

City of Camanche, Iowa

January 22, 2013

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session January 22, 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, Rickertsen and Jindrich.

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

Jill Van Roekel, Winkel, Parker & Foster, reviewed the audit for FYE 2012. She stated it was a good audit.

Moved by Kampe, second by Varner, to accept and place on file the audit for FYE 2012 as presented by Winkel, Parker & Foster. On roll call – all ayes.

Rebecca Kroeger and Liz Srp, representing the YCWA Women's Resource Center, were present. Rebecca stated that federal and state funding has been cut for domestic violence and sexual assault services in Clinton and Jackson counties. The YWCA is seeking \$100,000 to replace the funding cuts for FYE 2014. She is asking the City of Camanche to contribute \$1,375 which is \$125 per person served in Camanche for their services. Kampe asked if they are fully funded for this fiscal year. He would like to see more rock hard numbers. Houzenga stated that from a law enforcement standpoint, they do a good job. Lonergan commented that this is a valuable asset to the community.

Moved by Kramer, second by Kampe to donate \$1,375 to the YWCA Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Resource Center for FYE 2014. 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 January 8, 2013; approve Abstract No. 577 which includes expenditures of \$94,514.62 and salaries of \$39,177.32; receive, accept and place on file December 2012 Fire Dept. monthly report and 2012 Annual Report; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Library Board meeting held January 2, 2013, Park and Rec. Board meeting held January 7, 2013 and Cemetery Board meeting held January 14, 2013; approve Application for Tax Abatement as submitted by Gary L. Foster – 100 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue; approve Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales as submitted by Dollar General Store #6551; approve pay application #11 to Langman Construction for Washington Blvd. Project - \$41,113.34, Change Order No. 6 - \$0.00 – extension of contract completion date, Change Order No. 7 - \$0.00 (signage-\$1,520.00 from business detour signs and \$14,683.65 from construction contingency); approve Change Order No. 1 (\$16,438.27) and Pay Application No. 3 (\$17,387.63) and #4 (final-\$8,734.04) to Arensdorf Excavating for 21<sup>st</sup> Street Culvert Project. On roll call – all ayes.

Solchenberger stated that the striping of Washington Blvd will be done in the spring and 3% of the contingency has been used. Clinton will pick up \$15,285.77 of the change order for the 21<sup>st</sup> Street Culvert because of moving the force main.

Roth reported that there are two (2) candidates – Charlie Blount and Trevor Willis – running in the special election. It will be held February 12. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Camanche School Administration Building.

Income Offset Program – Schutte stated that the council had directed the billing service initially to just send 3 statements and nothing more to people owing. Fahlbeck would like to see the billing service send out more statements. Roth feels that a letter should be sent out giving them an opportunity to make a payment plan and if not paid then that the amount owing will be certified to income offset program. Lonergan feels that a letter should be drafted and given to the council and that this letter would be sent out with the original statement.

Moved by Varner, second by Nelson to approve a Resolution Approving the Agreement Between the Iowa DOT and the City of Camanche for the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Recreational Trail and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute Said Agreement on Behalf of the City. On roll call – all ayes.

Shive Hattery Contract – Solchenberger stated it is for a two year term and is the same as two years ago. They have been the city's engineer since 1979. Fahlbeck asked what the percentage increase was of wages. Dan thought it was going to be 3%. Kramer said the council had talked about going out for bids the next time they needed to renew the contract for city engineer. She would like it to go out for discussion. Are we getting the best bang for our buck? Fahlbeck would like information farther in advance when it comes to approving contracts. Roth stated that he values the city's relationship with Shive.

2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Preservation Ordinance – Kampe would like this tabled to a further agenda. Lonergan stated he will draft a resolution. You have to be thoughtful about the language.

Solchenberger reported that the DOT conducted the audit on the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project. The final pay application may be on the next agenda. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Mill Overlay project is out to bid. The 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project (Bypass to Platt Park) will be on the March bid letting.

Roth stated he should have the budget packet ready for the council in a couple of days.

Fahlbeck reminded the council that the budget work session will be Tuesday, January 29 at 6:00 P.M.

Kampe had a conversation with Tricia Erne who is on Park and Rec. Board. They are seeking a grant through ADM that would fully fund a skateboard park. Park and Rec. are also going to be addressing the electrical issues in Platt Park.

Charlie Blount wanted 4 minutes to speak to the council but they only granted him 3 minutes. He felt the city was in violation of the State of Iowa Code of Ethics. Lonergan told Blount that he needed to make his complaints in writing so action can be taken.

At 7:17 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned until 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 29, 2013 for a budget work session and Tuesday, February 12, 2013 for the regular council meeting.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer