

City of Camanche, Iowa

October 16, 2012

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session October 16, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Kramer, Varner and Kampe. Hosette and Nelson were absent. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Houzenga, Schutte and Jindrich.

A moment of silence was observed. Mayor Fahlbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Varner, second by Kampe to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

At 6:02 P.M. the Mayor opened a public hearing on the proposed lease agreement with Archer Daniels Midland for an area of real estate formerly dedicated for street purposes (Camanche Marina). Lonergan stated this was the street right-of-way into the harbor. Anytime there is an extended lease for real estate, a public hearing is required. After hearing no comments for or against or having any written comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:04 PM.

Charlie Blount was present to discuss the current garbage pickup and billing procedures. He stated taxes are based on home value and water/sewer rates are based on gallons used. He said the current solid waste charges are not based on usage. He would like to opt out of having the City charge him for garbage pickup as he has only one bag about once a month. Roth commented that most of the garbage fees are fixed costs – cost of the equipment, maintaining the truck, employees and benefits, assessment from the landfill. Fahlbeck would like to see what others cities our size do. Various people tried to explain that the sticker system did not work – people would stockpile garbage, dump into ditches, use business dumpsters, steal stickers off of bags, and tear stickers in half for their own use. Jindrich commented that the garbage fund is a proprietary fund meaning it has to be self-supporting and with the sticker system it wasn't. It had to be funded from the general fund which was unacceptable. Blount stated there isn't a minimum charge but city administration stressed that the current charge is a minimum charge. Amber Metzger asked Blount what his solution was to the problem.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to end the current discussion on garbage rates. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Kampe to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held October 2, 2012; approve Abstract #571 with total expenditures of \$176,452.05, Utility Billing Checks of \$201.79 and salaries of \$33,488.01; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for September 2012 with receipts of: General - \$136,283.73, Library - \$11,428.29, Parks - \$6,772.42, Cemetery - \$2,825.67, Road Use - \$42,523.44, Employee Benefit - \$7,295.76, Police & Fire - \$16,238.95, Perpetual Care and Howson Trust - \$.08, Debt Service - \$36,731.44, Storm Sewer Improvement Project - \$25,838.00, Washington Blvd. Project - \$277.14, Emergency Generators - \$19,111.10, Water Utility Fund - \$43,153.70, Sewer Utility - \$64,361.03, Sewer Sinking - \$1,691,402.54, Landfill/Garbage - \$37,346.86 for a total of \$2,141,590.15; receive, accept and place on file Police Department monthly report for September 2012; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Camanche Library Board meeting held October 3, 2012 and Rose Hill Cemetery Board meeting held October 8, 2012; approve a Resolution Hiring Police Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class for the Police Department of the City of Camanche, Iowa; approve a signing bonus of two weeks' pay - \$1,780.80 to Shane E. Nixon; approve a promotion of Jeffrey Moore to Assistant Fire Chief effective October 1, 2012. On roll call – all ayes.

Police Chief Houzenga stated the hiring process for a replacement police officer has been a long exhausting process. Shane "Evan" Nixon has 5 years of law enforcement experience. Houzenga administered the Oath for Public Office to Shane Nixon.

Moved by Varner, second by Kampe to approve a Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement between the City of Camanche and Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) for an Area of Real Estate Formerly Dedicated for Street Purposes, But Had Never Been Fully Developed for Said Use, and Has Now Been Vacated, Said Real Estate Comprising a Part of the Camanche Marina. On roll call- all ayes.

Tourism Director Position for Clinton County – it was the consensus of the council not to donate to this position since the City of Camanche is represented by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Bureau.

**Washington Blvd** - Solchenberger reported that the concrete guys are doing the driveways along the way. Langman is doing grading work on the west end so the concrete guys can come in. October 31 is the scheduled finish date.

**9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and Emergency Generators** - working on the close out paper work.

**21<sup>st</sup> Street Culvert** – they started digging on Monday.

Kampe questioned how long is the warranty good for on Washington Blvd. Solchenberger will check into it. Langman is working with Determann to work on a resolution to the roughness.

Roth reported that Rickertsen will be having back surgery on Wednesday. There is grant money available for emergency generators with a 50/50 match. What is the council's feeling about going for a grant for a generator at city hall? The consensus was not right now.

Roth was wondering if the council was interested in a goal setting session again. Fahlbeck would like to see all the projects finished before they set any more goals. Solchenberger commented that a goal setting session doesn't have to focus on spending money. It can be to set priorities such as bringing businesses in, etc. The council felt it might be a good idea.

Roth also reported that there is roughly \$17,000 left in the Emergency Generator project – which money will probably have to be returned to Clinton Co Emergency Management.

The Mayor read a letter from the State of Iowa Homeland Security concerning drills at Exelon through Clinton County Emergency Management. The rehearsal will be held October 24 with the actual incident drill December 5.

Schutte reported that between 350-400 people attended the open house. He wanted to thank Solchenberger for his help in getting things cleaned up at the station following the road construction.

Yvonne Henn was wondering if the \$17,000 left from the Emergency Generator project could be used to fix the street in front of her house. Roth stated that the money cannot be used for that but he will check the street out.

Charlie Blount was wondering what the extra work done on 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge cost the city. Solchenberger stated Clinton Engineering came in and smoothed the surface at no cost to the city.

Amber Metzger, with Speak Out Reach Out, wanted to report that they are making progress. They have partnered with Brad and Dawn Knudson from Davenport. On October 26 an 8 minute movie made by the kids will be shown at the high school. The Knudsons and Esther Vogel will be present. The high school kids will also be asked to fill out a survey but the parents have to sign off and it will be available at conferences. They are hoping to detect depression and other issues. She stated the website has saved lives.

At 7:03 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer