

City of Camanche, Iowa

July 6, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session July 6, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll: Mayor Robertson, presiding, and the following named council members: Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner, and Kampe. Also present were: City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, and Jindrich.

Stacy Kinkaid, with Kids First! Academy, was present to discuss building contract issues. She stated that she had sent a proposal to the city back in June. They serve approximately 180 children and are looking at restructuring the loan contract. Robertson stated the city appreciates the asset they are to the community. Roth will get the council a copy of the letter Lonergan sent to Mike Wolfe about their proposal and it will be on the next agenda.

Kampe was wondering what the cost would be for the command vehicle – Item 13 on the consent agenda. Schutte stated that the vehicle would be \$27,200 with total not to exceed \$40,000. If they don't get the grant, they won't be replacing the vehicle at this time.

Moved by Kampe, second by Kramer to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from regular council meeting held June 15, 2010; approve Abstract No. 515 dated June 15, 2010 with total expenditures of \$541,616.99 and salaries of \$41,684.38; approve pay application to Langman Construction - \$42,623.43; approve pay application to Maguire Iron - \$84,261.00; approve Change Order to Maguire Iron in the amount of \$380.00 (decrease); approve pay application to Shive Hattery for the water main project - \$19,669.50; approve Change Order No. 8 - \$30,750.01 – SCADA system – water main project; accept and place on file minutes from the Library Board Meeting – June 9, 2010, Rose Hill Cemetery Board meeting – June 14, 2010, Board of Adjustment Meeting held June 22, accept Board of Adjustment decision – special use permit for salvage yard; authorize hiring Winkel, Foster & Parker to perform audit for FY 2010; accept and place on file monthly report for the Police Department; approve Resolution Naming Depositories for Year 2010; approve pay application to Top Grade for force main project - \$39,568.81; approve Pay Estimate #2-Final – Top Grade - \$15,105.78 – 9<sup>th</sup> Street Safety (Hazel Lake); authorize fire department to submit a gaming grant for a command vehicle. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to implement a tax abatement program to align with what the City of Clinton has. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kramer. Nays – Kampe, Fahlbeck.

Roth and Jindrich presented a proposal to purchase new computer software and hardware for City Hall. Their recommendation was to go with Summit for the software and Riverfront Technology for the hardware.

Moved by Kramer, second by Nelson to authorize City Hall to go with Summit software. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth stated that he and Dave Schutte met with Camanche Township Trustees. The trustees would like Camanche to serve them with ambulance service. Fahlbeck felt it has been needed for a long time. Robertson was wondering if any of these people want to annex into the city since they want city services without paying taxes. Schutte commented that they will be keeping their own fire department and first responders. Camanche will be the transporting ambulance. Jon Shaff stated that they pay \$750 to the City of DeWitt for their current contract. About 270 people would be served. Roth told the council that they could put a surcharge on the call if they are not in the city limits. Kramer was questioning how long the contract would

be. Schutte wanted to let everyone know that this is in the infant stages. Dispatch would have to change their computers to change the responding ambulance for those addresses.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Varner to authorize Schutte to continue negotiations with Camanche Township Trustees to provide ambulance services to township residents and bring information back to the council. On roll call – all ayes.

Drainage District #19 – the Board of Supervisors wanted the council to consider a request to have the city assume administrative control of Drainage District #19. Lonergan stated that he doesn't see any benefit to take this over. We don't have the expertise. Lonergan has asked Dan to look into this. This will be put on a future agenda.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to approve a resolution setting employee compensation for fiscal year ending 2011. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan presented a resolution authoring the City of Clinton to utilize city right-of-way to install sewer force main. This will allow Low Moor to place force main coming from Low Moor towards Camanche and then into the Clinton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kampe to approve a Resolution Authorizing Concurrent Use of City Easement. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth stated that Russ Gifford had requested that the speed limit be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph between Highway 67 and Anamosa Road.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to deny the request for the reduction of the speed limit. On roll call – all ayes.

Report from Solchenberger:

- Tower #2 should be about ready to go on line. Waiting for one more sample. The company is in town to remove overspray from the vehicles.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge should be let in September.
- MRT – McCarthy was awarded the contact. Met with property owners on the south end.
- Washington Blvd – should have the preliminary plans ready for the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. A work session may be set up after the meeting.

Roth reported that he had received the resignation of Dan French from the Park and Rec Board. He also wanted to commend Gary VanHesse, Shive Hattery, on his work on all of the projects. He has gone above and beyond what he needs to do.

Robertson commented that there will be monthly meetings held with the department heads. There are also vacancies on the following boards: Planning and Zoning, Historical Board and two on Park and Rec.

Kampe wanted to publicly thank Shirley Varner and Dan French on their work with the Park and Rec grant.

Varner was wondering why there are white lines on the end of the road on the south end of Washington Blvd and there are no lines on the north end of Washington Blvd. Dan stated that the south end was a federally funded project and required the white striping. The city was in charge of the north end and did not put the white striping on.

Kramer stated that there is an exposed sewer pipe on Middle Road that needs addressed. She was wondering if golf carts are allowed on city streets. Houzenga stated they are allowed but they need all of the necessary lights, need to be licensed and have proof of insurance. She also had complaints of jake braking. Houzenga will inform his officers to try to enforce the jake braking when necessary.

Robertson stated that animal control issues will be addressed at the next meeting.

At 7:19 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer