366.25
J & C ENTERPRISES	OCTOBER COLLECTION	154.00
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	UNLEADED/DIESEL	2,266.52
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,TAPE	168.73
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	TRUCKING SALT TO GARAGE	351.15
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	85.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	5,850.88
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR	QUARTERLY AIR TEST	124.00
MIDWEST BUSINESS		
PRODUCTS	COPIES-CITY HALL, POLICE	82.86
MPH INDUSTRIES INC	CABLE,DISPLAY ASSEMBLY	1,999.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	11,379.93

POSTMASTER	MAIL NEWSLETTER,PERMIT FEES	1,191.00
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CONTROL-LIB,G HALL, C HALL	89.00
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE-PRETAX	1,215.42
QC METALLURGICAL LAB	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	115.00
QUALITY CONCRETE	CONCRETE-9TH AVE MINI-PARK	137.00
RIVER CITY DISPOSAL LLC	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING	22,659.00
RJS INC	EMERGENCY SERVICE CALL	650.88
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	TRAFFIC PAINT	265.75
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG SERV-WASH BLVD ENHANCEMENT	714.91
TEAM TWO INC	BILLING FEE-AUGUST 2015	662.38
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SEPTEMBER SALES TAX	7,047.17
VERTEX CHEMICAL COMPANY	95 GALLONS HYPOCHLORITE	140.60
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	934.00
RAY O'HERRON CO INC	STREAMLIGHT	301.37
QUAD CITY SAFETY	LEATHER GLOVES	59.95
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	301.79
DEPENDABLE DRAIN & PLUMB	LOCATE SEWER S WASH & 5TH ST	197.50
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	SERVICE TOILET-GUN RANGE	50.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	611.18
ILLOWA	CRACK SEALING-MURPHY'S	3,060.00
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	813.14
GATEWAY AREA CHAPTER	AMER RED CROSS	50.00
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERV	PLACEMENTS	17.90
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS	28,150.61
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	580.44
SMART APPLE MEDIA	BOOKS	159.65
WIN-911 SOFTWARE	ANNUAL RENEWAL SCADA SOFTWARE	395.00
FOREMOST PROMOTIONS	PENCIL TOPPERS-FIRE PREVENTION	150.06
AMAZON	DVDS	201.71
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	120.13
VERIZON WIRELESS01	CELL PHONES-POLICE	222.76
CALIFF & HARPER	LABOR ATTORNEY FEES-SEPT 2015	12,176.30
BROAD	BOOKS	156.65
WREEVES AND ASSOC. INC.	LENS COVER AMBULANCE LIGHT	31.71
SPANGLER'S LANDSCAPING	TREES FOR CITY PARKS	791.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/25/2015	34,973.89
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 10/01/2015	1,409.38
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 10/02/2015	898.72
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	151,148.30
	GENERAL FUND	101,981.85
	LIBRARY FUND	7,051.41
	PARKS FUND	3,856.24
	CEMETERY FUND	2,486.93
	ROAD USE FUND	8,062.28
	WASH BLVD ENHANCEMENT FUND	714.91
	WATER UTILITY FUND	12,264.87
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	29,352.80
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	22,659.00

Receive, accept and place on file the minutes from Library Board meeting held September 2, 2015, Historical Board meeting held September 10, 2015, Rose Hill Cemetery meeting held September 14, 2015; approve Application for Tax Abatement as submitted by Ryan Thumann – 1465 Woods Avenue; accept resignation of Tammy Campie from the Cemetery Board effective September 16, 2015. On roll call – all ayes.

Garner Hall Deed Restrictions – Donnelly stated he looked at the deeds and abstracts. According to the State Code there is a 21 year limit on restrictions on deeds. Also, in 1977 the heirs filed papers stating they wanted nothing to be with the restrictions. Therefore, the restrictions are not applicable.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve the Professional Services Agreement from Shive-Hattery for the Community Center/Fire Department Storage Building. On roll call – all ayes.

21st Street Culvert – it is very dangerous. The short term fix will help with the safety issues and the erosion problem. Solchenberger stated the concrete is falling off. There is a crack but he does not know how deep it is. The temporary repair would be to place larger Lego type concrete blocks and build up the asphalt. Long term – could do a structural analysis at a cost of approximately \$1,200. This would give the City options or see if a full replacement needs to be made. There is no warrant right now for a guard rail. The City of Clinton states the culvert is not on their property. He will have the survey guys take a look at it. Wruck questioned if a regular metal culvert could be put in. Solchenberger said a concrete box will last longer. Fahlbeck commented that when we have shared roadways, it seems like nobody knows who owns what. He would like the city engineer to have it surveyed to see who has what. It needs to be replaced no matter what. Lind wanted to know what the bandage fix is. It would be to set the blocks.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to go ahead with the temporary repair of the culvert. On roll call – all ayes.

Fire Department Pickup Truck – Schutte stated they will be replacing the 1997 pickup truck. They had applied for a grant and it was partially funded. They had applied for \$27,000 and they were funded shy of \$14,000. When he filled out the grant, he used the state bid for a Ford. He found out that the Chevy state bid is \$1,000 cheaper. \$13,000 will come out of capital equipment fund. He will be going after small grants and will be selling the present truck. Wruck was wondering what the truck is used for. Schutte stated it is used more for fire – pulling the boat, hauling hoses.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to allow Schutte to purchase the new truck. On roll call – all ayes.

Mississippi Valley Paranormal – Fahlbeck stated he was contacted by Sally Jacobs. The Mississippi Valley Paranormal would like to examine Garner Hall. Willis would like them to sign a release of liability. Fahlbeck feels a representative from the city should be there. Tom Klahn was wondering that the benefit is. Judy Dell was wondering if they were going to pay rent.

Moved by Wruck, second by Lind to allow the Mississippi Valley Paranormal to examine Garner Hall and have them sign a release of liability. On roll call – all ayes.

Consideration and first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-3-10 of the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Subsection 12, Establishing Speed Limits on 9th Avenue from the Intersection with US 67 Westward to the Corporate Limits.

Moved by Willis, second by Lind to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-3-10 of the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Subsection 12, Establishing Speed Limits on 9th Avenue from the Intersection with US 67 Westward to the Corporate Limits. On roll call – ayes – Lind, Varner, Wruck, and Willis.

Edens Second Addition – Clinton Engineering delivered the 2 year maintenance bond in the amount of \$200,000 today. Bob Edens stated he could put up snow fence at the edge of his

property so people won't drive through the other property owner's land. With the new senior housing project, that lane will be the access.

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Moved by Varner, second by Lind to approve a Resolution Formally Accepting the Public Improvements in Edens Second Addition. On roll call – all ayes.

RFQ's for City Attorney – Fahlbeck stated the contract with the present city attorney will be up at the end of the year. The city went out for RFQs, comparable prices, for the city engineer. How far out and how are we going to do it? Roth stated attorneys are more difficult because engineers have large firms. Most attorneys are in private practice and don't have practice with municipal law. Willis doesn't think we should go too far out because we would have to pay mileage. Donnelly suggested that the city contact local bar associations.

Moved by Lind, second by Wruck to go forward with sending out RFQ's for city attorney. On roll call – ayes – Wruck, Willis, Lind. Nays – Varner.

City Engineer Report – Solchenberger thanked the council for the opportunity to do the engineering for the storage building/community center. The trees have to be planted yet for the Washington Blvd. Project. He will call Todd Powers.

Roth stated the Candidate's Forum will be held October 22, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Fire Station.

Fahlbeck stated that \$28,014.85 has been spent on the labor attorney. Tom Klahn – do you know why it was spent? He got a certified letter for a prohibited practice because of what he said in a public meeting. He was told by Art Eggers that it was illegal. Art also had brought forward that there is something illegal in the contracts – the retiree's health insurance provision. Because of Art's help with negotiations, this is the first time that the employee's had to contribute more to their premiums. Also the city took 50% of their deductibles away. The city has made improvements along the way. It was a smart move. Willis stated the retiree health insurance did not make the contracts illegal. Varner commented that there was no intent to hide this benefit. This has been in the contracts since 1981.

Wruck is frustrated. He made a commitment to the city. He wants his name out of the election process. He stated there are 3 people (candidates) in the room that are saying false things. He was asked to name them which he did not.

Houzenga reported that there were 20 applicants for the Civil Service testing. Seven showed up Saturday – 5 survived the physical agility. Three took the written test as two had already taken it.

Houzenga commented that letters were sent today to the candidates for the rules of the road for campaign signs. They cannot be put on city property.

Hilgendorf reported that the new flashing stop signs have been installed.

Schutte wanted to inform everybody that the Fire Department Open House will be this Saturday from 10-2. There will be a helicopter sitting in the parking lot between the police and fire department. He is frustrated hearing negative things about the police and fire. He has written roughly \$800,000 in grants. He does not go around with his hand out. Wruck wanted to let him know that he does not want to get rid of the paramedics. He may question the overtime from time to time.

Amber Metzger said the Speak Out Walk was last weekend. It was sad to see some new families participate which means they have lost a loved one to suicide. She is embarrassed about the rumors that are going on. She stated she is tired of the bullying. She gave a speech stating her concerns. She would like the candidate's forum moved to the high school theater.

Calvin Leitzen would like to see something done about the speed over the railroad tracks on 9th Avenue by his house – especially on nights and weekends. Fahlbeck was wondering if the speed trailer could be put there.

Gary Tucker said some of the political signs are missing. He would also like the speed trailer down on 3rd Street by the railroad tracks.

Tom Klahn thanked the Mayor for his explanation but he only asked how much was spent, not how it was spent. He told Billy Wruck that he was not one of the three candidates in the room that was spreading rumors.

Calvin Leitzen was wondering why we can't have a skating rink in the parks so there is something for the kids in the winter. He will donate \$500.00 towards a skating rink.

Tom White is concerned for the safety of the children and the crossing guard on 7th Avenue/11th Place. Why can't the city put stop signs on 7th Avenue. Roth stated that putting a roll out stop sign would be a better option. Fahlbeck would like the police to put a little presence there. Schutte will look into flashing hand held signs. Fahlbeck would like Asst. Police Chief to get with Tom Parker about this safety issue.

At 7:35 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer