

City of Camanche, Iowa

January 25, 2017

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met for a budget work session on January 25, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pro-Tem Varner, presiding in the absent of Mayor Willis, and the following named council members: Metzger, Saxon, Lind, and Wruck. Also present were City Administrator Andrew Kida and department heads Hilgendorf, Schutte, Lodge and Jindrich.

Kida stated that Tom Roth came down on Friday and Monday to help with the budget process. There is not much to change. The wages will increase and there will be an HAS as agreed upon in negotiations. There are no capital projects. The reserves are low. The equipment reserves are good because the city puts money in it every year. At the Des Moines meeting, the governor and the new governor assured them that the backfill will stay there.

Kida started going through the budget outline. The city may need to look into the garbage fund. 2008 was the last time we went out for bids. Allied Waste's bid then was \$76,000 higher than River City Disposal.

Vacation Sick Pay CD – need to look into putting money back into the CD. There will only be about \$40,000 left in the CD after Jindrich and Nissen retire this fiscal year. He proposes putting some of the money that would have gone into the insurance fund into this CD.

Police Car – they are proposing to replace the chief's car. They have had it for 11 years. It was purchased with a Homeland Security grant. They would like to get a more patrol friendly vehicle. The chief's car is not equipped as a patrol car. Lind feels we should wait until we have the new police chief and let him decide what kind of vehicle he wants. Some of the council members thought they were told this vehicle wouldn't be part of the rotation. Saxon would like the city to look into another Homeland Security Grant.

Kida stated there is not a lot of wiggle room in the budget. Something needs to be done. He stated that at the League Budget Meeting they recommended franchise fees. There is a line on the budget to levy taxes for the community center. Metzger was wondering where we went wrong on the costs of the community center.

Wruck says we need to be more creative with the budget. Lind said that before we raise taxes, he wants to make sure we have cut everything we can.

Wruck has a problem with Daryl retiring. We will be losing a mechanic. He would like to see the city outsource the grass cutting. Hilgendorf stated a few years ago a company contacted him and they ran off when they found out how much grass there was.

Varner stated there will come a time when we will have to raise property taxes or franchise fees. He doesn't want to see any city services cut.

Saxon would like to see the chairmen of the Board and Commissions come to the meetings to explain their budgets.

The next budget meeting will be January 31st at 6:00 PM following special council meeting.

Varner adjourned the budget session at 7:14 PM.

Paul Varner, Mayor Pro-Tem

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer