

City of Camanche, Iowa

November 3, 2009

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa, met in regular session November 3, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call were: Mayor Robertson, presiding, and the following named council members: Kramer, Wehde, Varner and Willis. Fahlbeck was absent. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger, and department heads, Houzenga, Schutte, Rickertsen and Jindrich.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to approve a Resolution to Confirm and Fix the Number of Law Enforcement Officers of the Police Department. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to approve a Resolution Hiring Patrol Officer for the Police Department of the City of Camanche, Iowa. (Kelli J. Smith) On roll call – all ayes.

Police Chief Houzenga swore in Kelly J. Smith as Patrolman Third Class.

Gary Kampe stated that there should be a committee formed to look at the Hawkeye Site and go and knock on doors to get industries to the site. He said he has some old friends in places. Willis stated that we currently work closely with CRDC.

Calvin Leitzen noticed that a new baseball diamond was being built across Dunnburr from him. He stated that big kids are now using the T-ball diamonds and are hitting balls out of the diamonds and hitting windows across the street. Dave Schutte also expressed concerns. Wehde will check with Park and Rec and see what their plans are. Kampe commented that there was a drawing a several years ago with a different layout. Wehde stated that maybe things can be stopped for now and have Mike McManus come to the next council meeting.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from the October 20, 2009 regular council meeting; approve Abstract No. 500 dated November 3, 2009 with total expenditures of \$117,533.65 and salaries of \$28,285.24; accept Building Inspector and Police Department reports for October 2009; and accept and place on file the minutes from the Library Board Meeting from October 7, 2009. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Wehde, second by Willis to approve payment of \$176,352.50 to Langman Construction, \$291,155.85 to Maguire Iron and \$37,996.62 to Shive Hattery for the water main extension project. On roll call – all ayes.

Solchenberger reported that the force main should be to the tracks by the end of the week.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$37,622.85 to Top Grade Excavating for work on 21<sup>st</sup> Street. On roll call – all ayes. Lyondell has paid \$17,500 to the city for their share of the project.

Roth reported that we are able to put minutes and agendas on the web site and make any other necessary changes.

Proposed Rules of Procedure – Lonergan stated that it should be put on a future agenda. He had comments and would like to have the council make comments. There was a consensus that there should be some guidelines.

Loneragan gave the City's response to the initial bargaining unit's proposal to a bargaining unit representative.

Rickertsen stated that it did not work out with having Steve Runge as a city employee. He would like to hire another individual with all of the same pay and hours. The council agreed that they had approved this once and he should go ahead with plans.

The school would like to bury fiber optics in the city right-of-way. Lonergan said the city should get an agreement from the school for him to review, especially stating that the city wouldn't be responsible for repair to their lines. Roth will contact Tom Parker to come up with an agreement and to ask for a detailed drawing.

Moved by Wehde, second by Willis to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Creating a New Chapter, 2.50 Entitled "Ambulance Service Fees". On roll call- ayes – Kramer, Wehde, Varner, and Willis. Absent – Fahlbeck.

Schutte stated that in order to bill you have to have the fees established. Medicare and insurance companies have to have something stating established fees.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to have the second reading be by title only. On roll call – ayes – Wehde, Varner, Willis, Kramer. Absent – Fahlbeck.

Loneragan would like the council to approve the ambulance billing agreement and authorize the mayor to execute the same based on his approval of the final draft.

Moved by Wehde, second by Kramer, to have the mayor execute the ambulance billing agreement pending Lonergan's approval of the final draft. On roll call – all ayes.

## **PUBLIC WORKS SUMMARY**

### **PROJECT REVIEW**

November 3, 2009

FROM: Daniel Solchenberger, City Engineer's Representative

The following is the status of some Public Works Projects currently active in the City:

1. **Ninth Street Bridge**

We have had discussions with IDNR this week again and they are now moving forward with their review of the information that we sent them in April 2009. We submitted final plans in July 2009 so we are only waiting on the IDNR to review the electronic files we sent them related to the hydraulics for the bridge. They assure me it will be completed prior to the November 17, 2009 submittal date to IADOT. Based on IADOT's letting schedule the project will be scheduled for letting on February 15, 2009. Which should work out well with the watermain project.

2. **Wastewater Treatment Facility**

Top Grade has started the **forcemain** along 7<sup>th</sup> Street and are moving towards the railroad tracks. They are making progress, but the weather has not been a friend to the construction progress.

The **lift station** project is near completion on design. It should be finalized and ready to submit to IANDR with the construction and operation permit application. We will be ready for bidding this project until we hear on the CDBG grant award. We will be discussing schedule in the next couple weeks. It would be beneficial to bid the project during early Spring 2010.

We continue to work with ECIA on the grant application

3. **MRT**

We have a preliminary alignment and we met with Dave and Tom yesterday to get their input on the location of the recreation trail. We have incorporated the alignment changes we discussed yesterday and will be glad to meet with you after the meeting to explain the alignment. We are anticipating submitting the preliminary plans into IADOT for their review on November 17, 2009, with this schedule it will put the letting date in April 2010.

4. **ACC\GCC Water**

Langman is moving along on the **watermain** project along US 67 from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The boring crew is supposed to be in town tomorrow boring under US 67 at 9<sup>th</sup> Street for the watermain and then under the UP tracks at 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Not sure at this point if they will move to the ICE Rail at the Boat Ramp or the US 67 at Washington while they are in town. Langman Payment Request \$176,352.50

The **tower** crew is moving along with the water tower outside of City Hall. They have been welding the pieces together and anticipate putting the pieces together and raising the tower starting in December. The foundation for the 9<sup>th</sup> Street tower is planned to begin this week. McGuire Payment Request \$291,155.85

5. **21<sup>st</sup> Street Ditch Repair**

Top Grade has completed this work. They have submitted a pay request for the completed work. We have measured the quantities in place and Top Grade is agreeable to the quantities. The project came in over what was originally bid by \$2,777, there was a slight increase in quantities for the gabion mattresses, macadam stone, and granular shoulder. Total cost \$ 39,603.00. Top Grade Pay Request \$37,622.85 with 5% retainage. Lyondel agreed to pay \$17,500 of this cost.

There was discussion concerning the water main at the end of 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Solchenberger will get some information together and contact ACC/GCC.

Mayor Robertson opened the public hearing at 7:08 PM to solicit comments on the City's proposed application for a Community Development Block Grant to the Iowa Department of Economic Development. The council discussed the need to upgrade the City's wastewater system. The application will be submitted to IDED no later than November 17, 2009. The proposed improvements will be in the amount of \$1,646,850 including construction, engineering, and administrative fees. The City pledges local effort to the project in the amount of \$1,046,850. The total amount of CDBG Funds requested will be \$600,000. 55.58% of the funds will benefit low-to-moderate income persons residing in the City of Camanche. By design, no displacement will occur. If displacement is necessary, the City will comply fully with the Uniform Relocation Act and Section 104(d). Mayor Robertson closed the public hearing at 7:13 PM with no negative comments from citizens present and no objections.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner, to adopt Resolution No. 09-25 confirming the City's desire to apply for CDBG funds, pledging \$1,046,850 in Local Effort toward the project and granting authority to Mayor Robertson to sign applications for the CDBG and SRF funds. On roll call – ayes – Willis, Kramer, Wehde, and Varner. Fahlbeck – absent.

Roth reported that the Wellmark health care premiums went up 24% from last year. He will be meeting with their rep on Thursday.

Robertson stated that one of the priorities down the line should be a new city hall. He would like to have some thoughts of what the council would like to see and get them to the city administrator. He also commented that he has sent a letter to department heads about future capital expenditures.

Varner commented that the Historical Board would like to increase their board to a 9 member board. The council was in agreement and it would have to be changed by ordinance.

Schutte stated that interviews will be conducted this week and next week for firefighter/paramedic. He will have a recommendation to the council for the first meeting in December.

Rickertsen said that he will be presenting some changes in water meters to the council in the near future. He would like to change everything over to radio read meters.

At 7:25 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned, and the next regular meeting will be held November 17, 2009.

James R. Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer