

City of Camanche

January 5, 2016

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session January 5, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Willis, presiding, and the following named council members: Metzger, Saxon, Lind, Varner, and Wruck. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Donnelly, City Engineer Solchenberger, department heads Hilgendorf, Houzenga, and Schutte and City Clerk/Treasurer Jindrich.

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

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to approve the agenda.

Consent Agenda – Lind had a question concerning the tax abatement item. He was wondering if it was for new construction. He was informed it was. Varner also wanted clarification on the credit change order to Determann Asphalt for Washington Blvd. Enhancement project. Solchenberger stated it was a penalty for concrete testing.

Moved by Varner, second by Lind to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held December 15, 2015; approve Abstract No. 647 which includes the following:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	AMBULANCE LIGHT	4.76
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	1,575.16
BLAIN'S FARM & FLEET	ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES	14.40
BONNELL INDUSTRIES INC	CUTTING EDGES,CURB SHOE	2,589.50
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	WIPER BLADES	70.66
CARRIAGE PAPER PROD CORP	TONER,INK ROLLS	215.51
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	117.50
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	21,907.44
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	646.16
CORE-VENS & COMPANY	2016 FORD INT/2016 SILVERADO	419.00
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	3.05 TONS PREMIX	268.40
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHTS	71.77
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	ELECTRODES,LANCETS,SORBITOL	565.76
FASTENAL COMPANY	BOLTS	16.34
GALE	BOOKS	29.60
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	80.00
ING	DEFERRED COMP	750.00
IPERS	IPERS	9,199.65
KYLE KING	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	70.82
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,COOKIES,TAPE,PIZZA	198.22
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	4.46
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES PLC	FLU SHOTS	720.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS FOR NOV 2015	17.00
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	294.96
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,855.38
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	111.87
MIDWEST BUSINESS		
PRODUCTS	COPIES-C HALL,POLICE	80.08
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	REPAIR EBARA PUMP	3,389.00
JEFFREY MOORE	DEDUCTIBLE/COINSURANCE	52.85
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	21,261.33
DALE NISSEN	DEDUCTIBLE/COINSURANCE	176.95
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	MEDICAL OXYGEN	150.44

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	871.58
QC METALLURGICAL LAB	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	20.00
THOMAS ROTH	DEDUCTIBLE/COINSURANCE	10.50
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG-COMM CTR,WASH BLVD ENHANC	17,191.36
SLEUTH SOFTWARE	SLEUTH MAINTENANCE RENEWAL	1,643.75
TEAM TWO INC	BILLING FEE-NOVEMBER 2015	827.35
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	6,837.00
ERIC VANLANCKER	11/3/15 ELECTION COSTS	2,871.66
PAUL VARNER	DEDUCTIBLE/COINSURANCE	10.00
DARYL YODER	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	197.52
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	1,868.00
QUAD CITY SAFETY	SAFETY COAT-ALDERMAN	49.95
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	342.54
DEPENDABLE DRAIN & PLUMB	LINING OF MANHOLES	12,065.00
PREMIER PARTS INC	BULBS	9.20
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	444.37
XOP NETWORKS	FIREBAR SERVICE	600.00
CAMANCHE HISTORICAL	25% YEARLY COSTS	455.10
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	BUSHINGS,TUBING-ONE TON	38.05
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	813.14
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS	27,224.66
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	814.68
PLATINUM SMART INC.	PIS15-4562-SUPPORT SERVICES	1,435.80
EASTERN IOWA PETRO	DIESEL-GENERATORS	570.17
AMAZON	DVDS	122.18
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	1,183.71
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO.	TROUBLESHOOT-NONEMERGENCY LINE	324.00
PLATINUM LEASING	LEASE-SERVER,MITEL	1,289.00
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES	COPIER MAINTENANCE-FIRE	62.15
CALIFF & HARPER	LEGAL FEES-ARBITRATION	1,530.38
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 12/17/2015	170.11
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12/16/2015	706.06
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12/18/2015	30,801.23
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12/31/2015	34,240.35
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/01/2016	5,035.41
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/02/2016	794.21
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/03/2016	794.21
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/04/2016	794.21
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/05/2016	3,600.70
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	150,797.77
	GENERAL FUND	149,481.90
	LIBRARY FUND	9,470.17
	PARKS FUND	3,564.41
	CEMETERY FUND	814.46
	ROAD USE FUND	9,202.27
	WASH BLVD ENHANCEMENT FUND	1,270.06
	COMM CTR/STORAGE BLDG FUND	15,921.30
	WATER UTILITY FUND	12,487.99
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	25,521.70

Approve Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales as submitted by Dolgencorp, LLC, dba Dollar General; receive, accept, and place on file minutes for Library Board meeting held December 2, 2015, Rose Hill Cemetery Board meeting held December 14, 2015; receive, accept and place on file the Abstract of Votes for special election held December 5, 2015; approve Tax Abatement Application for 1501 Woods Avenue as submitted by Jessica Schneeberger; approve Change Order #2 – Washington Blvd. Enhancement - \$2,410.50 credit, Pay Estimate #5 – Final – in the amount of \$26,424.40 to Determann Asphalt. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Lind, second by Saxon that second reading of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Section, 2-14-14 Operating a Perpetual Care Cemetery be by title only. On roll – ayes – Varner, Wruck, Metzger, Saxon, and Lind.

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to waive the third reading of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Section, 2-14-14 Operating a Perpetual Care Cemetery. On roll call – ayes – Wruck, Metzger, Saxon, Lind, and Varner.

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to adopt Ord. 737, an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Section, 2-14-14 Operating a Perpetual Care Cemetery. On roll call – Metzger, Saxon, Lind, Varner, and Wruck. Mayor declared said Ordinance Adopted.

Legal Services – Roth stated that RFQs were received from Brian Donnelly and John Frey/Randy Current. John Frey had informed Roth that they couldn't compete with Brian's prices. Roth stated he appreciates Brian's work. Wruck was wondering if we would have to bump up the legal fees for negotiations. Wruck commented that Brian would charge a \$500 retainer to attend council meetings and Frey would charge \$495 a month. Brian's hourly rate is \$85. Based on last year's hours, Brian would charge the city approximately \$14,000/yr. and Frey would charge approximately \$20,000. Wruck commented that sometimes you have to spend more money to get more. Metzger stated there is no open line of communication with Brian. She had called him and she didn't hear anything back from him. Wruck didn't like Lonergan through the negotiation process. He doesn't like dealing with a firm where Tom Lonergan could still have a hand in things. Brian informed Wruck that Tom Lonergan is not the city attorney, I am. Roth stated Brian is capable and he is responsive. Negotiations were a mess but they are behind us. It is not fair to blame it on anybody. Wruck commented that he shouldn't have had to research things on negotiations. The committee should have been given both sides.

Moved by Varner, second by Saxon, to retain Brian Donnelly – Mayer, Lonergan and Rolfes – as city attorney. On roll call – ayes – Saxon, Varner. Nays – Lind, Wruck, and Metzger.

Roth wanted to go on record stating this was a mistake. He will do whatever the council wants. Brian stated he can contact Frey. Willis commented that he doesn't know what the council wants and I don't think they know what they want. Saxon was wondering if the Roth had contacted the bar association when he sent out RFQs.

Moved by Wruck, second by Lind to appoint John Frey/Randy Current as the city's attorney. On roll call – ayes – Lind, Wruck, and Metzger. Nays – Varner and Saxon.

Willis stated that some of the candidates ran on accountability. How can this be accountability when they are spending more money?

Schutte read the Fire Department for November 2015.

City Council Committees – Willis stated he tried to contact everyone. Lind said he never got a call from him. Metzger stated the same thing. She has a problem with her appointment. She was wondering if she could switch with someone. Willis said he will leave everything the same.

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to approve the Mayor's City Council Committee appointments. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Wruck, Saxon, and Lind. Nays – Metzger.

Shive-Hattery Appointment – Solchenberger stated they took out the council meeting retainer the last time. They are only getting paid for meetings attended. When there are projects, they have contracts for bid design and construction review. Lind stated it was his idea for RFQs last year. He wanted to thank Dan for trying to save the city money.

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to approve Shive-Hattery Engineers as the city's engineer from January 1, 2016 through January 1, 2017. On roll call – all ayes.

DOT – 7th Avenue – Crossing Arms – Canadian Pacific contacted the city concerning installing arms at this crossing. There were applications for these in 2000 and 2006. The project would be approximately \$225,000 with 90% of that funded. Our cost would be approximately \$22,500. Roth stated the city could tell the railroad that the city can't afford the 10% match. Maybe they could knock it down to 5%. The project would be 18 months out. We could stretch it out over 2 fiscal years. Metzger would like to see if they could knock down the cost. Gary Tucker was wondering if we could get the city a quiet zone. Saxon asked if they wanted to do any other crossings. Roth said he will try to contact the Canadian Pacific to see if they will help pay.

Brian Donnelly wanted to thank the council for their consideration.

Dan Solchenberger wanted to thank the council for retaining Shive-Hattery for another year. On Friday, he will be meeting with Julie Lonergan for the assisted living.

Roth stated he had gotten a call from Edith Pfeffer. She said Casey's will be selling their foot long subs for \$5.00 for the month of January. A portion of the sales will be going to help support Byways of Iowa.

Roth would like to have a budget work session on January 12, 2016. They all agreed to have it starting at 5:30.

Willis stated there will be some minor changes to the meetings. He would like to sit down individually with each council member. As far as the Rules and Procedures – the council members are to go through the city administrator and he will contact the city attorney. The Rules state it that way and he doesn't want each individual council member to contact the city attorney on issues. Wruck would like this put on the next agenda.

Saxon wanted to thank the people for their confidence. Metzger would have liked to been notified when Jay was sworn in.

Schutte stated the old pick-up is ready to be sold. The minimum bid will be \$5,000. He has already heard the negativity from having the new truck. He hears that the fire department gets the best of everything. After all of the grants, it will only cost the city about \$13,000. He wanted to thank Amber and Jay for stopping by. Amber recommends everyone to stop by.

Houzenga commented that the new squad is in service. The last Crown Victoria is ready to go out - \$500 minimum bid.

Gary Tucker was wondering why the city can't go local to do the vehicle lettering – like to Adrian's. Schutte stated he will check that out next time.

Bill Graves was at the meeting representing his sister. Her house had sewer backup. It came up through the drain. He had heard from a reasonable source that high pressure was used. The residents pay sewer so it's the city's responsibility to maintain them. Lisa Steines was also present. Her residence was also affected. She feels the city made things worse when they were trying to clean out the sewer line. Willis stated the city has to be deemed negligent. Roth informed everyone that a file has been opened with the insurance company. When the city receives any bills from the residents, they are forwarded on to the insurance company who then forwards them to the adjuster. Lisa Steines would like to be contacted by the adjuster. Bill Graves asked if the city is not deemed negligent would our only other recourse be to sue the city.

Charlie Blount wanted clarification on the ambulance billings collected according to the fire department report.

Larry Halweg feels that all communication should go to the city administrator first and then to the mayor.

Bill Graves stated the council is representing all of us. He would like them to try to come together for the betterment of the people.

Bob Duncan was wondering if you can give people a few days' notice when they are going to run sewers so they can put plumber drains in.

At 7:20 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the regular meeting to be adjourned until budget work session, January 12, 2016.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer