

City of Camanche, Iowa

January 8, 2013

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session January 8, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Kramer, Nelson, Varner, and Kampe. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan, City Engineer Solchenberger and department heads Houzenga, Schutte and Rickertsen.

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

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

Consent Agenda – Solchenberger stated that Items 7 and 8 should be deleted as the pay apps are not ready for approval.

Moved by Varner, second by Kramer to approve the consent agenda as amended which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held December 18, 2012, approve Abstract 576 which includes expenditures of \$136,556.69, deposit refund checks \$347.50 and salaries of \$71,250.54; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Park and Rec Board meeting held December 3, 2012; approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for December 2012 with receipts of: General Fund - \$170,436.21, Library - \$15,067.31, Parks - \$7,947.42, Cemetery - \$3,150.67, Road Use - \$34,637.62, Employee Benefit - \$1,777.90, Police & Fire Pension - \$3,957.25, Debt Service - \$8,951.04, Washington Blvd. Project - \$79.32, Water Utility - \$35,909.16, Sewer Utility - \$61,235.42, Landfill/Garage - \$33,936.19 for a total of \$377,085.58; receive, accept and place on file the December and Annual Report for 2012 for the Police Department; approve the 2013 Pet Boarding Agreement with the Clinton Humane Society. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Kampe, second by Nelson to approve second reading by title only of an Ordinance Amending Title III, Community Protection, of the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Chapter 12 Entitled "Property Maintenance". On roll call – ayes – Kampe, Kramer, Nelson, and Varner.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner to waive third reading of an Ordinance Amending Title III, Community Protection, of the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Chapter 12 Entitled "Property Maintenance". On roll call – ayes – Kramer, Nelson, Varner, and Kampe.

Moved by Varner, second by Kampe to adopt Ordinance No. 726 Amending Title III, Community Protection, of the Camanche Municipal Code by Adding a New Chapter 12 Entitled "Property Maintenance". On roll call – ayes – Nelson, Varner, Kampe, and Kramer.

Income Offset Program in regards to Ambulance Billing – Fahlbeck asked why not use a collection agency. Schutte stated they are not pursuing collections because the fees are too high. They thought the best way to collect unpaid bills was through the income offset program. He said there was approximately \$63,000 in uncollected debts – about three years running. Lonergan likes the income offset program. It's benign. The council wants to know what percent of the \$63,000 is on a payment schedule.

The council set January 29 as a budget meeting.

Lonergan has a meeting February 5 in Des Moines.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to change the February meeting dates to February 12th and February 26th.

Lonergan also questioned the council about the city administrator evaluation and Roth's request for additional vacation. When did the council plan to address this?

Solchenberger's report: the DOT performed the audit on the 9th Street Bridge project today. The punch list on the Washington Blvd project will be addressed in the spring. 21st Street Culvert – the project is completed. The final pay application will be at the next meeting. STP projects – the 3rd Street Mill/Overlay will be on the February letting; the 9th Avenue and 9th Street projects will be on the March letting.

Roth stated Des Moines Day will be February 5. Also Steve Ames will be leaving and he will be missed.

Fahlbeck reminded everyone that nomination papers are due January 18th and the special election is February 12th.

Kramer reported that they are still parking the wrong way at the chiropractor's office. Houzenga talked to the chiropractor about the problem.

Houzenga commented on the annual police department report and compared 2011 to 2012. Call, accidents, and tickets were up, miles and gas usage were down.

At 6:33 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned until 6:00 PM, Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Thomas Roth
City Administrator