

City of Camanche, Iowa

August 4, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session August 3, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Robertson, presiding, and the following named council members: Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner. Kampe was absent. Also present were: City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Rickertsen and Jindrich.

The Mayor opened a public hearing on a franchise agreement with Mid-American Energy at 6:00 P.M. Roth stated that we have been working with Ivan Weber who is an attorney specializing in franchise agreements. Having no written comments and no comments from the audience, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 6:02 P.M.

There was to be a public hearing to amending the zoning ordinance re: zero lot line single family attached dwellings. Lonergan stated that Planning and Zoning needs to review the ordinance and make their recommendations. He stated that in the future maybe the city should make subdivisions have a minimum lot width of 100 feet for this purpose.

Amber Metzger, living on 3rd Street, had heard rumors about the bike path going along 3th Street. Solchenberger stated that there will just be signage on 3rd Street. The bike path will share the street – there will be no path built on 3rd Street.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from regular council meeting held July 20, 2010; approve Abstract No. 518 dated August 3, 2010 with total expenditures of \$310,658.89 and salaries of \$34,315.56; approve building inspector and police department monthly reports for July 2010, and Fire department monthly reports for June and July 2010; approve Class E Liquor License for Dev Supermart (Camanche Food Pride) as submitted by Harshad Patel effective 9/21/10; approve Pay Estimate #14 to Langman Construction in the amount of \$14,960.00; approve Pay Estimate #13 to Maguire Iron in the amount of \$74,256.00; approve Pay Estimate #9 to Top Grade for the force main in the amount of \$24,957.00; and approve payment to Shive Hattery for engineering services in connection with the water main project in the amount of \$15,524.00. On roll call – all ayes.

Employee Contracts – Lonergan brought down the contracts with the changes. Copies will be made for the council and employees. They will be put on the next agenda for approval.

Consideration of the introduction and 1st reading of an Ordinance Granting to MidAmerican Energy Company, Its Successors and Assigns, the Right and Franchise to Acquire, Construct, Erect, Maintain and Operate in the City of Camanche, Iowa an Electric System to Furnish and Sell Electric Energy to the City and Its Inhabitants and Authorizing the City to Collect Franchise Fees for a Period of 25 Years was read by Roth.

Moved by Nelson, second by Kramer to approve the 1st reading of said ordinance. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kramer, second by Varner to have second reading of said ordinance be by title only. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan reported that Attorney Scott McDonald stated ECIA would give us a credit of \$7,800 on a future project as their portion of the damages with the Top Grade project. The Mayor said this was not acceptable and to file suit.

Solchenberger reported on the following:

Water Main Project – flyers will be sent to the residents on the west end concerning hook ups. Blondell will be doing the hook ups and it should take about a week and a half. They hope to start August 16. Someone will come in to disconnect the power to the resident's wells. After the hook ups are down and the power disconnected, someone will come in and fill the wells, pull the pumps and plug the wells. The SCADA system is not up yet.

MRT – they have started the grading and will probably be starting on the retaining walls on the south half.

9th Street Bridge – the letting will be September 21 with a late start date of July 18, 2011. He will talk to DOT and see if it can be moved up.

Tower Demo – waiting to hear from Maguire.

Force Main – had a walk through with Top Grade today.

Lift Station – will advertise for bids August 9th; prebid meeting September 1; award bids September 15; council consideration September 21st; start construction October 15th.

Generators – talked to Homeland Security – they are waiting for Hazard Mitigation Plan from ECIA.

Roth stated that the new computer hardware has been ordered from Riverfront Technology. Manuals and questionnaires have been received from.

Roth commented that some people have complained about the water quality due to the new system. Rickertsen reported that the water is flowing in different directions now and just need to let the water run for a little bit.

Roth also reported that the ECIA hopes to have the code to the city this month.

He (Roth) stated that a community newsletter was mailed this week due to the fact that a notice for the tax abatement public hearing had to be sent to all property owners 30 days prior to the public hearing.

The mayor reported that there are the following board vacancies: 1 Planning and Zoning, 1 Historical Board and 2 on Park and Rec.

The mayor stated that he will be meeting with department heads August 6 at 8:00 A.M.

Kramer was wondering where we were at with ambulance service to Camanche Township. She said that the mayor's letter brought up a lot of questions. Lonergan had asked Roth to find out from DeWitt how many calls they make to the township in a year.

Fahlbeck was wondering about the sidewalk on 9th Street. Rickertsen said it was done but it still needs grading.

At 7:09 P.M. being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer