

City of Camanche, Iowa

October 19, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session October 19, 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, and Kampe. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Rickertsen and Jindrich.

Jeff Roth and Ray Moore were present in regards to golf carts being used on city streets. They would like to see an ordinance adopted. Houzenga cited Iowa Code 321.247 in which it states things that have to be met as far as driver's license, insurance, safety features, etc. It also references: "City may allow ordinance" and "City may require additional insurance." Kampe would be in favor of it if it would help the handicapped. Kramer would like it tabled, have it discussed at the goal setting session, and have it placed on a future agenda. Roth is to get ordinances from other cities that have such ordinances.

Karen Austin stated it bothered her if the city was going to discriminate against a certain breed of dog such as pit bulls. She read information in favor of her beliefs.

Moved by Kramer, second by Kampe to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from October 5, 2010 regular council meeting; approve Abstract No. 523 dated October 19, 2010 with total expenditures of \$368,106.28 and salaries of \$33,138.59; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Historical Board and Society meeting held September 8, 2010, Park and Recreation Board meeting held October 4, 2010, Rose Hill Cemetery Board meeting held October 11, 2010; approve Resolution Establishing a Public Hearing for Iowa Department of Economic Development Housing Fund Application; approve Pay Estimate #2 – Final to Determann Asphalt Co in the amount of \$12,162.66 for the South Washington Blvd Overlay; approve September 2010 City Clerk/Treasurer's Report with receipts of: General - \$149,677.92; Library - \$10,214.96; Road Use Tax - \$40,528.49; Debt Service - \$11,510.32; Trust & Agency - \$32,957.94; Water Utility - \$22,432.98; Sewer Utility - \$50,478.60; Recreation - \$6,527.91; Payroll Clearing - \$116,159.88; Garbage – 30,956.71; ACC/GCC - \$178,016.96; Ambulance - \$8,141.06; Insurance Fund - \$120,000.00; MRT - \$200,000.00 for a total of \$977,603.83; approve transfer of \$96,060.49 from General Fund to close out 9th Street Safety Fund. On roll call – all ayes.

Consideration and second reading by title only of an Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of the Alley Located Between Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Block 2, Wallace V. Lum's 1st Addition (Bigwood and Willis).

Moved by Nelson, second by Kampe to approve the 2nd reading by title only. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, and Kramer.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to waive the third reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer and Nelson.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Kramer by adopt Ordinance No. 711 – Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of the Alley Located Between Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Block 2, Wallace V. Lum's 1st Addition. On roll call – ayes – Kampe, Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson and Varner. Robertson declared the ordinance adopted.

Consideration and second reading by title only of an Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of the Alley Located Between Lots 9 and 16 in Dunnings Subdivision of Lot 6, 7 and 8 in the City of Camanche, Iowa. (Mike Cross).

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve the 2nd reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Fahlbeck, Kramer, Nelson, Varner and Kampe.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to waive the 3rd reading of said ordinance. On roll call – ayes – Kramer, Nelson, Varner, Kampe and Fahlbeck.

Moved by Fahlbeck, second by Kramer to adopt Ordinance No. 712 Providing for the Vacation of the Alley Located Between Lots 9 and 16 in Dunnings Subdivision of Lot 6, 7 and 8 in the City of Camanche, Iowa. On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe, Fahlbeck, and Kramer. Robertson declared the ordinance adopted.

Lonergan will now prepare the paperwork for the public hearing on the sale of the property and the deeds.

Pit Bull discussion – there was extensive discussion on the matter. Kramer thought we had a good ordinance in regards to vicious animals. Roth commented that ours is reactive instead of proactive. Kramer would like to see a copy of Clinton's ordinance and she would like it tabled. Kampe also thinks our ordinance is OK. Robertson polled the council – Kampe would not like it changed, Varner thought we should be more proactive as did Nelson. Kramer would like to see it tabled until the 26th. Gary Hill, Camanche resident, also spoke in regards to the recent incident he and his dog encountered with a pit bull in Camanche.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Adopting the Proposed Plan for the Camanche Residential Revitalization Area. On roll call – all ayes.

Historical Society Utilities – Varner commented that the Historical Society are paying their own utilities. Kramer would like to see the city help out. Schutte wanted to know why if the department heads had to cut their budgets last year, why they were willing to give them some money. Fahlbeck would like to see how many members there are and what the visitor attendance has been.

Dan Solchenberger's report:

9th Street Bridge – construction anticipated to start in late spring/summer of 2011.

Water Main Project – Langman is in town today and tomorrow working on finalizing the cleanup work. Leslie Electric is waiting on Siemens to schedule the SCADA System startup.

Water Tower Project – working to gather up the final paperwork for closing out the contract on this job. Demo of the old tower – Langman will be the contractor because of the insurance requirements. Iseler Demolition will take the tower down. May come down by mid-November.

MRT – retaining wall work is underway and the trail paving will start again. To date we have the following items related to the project that have changed.

1. Soft areas along the southern end of the trail – the contractor has fixed some of the areas for a cost of approximately \$2500 and there may be more work required related to the area. Expected additional costs could be \$5000.
2. Retaining wall additional block will be added to get the area behind the wall more manageable for the property owner – approximately addition \$2200.
3. Additional asphalt at trail near the Determann house to lessen the slope between Washington Blvd and the trail – approximate cost \$2500.

4. We have been discussing the drives at Quality Redi-Mix and Enterprise Pipeline. It may be a good idea to pave Quality's drive from Washington Blvd into and beyond the trail. Tom has talked to Quality and they are willing to work with the City to make this happen, based on this information I received today, it could be an additional \$16,832 addition to the project. Quality would provide the concrete free. Enterprise Pipeline, if paved 3 feet behind the trail and to Washington Blvd, could be approximately \$8,900 to complete this paving. The council OK's the use of concrete.
5. Bottom line – initial project costs \$838,726.38. Changes mentioned above - \$37,932 or 4.5% if the driveway options are taken and there are no other changes either up or down on the project.

WWTP Lift Station – based on IDNR's review of the plans, we will anticipate advertising the project the week of October 18 and open bids December 2nd and have to council consideration December 7.

Washington Blvd – Tom and I are discussing options of costs and financing (grants, bonds, etc) for the project. Will discuss during the planning session.

Area north of Murphy Subdivision – I need to put the information (conceptual design and layout of the storm sewer) into a report format and add Tom's information related to options for cost sharing the project with developers.

Generator project – waiting on selection process and then will move forward.

Robertson reported that the County Assessor's office is looking into purchasing a GIS system. They are having a meeting October 26 at 4:30 P.M.

Roth stated that the committee overseeing the STP funds met. They will fund qualified road projects that are federal roads. Rickersten is working on a list of projects.

Fahlbeck was wondering where the proposal stands for ambulance service with the township. Schutte stated it is with Lonergan for his review.

Kampe stated there is grant money through Emergency Management that could be used for wiring for the emergency generators. The grant is due by November 1.

Houzenga said they will be looking at replacing the 03 Explorer.

Schutte stated there were 650 people who registered at the Open House. They had some new attractions, i.e. helicopter. The new ambulance is here and the old one was bought by Low Moor for a cost of \$6,000. The command vehicle is on order and delivery should be 6-8 weeks.

At 7:46 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer