

City of Camanche, Iowa

March 2, 2010

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 2, 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, Kampe. 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 Kampe to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from February 16, 2010 regular council meeting; approve Abstract No. 508 dated March 2, 2010 with total expenditures of \$99,403.10 and salaries of \$32,754.27; approve pay application to Langman Construction in the amount of \$68,584.14; approve pay application to Maguire Iron in the amount of \$52,700.00; approve pay application to Shive Hattery for the water main project in the amount of \$27,305.90; approve grant application on behalf of Camanche Fire Department to CCCDA for funds to assist with purchase of new ambulance; accept and place on file minutes from Library Board meeting held February 1, 2010. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan opened sealed proposals for the purchase of a new ambulance. The results were as follows: Horton Emergency Vehicles - \$145,760.00 with a \$3,000 trade-in; Alexis - \$135,038 with a \$5,000 trade-in; Foster Coach - \$129,004 with a \$5,500 trade-in. The proposals were given to Fire Chief Schutte and he will bring a recommendation to the next council meeting.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Setting a Date and Time for the Public Hearing on the Proposed FYE 2011 Budget. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth reported that we should hear this week if we were awarded a CDBG grant for the lift station project. If we were not successful, there is money through I-JOBS funding for the wastewater project. Roth thought the deadline for this application was March 10.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson, to have the city submit an I-JOBS grant application to provide funding for the wastewater project if the city was not successful in securing a CDBG grant. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth reminded that the city was able to receive money that was given to the county through the first round of stimulus funds. This is going to be used towards Washington Blvd. He believes it would be a mistake to try for the second round of stimulus money.

Lonergan was not heard anything from Scott McDonald in the possible lawsuit against ECIA.

Solchenberger reported that letters will be sent this week to property owners on 9th Street – water main project. Langman's subcontractor needs to get into the properties to see what supplies are needed to hook up the water lines.

9th Street Bridge – in the mitigation stage since we will be disturbing wetlands. We will be going to the treatment plant to establish wetlands. A paper has been sent to the Corp of Engineers for their signature stating that we will leave land alone. When they sign this, it should be ready for a June letting.

Force main – they are down at the boat ramp and are going to stay in town working. His office is working on the grant application for the generators. The bids for the lift station are about ready.

Dan stated that the council needs to decide on the paint color for the water towers. It was the consensus that the council does not want the clear coat.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to go with Tank White with black script lettering. On roll call – all ayes.

Dan presented Change Order #5 from Langman Construction in the amount of \$13,087.70. This is for the flushing station.

Moved by Kramer, second by Kampe, to approve Change Order #5. On roll call – all ayes.

Kampe was wondering if the intersection at 31st Ave will be able to handle the truck turns after the water main project is finished. Dan will check into that.

Kramer was wondering if the landscaper will be back in town to correct things this spring. Dan will get with Gary.

Roth commented on the information he gave them concerning the new plans for Blue Cross Blue Shield. He spoke with a representative and they stated that they are putting more of the burden back on the employers/employees. Therefore, it is not apples to apples.

Roth would like to set up a meeting on Washington Blvd to go over a design and to move forward with the project. It will be held Tuesday, March 23rd at 5:00 P.M. Dan will bring in preliminary costs and the city needs to go ahead and get the engineering done on it.

Roth reported that the electric franchise is up in August of this year. He said the council should also look into the possibility of purchasing the electric system.

He heard that the other new tower is tentatively scheduled to go up March 16th.

Robertson reported that through Emergency Management there might be reimbursement for generators. Kampe is on that committee. He also stated that negotiations are pretty well finished.

Legislative Day in Des Moines – Robertson, Solchenberger, Roth and Varner attended - while they were out there, they found out that the bids for Clinton's wastewater treatment plant came in \$18 million under estimate. That will benefit Camanche residents also.

There are board vacancies on Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment.

Kampe reported that Park and Rec. are going to go after a \$75,000 grant (maximum) to replace equipment in all of the parks. The second Tuesday in July is the deadline.

Nelson was wondering if there was anything new concerning the decisions of the Board of Adjustment. He reported that the Board of Adjustment denied the special use for the salvage yard. Lonergan stated he wrote a letter to the Board of Adjustment advising them that they can not rule on the safety of cell towers.

Nelson also stated that at the Builders' Club meeting there was talk of the prison that could lead to 800-3800 new jobs. They are asking realtors and developers to come up with housing plans.

Robertson wanted to congratulate the Camanche Girls Basketball team on their trip to the state tournament. The city is proud of them.

Kampe wanted to comment on how proud he was as to how the meeting went tonight.

Rickertsen reported that the brine truck was taken out of service.

Jindrich asked that the council spread the word about the upcoming census. We need to make sure that all households fill them out.

At 7:18 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

James R. Robertson, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer