

City of Camanche, Iowa

October 26, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in a Planning Session October 26, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Robertson, presiding, and the following named council members: Kramer, Nelson, Varner and Kampe. Fahlbeck was absent. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Rickertsen and Jindrich.

Pit Bull Issue – Robertson stated that we had talked this to death. Robertson polled the council: Kampe – people had called him - he felt the ordinance on vicious dogs is working and to leave things alone; Varner – leave it the way it is; Nelson – leave it alone; Fahlbeck had told Robertson the ordinance is adequate; Kramer stated she had done a lot of research and feels things are working. There were representatives from the Clinton Humane Society. They would like a copy of the present ordinance. They gave statistics on dogs running at large and dog bites in Camanche. They also stated that the city can redo the license fee. There could be a higher fee for pit bull mix, they city could require the dogs to be micro chipped and have them spayed or neutered.

Roth gave an overview of the goals from the last goal setting session.

Golf Cart – Houzenga would like the council make it for handicapped people only. The city could make them have a sticker for a small fee. Houzenga will get with Lonergan on the particulars for the ordinance.

City Hall – Kampe brought up different proposals. There was a lengthy discussion on what to do with city hall. Nelson would like no more than is necessary done to city hall. He suggested knocking down Garner Hall and putting City Hall there. Varner stated don't put any more than is necessary – he thought maybe tuck pointing and new carpet. Kampe suggested doing the tuck pointing and block replacement.

It was brought up that the steps need to be fixed up front at Garner Hall.

Kramer suggested borrowing the money for Washington Blvd/City Hall/Garner Hall. She suggested putting no money into city hall. Varner said to go ahead with the whole thing also. Kampe and Nelson also said to go ahead with the whole thing.

The final design proposal for Washington Blvd will be on the next agenda.

Emergency Generators – Public Works – they agreed to waive prior approval for Rickertsen to go for the grant. It needs to be submitted by the end of October.

STP funds – Roth stated that 10% of the money received by the RPA will be put into a pool for cities under 5,000. The city is submitting 5 projects to be considered.

Schutte stated that he has given the proposed ambulance agreement with Camanche Township to Lonergan for his approval.

The planning session was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

James Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer