

City of Camanche, Iowa

March 3, 2015

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 3, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Fahlbeck, presiding, and the following named council members: Willis, McManus, Lind, Varner and Wruck. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Lonergan and department heads Houzenga, Schutte and Jindrich.

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

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

The Mayor opened a public hearing at 6:03 P.M. on the FYE 2016 Budget. After hearing no comments from the public or council and having not received any communication, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:04 P.M.

Fahlbeck stated he has met with Veronica “Ronnie” Deevers concerning a mural at the new city hall. She stated that a 4’x8’ mural could be placed on the wall to the left of the door coming into the council chambers. And a 4’x16’ mural would be placed on the wall in the council chambers behind where the council would be sitting. She charges \$18/sq. ft. Fahlbeck commented that the city had gotten \$1,700 in back taxes returned and this could be used towards the cost. She would paint it on a ¼” thick piece of drywall and then frame it. Bob Edens will help secure it to the wall. Lind would like to see something incorporating the school mascot. Willis commented that we would need to check with the school as he heard the Indian and the head dress were on their way out. Deevers thought maybe putting eagles fishing out on the river on the mural in the entryway. For the 4’x16’, she has gotten with Ed Evans, with the Historical Society, and she could do 4 port holes – featuring logging and other pictures unique to Camanche. She is going to get the calendar they put out and see what pictures she could use. Fahlbeck stated Deevers was awarded painting the 2005 Ducks Unlimited picture. Fahlbeck would like the council to get with Roth or himself this week with ideas so she could get started. Lonergan stated the Cutler Warehouse would be something to feature – it had withstood the tornado. Roth felt this would add a lot of character to the room since there is no windows in there. It would be like a time machine.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to authorize money being spent towards the murals. On roll call – all ayes.

Jim Hizer and John Eisenman, with the CRDC, spoke to the council. They thanked the council for letting them come back. They want to be a better partner, be better listeners and be better communicating with the council. They thanked the council for giving them the opportunity to serve the community. They spoke on the Vision 2020 – a five-year economic growth plan focusing on quality employment opportunities resulting in a better tomorrow. They want to target creating 400 jobs and retain 1100 jobs. They are close to having raised \$2.3 million toward the \$2.75 million economic development program. They would like to see Camanche pledge \$10,000 a year. They were at Fulton last night and are on their way to Low Moor tonight. They would also like to see Camanche pass a resolution supporting the initiative. They have 5 strategies – Strategy #1 – use 29% of the funding towards expanding and retaining existing industries; Strategy #2 – use 42% towards business recruitment; Strategy #3 – use 16% to resolve issues that are an impediment to growth; Strategy #4 – 8% towards communication and marketing; and Strategy #5 – 5% towards organizational readiness. Fahlbeck recommended putting this on the next agenda to discuss. The council can decide whether they want to jump on board.

Moved by Willis, second by McManus to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held February 17, 2015; approve Abstract No. 628 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	2,961.10
ROBERT ALM	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	30.00
BOSS INC	CALCULATORS,CALC RIBBONS	201.43
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	674.46
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	STARTER,BRAKE PAD,OIL FILTER	158.24
CL AREA CHAMBER OF COMM	CLINTON CO DAY IN DES MOINES	250.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,067.80
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	304.61
ECONOMY PLBG/HEATING INC	LAVATORY FAUCET-MEAL SITE	144.00
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	LATEX GLOVES,ELECTRODES	263.25
FOOD & FAMILY	SUBSCRIPTION	13.98
GALE	BOOKS	147.14
GATEWAY DOOR COMPANY	REPLACE SPRING-POLICE	108.00
GATEWAY UNITED WAY	UNITED WAY	20.00
ROBERT HOUZENGA	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	1,310.78
IA ASSOC OF MUN UTILITIES	WATER DUES-2015/16	678.56
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ING	LSECTURE SERIES-LODGE,SCHMITZ	160.00
IPERS	DEFERRED COMP	500.00
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	IPERS	6,458.98
MEDIACOM	POSTAGE,MOVIE SNACKS,TAPE	163.79
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	INTERNET	562.50
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	ELECTRIC SERVICE	4,279.80
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	BOOKS	178.36
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	REPAIR ALLIS CHALMERS PUMP	6,334.00
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	MUNICIPAL PENSN	9,976.51
LIFE INSURANCE	PEST CONTROL	57.28
QC METALLURGICAL LAB	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	609.57
RK AUTOGRAPHICS	SAMPLE ANALYSIS-WELL #2	20.00
THOMAS ROTH	LETTERING	30.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	FILE CABINETS	499.25
DAVE SCHUTTE	GAS MONITORS	4,048.00
SEWER EQUIPMENT CO	REIMB PHYSICAL,DEDUCTIBLES	281.82
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	SEAL OIL	131.26
SPRINT	ENG SERV-WASH BLVD ENHANCE	1,430.46
BETH THILMANY-BLUMER	CELL PHONES-POLICE	222.08
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	260.00
PAUL VARNER	STATE TAXES	4,469.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	72.44
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	CELL PHONES	73.34
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	95.85
EDENS CONSTRUCTION	1ST GATEWAY CU	859.00
WINDSTREAM	PAY ESTIMATE #3-CITY HALL	20,000.00
CHRISTY LEU	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	706.82
CENTURYLINK	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	17.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	497.00
JAMES SOWLE	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	81.50
TASER INTERNATIONAL	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	2,685.81
INSURANCE FUND	8 TASERS	12,038.69
GATEWAY AREA CHAPTER	BASE	813.14
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	AMER RED CROSS	50.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	510.00
AFLAC	INS PREMIUM	489.00
PLATINUM SMART INC.	AFLAC - PRETAX	281.28
AMAZON	DATA BACKUP	383.20
SENECA	BOOKS	354.99
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REMOVE-UNDERGROUND TANK	8,590.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	REFUND DATE 02/18/2015	375.61
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 02/27/2015	32,306.54
	CLAIMS TOTAL	105,605.07

GENERAL FUND	88,872.27
LIBRARY FUND	5,496.46
PARKS FUND	2,496.53
CEMETERY FUND	461.08
ROAD USE FUND	2,934.73
WASH BLVD ENHANCEMENT FUND	1,430.46
CITY HALL PROJECT FUND	20,000.00
WATER UTILITY FUND	6,383.73
SEWER UTILITY FUND	10,211.96

Receive, accept and place on file January 2015 monthly report for the Fire Dept.; receive, accept and place on file minutes of Cemetery Board meeting held February 9, 2015; approve Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Camanche Marina as submitted by Harlan Seeser. On roll call – all ayes.

McManus questioned how you can approve a budget when you haven't negotiated the wages yet. It was explained that the budget has to be certified to the State by March 15. Roth stated in a perfect world negotiations would be done before the budget is completed. He has put a figure in there and we will go from there.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Approving the FYE 2016 Budget. On roll call – all ayes.

Community Center/Storage Building – Roth commented that he and Dave Schutte will be going through the grant application tomorrow. They will be moving the building perpendicular to 9th Avenue. It will be 7,200 sq. ft. with a capacity of 200 people and 165 parking spaces. He has good costs for the building, heating, etc. Lind questioned whether public works could be opened for extra parking. Everyone agreed that wouldn't be a good idea. Fahlbeck stated that the phone company or the church could be contacted for additional parking.

Sale of City Lots – some council members were leaning towards using a realtor. They agreed a realtor would know what could be done on the lots. McManus stated he had done a comparison on another lot – without curb and gutter like this lot – the price was \$25,000. Lonergan stated that the council could decide on the realtor and cost at the next meeting once they have received the market analysis on the lots. Roth reported that Shive-Hattery would charge roughly \$1,500 to survey both lots.

Roth commented that he should have the handbook wrapped up by the next meeting.

Roth reported that the city has received an Application for TIF Assistance from Mannatt's. They would like to build a new shop/maintenance/office building. Roth talked to Bob Josten. They could do tax abatement but they would need to amend it for commercial. The property is assessed commercial. Powers stated the building is being built large enough to grow into. Presently they are not hooked up to city services. They would like to hook to city water and sewer and they would have to build a lift station. They would like to stay here in town. It would be cheaper to build in the county as they would not have to pay as high of taxes. They will be using a local contractor and a local bank for financing. Roth commented it may not create jobs right away but it would certainly retain jobs. This will be put on the next agenda.

Fahlbeck asked Lonergan if he had heard anything from the mediator. Lonergan commented that the negotiating committee should meet to get a proposal together to present back to the PERB.

Fahlbeck read a brochure that there will be a storm spotter class at the Clinton Community College Technology Center on March 25, 2015 from 6:30-8:30. There is no charge. He asked the police or fire chiefs if they send anybody to these classes. Houzenga stated they do send a patrol officer out to the 49th Avenue area to check out the storm.

Varner heard that the Historical Society has a corner shelving unit owned by Dr. Peck. He will find out where it came from.

McManus questioned the status of the property that should be condemned on 3rd Street. Lonergan said that they have been having a hard time figuring out who owns the property. They may have to file a condemnation petition. They will find out who really owns it then.

McManus asked Roth about the annexation behind Lyondell. Roth has not heard anything from the Annexation Board.

Houzenga informed the council they will be utilizing the use of a force simulator.

Willis wanted to commend the police department for the arrest in the individual who had been involved with the break-ins.

Schutte wanted to also thank the police department for securing the scene in a recent incident. He got to see them in action and was very grateful that they kept the bystanders and his crew safe.

Roth reported that Park and Recreation has approved the purchase of a new boat for the public works.

Dan Srp spoke to the council on behalf of the PPEL Committee for Camanche Schools. The vote will be April 7th. It is for the maintenance and upgrades of buildings. The present one will be paid off in 2016. It can be used for new buildings, technology enhancements, and transportation enhancements. He would like space in the next newsletter – Letter to the Editor. Fahlbeck asked the council what their feelings would be. Jindrich stated the target date to copy the newsletter would be the week of March 23. Srp will bring a draft to the next meeting along with a resolution for support.

At 7:07 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned until March 17, 2015.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer