

City of Camanche, Iowa

January 17, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session January 17, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Hosette, Kramer, Nelson, Varner, and Kampe. Also present were: City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Houzenga, Schutte and Jindrich.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jindrich stated that Item No. 8 would be pulled from the Consent Agenda. The original Item No. 9 on the Consent Agenda was pulled as that item is in the resolution to be approved; there is a new Item No. 9 – accept audit and there is an item now under New Business: Request from City of Clinton.

The Mayor opened a public hearing on a Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$4,500,000 (General Obligation) – Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project at 6:03 P.M. Kramer stated there has been discussion at previous meetings to go in high on the dollar amount of the bond sale. Kampe would like to see a 15 year amortization with maybe doing it in 10 years. After hearing no comments for or against and having no written comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:05 P.M.

Jill VanRoekel, Winkel, Parker and Foster, presented the audit for FYE 2011.

Moved by Hosette, second by Kampe to approve the consent agenda as amended which covered the following items: approve minutes from January 2, 2012 meeting; approve Abstract No. 553 with total expenditures of \$64,926.00, utility billing checks of \$346.97 and salaries of \$44,102.23; approve December 2011 City Clerk/Treasurer's Report with receipts of: General - \$99,846.06, Library - \$11,486.30, Parks & Rec. - \$7,404.69, Cemetery - \$3,958.33, Road Use - \$32,648.67, Employee Benefit - \$3,690.89, Police & Fire Pension - \$2,564.86, Trust & Agency - \$100.18, Debt Service - \$2,091.24, Storm Sewer Improvement Project - \$85,720.00, 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge - \$219,890.14, Emergency Generators - \$47,997.77, Water Utility - \$17,015.00, Sewer Utility - \$44,866.42, Sewer Sinking Fund - \$11,067.50, Sewer Reserve Fund - \$100,000.00, Garbage - \$21,728.27 for a total of \$712,076.32; approve Mayor's City Council Committee appointments and approve appointment of Greg Nelson as Mayor Pro-tem; approve reappointment of Thomas Lonergan as City Attorney per terms in January 6, 2012 letter for a two year term; approve reappointment of Luann Borrison to Cemetery Board for a 5 year term ending December 31, 2017, reappointment of Tom Hixson and Ray Gruver to Planning and Zoning Commission for a 5 year term ending December 31, 2017; receive, accept and place on file December monthly report for Fire Department, December monthly report and Annual Report for Police Department, minutes from Library Board meeting held January 4, 2012, minutes from Rose Hill Cemetery Board meeting held January 9, 2012; accept audit for FYE11 as submitted by Winkel, Parker, & Foster. On roll call – all ayes.

Agreement for Professional Services to Flenker Land Architecture Consultants – monitor wetlands due to the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project. Solchenberger stated this is a Corp requirement. This is to make sure trees and plants are growing and she will make a report to the Corp. This is a five year contract. We don't have to monitor the land we purchased through the wetland bank.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve an Agreement for Professional Services with Flenker Land Architecture Consultants to monitor the wetlands at the Treatment Plant. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kampe, second by Kramer to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Collective Bargaining Unit. On roll – ayes – Kampe, Hosette, Kramer, Nelson. Abstain – Varner – as he has health insurance through the city.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Taking Additional Action to Enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement, Setting Date for Sale of General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds and Authorizing the Use of a Preliminary Official Statement in Connection with the Sale of the Bonds. On roll call – all ayes.

There was discussion on a 10, 15 or 20 year amortization schedule for the loan for the Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project. Mayor polled the council as to what they wanted – consensus to go with 15 year.

Moved by Nelson, second by Varner to enter into a 15 year repayment schedule for the Washington Blvd. Reconstruction Project. On roll call – all ayes.

Roth asked that the budget work session be moved to January 31, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. The council agreed that would be acceptable.

Clinton trip to Des Moines – Roth stated that the trip is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8. If anyone wants to go, let him know. Solchenberger stated that he plans on going. Fahlbeck and Kampe also indicated that they would like to go.

The City of Clinton requested that the council consider their request to place a radio repeater antenna on the Hwy. 67 water tower. The signal is not able to get from the new Low Moor lift station to the new Clinton WWTP – can't get over the hill. The antenna will use a small amount of electricity. The council consented and it was stated that a 28E agreement will be drawn up.

Moved by Kramer, second by Nelson to authorize Roth to continue discussion with the City of Clinton concerning the radio repeater antenna. On roll call – all ayes.

Lonergan wanted to thank the council for his reappointment as city attorney.

Solchenberger reported on the following: **Gen Sets** - they will be starting up at 8:30 tomorrow morning; **Washington Blvd.** – there was a meeting with the contractor and Langman stated they would like to start the underground work the end of January or the beginning of February. They would start on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street/4<sup>th</sup> Avenue storm sewer as well as Park Drive storm sewer. Letters will be sent to the property owners. **Lift Station** – Clinton Engineering is working on the demo of the tanks and the control buildings will be next. There is a meeting with them tomorrow concerning the sewer backups into residents' basements.

Roth reminded the council that Michael Baker will be leaving employment with the City of Camanche to go to the City of Clinton the first part of March. Baker would like his accumulated sick leave paid out before his last day – he will be taking vacation in February. Lonergan recommended putting a resolution on the next agenda paying out his sick leave. Roth also stated that this is the year to go out for bids for liability insurance.

Kampe was wondering if there were any conflicts in the open meeting laws being there are going to be three council members who are on a committee working with the schools on suicide prevention. Lonergan stated there would not be a problem if no city business was discussed – that wouldn't violate the open meetings law.

Houzenga would like to thank Kampe and Nelson for helping the police department recently.

At 7:00 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer