

City of Camanche, Iowa

March 17, 2015

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 17, 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, Hilgendorf, and Jindrich.

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

Roth stated an item needed to be added to the agenda. It was just brought to his attention this afternoon. Under New Business: "Consideration of options of health insurance renewal."

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

Rich Klahn was present on behalf of Junior Achievement. He explained what Junior Achievement was and thanked the City of Camanche for their support. The Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming April 2, 2015 as JA Day.

Don Srp, on behalf of Camanche PPEL Supports School, was present. A committee has been formed to inform the public on what a PPEL levy is. They would like the support of the council. There will be an article in the upcoming newsletter. Voting will take place at the Administration Building on April 7 from 7:00am to 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots will be available after March 23. The 1998 voter approved bond will be paid off in 2016. This levy will start then, if approved. It will be a reduction of \$0.45 per \$1000 taxable value. It is a 10 year commitment.

Moved by McManus, second by Lind to approve a Resolution of Support for the Camanche School Districts PPEL 10-Year Funding Initiative and Supporting Its Implementation. On roll call – all ayes.

Fahlbeck stated this is a heavy agenda and he would appreciate if the audience would refrain from comments until the end of meeting and there will be a 3 minute limit.

Moved by Willis, second by Lind to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held March 3, 2015; approve Abstract No. 629 which includes the following:

BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY	BOOKS	304.21
BOSS INC	PAPER,LABELS-NEWSLETTER	208.93
DANIEL T BROADRICK	REIMBURSE FOR PHYSICAL	30.00
CAMANCHE SCHOOLS	CROSSING GUARDS-8/14-01/2015	1,300.62
CAMANCHE WATER WORKS	1ST QTR WATER/SWER BILLS	322.08
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	OIL FILTERS-MOWER	8.20
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	157.74
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	438.71
CLINTON CO RECORDER	REGISTRATION FOR BOAT	41.65
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	18,661.19
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,286.66
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	.99 TONS PREMIX	84.15
DES MOINES STAMP MFG CO	2 PERMA STAMPS-NEW ADDRESS	68.75
ECONOMY PLBG/HEATING INC	CHECK FURNACE-G HALL	126.14
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHTS	109.28

EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	COMBITUBE ADULT ROLL UP KIT	179.85
FASTENAL COMPANY	NUTS/BOLTS-CASE	17.21
GALE	BOOK	19.99
GATEWAY SUPPLY LTD	TOWELS,FOAM SOAP,T PAPER	218.31
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	FAUCET,VALVE-FIRE	58.12
ROBERT HOUZENGA	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	378.27
IA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOC	2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES	50.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS	645.30
J & C ENTERPRISES	MARCH COLLECTION	154.00
KYLE KING	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	160.82
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	DIESEL,UNLEADED	2,851.80
LECTRONICS INC	RENEW FCC LICENSE,RADIO MAINT	375.00
LESLIE ELECTRIC	TROUBLE HOUR METER-9TH ST LIFT	237.41
MASTERCARD	ENVELOPES,TRAINING,TOWER	4,012.08
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS-FEB 2015	57.00
MEREMA BROTHERS INC	46021-TRANSMISSION-MOWERS	4,701.43
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	128.49
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,561.07
JEFFREY MOORE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	30.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	9,744.17
DALE NISSEN	WELLNESS,SAFETY GLASSES	450.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	220255-CIRCUIT BREAKER	32.99
PAULS DISCOUNT	CLOTH ALLOW,ELEC WIRE,OFF SUPPLY	125.01
POLICE DEPT PETTY CASH	CAR WASHES,POSTAGE,TRAINING	89.43
POSTMASTER	MAIL 3RD WTR/SEWER BILLS	447.72
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	MEDICAL OXYGEN	148.11
PREMIER LINEN/UNIFORM	TOWELS,RUGS,,MOP HEADS	195.16
RIVER CITY DISPOSAL LLC	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING	22,659.00
THOMAS ROTH	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	54.00
DAVE SCHUTTE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	289.78
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG SERV-WASH ENHANCE,MAPS	2,034.29
TEAM TWO INC	AMBULANCE BILLING FEE-FEB 2015	552.43
BETH THILMANY-BLUMER	CHROMEBOOK,DVD BUFFED,DVD	404.00
THOMAS D LONERGAN	LEGAL SERVICES FOR FEB 2015	1,839.20
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	FEBRUARY SALES TAX	496.35
USA BLUEBOOK	SAMPLING MATERIALS	190.30
PAUL VARNER	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT 95 GALLONS SODIUM	63.43
VERTEX CHEMICAL COMPANY	HYPOCHLORITE	140.60
WITT'S SMALL ENGINE	DRIVE TUBE,SHAFT-POLE SAW	99.55
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	23.63
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	859.00
CHRISTY LEU	DEDUCTIBLE.COPAYMENTS	132.00
PREMIER PARTS INC	CIRCUIT BREAKER,CABLE	62.38
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	166.75
XOP NETWORKS	FIRE DEPT FIREBAR	600.00
OPENEDGE	CREDIT CARD FEES	76.15
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	144.00
ANNA EVANS	CLASSIC VIEWERS,CRAFT SUPPLIES	52.75
JAMES SOWLE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	87.84
XEROX CORPORATION	PRINTER MAINTENANCE	54.96
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	1,440.00
BASE	CAFETERIA MONTHLY	43.75
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERV	COLLECTION SERVICE	26.85
COMPWIZ COMPUTER SERV.	SOFTWARE TROUBLESHOOTING	67.50

PLATINUM SMART INC.	IT SUPPORT,BACKUP,SERVER	3,978.13
CLINTON CO ATTORNEY	CASE #CA14000017,SP-41301	45.00
UNDERCOVER FUND ACCT.	FORFEITURE MONEY	65.00
PATC	FORFEITURE-CASE SP-41191	8.00
POLICE DEPT/UNDER	FORFEITURE-CASE SP-41191	52.00
ARMSTRONG MEDICAL IND.	D-FIB LUNGS	122.33
D & K MARINE	BOAT	6,000.00
PATC	FORFEITURE MONEY	10.00
CLINTON FLORAL SHOP	PLANT-STEVE IVEY FUNERAL	40.95
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 03/04/2015	203.73
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 03/13/2015	32,249.08
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	103,648.95
	GENERAL FUND	59,732.36
	LIBRARY FUND	4,710.46
	PARKS FUND	11,521.91
	CEMETERY FUND	554.15
	ROAD USE FUND	8,483.29
	WASH BLVD ENHANCEMENT FUND	630.00
	CITY HALL PROJECT FUND	947.30
	WATER UTILITY FUND	4,502.07
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	22,361.22
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	22,659.00

Approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for February 2015 with receipts of: General - \$65,408.17, Library - \$11,224.65, Parks - \$11,109.42, Cemetery - \$6,375.00, Road Use - \$39,007.83, Employee Benefit - \$489.22, Police & Fire Pension - \$1,549.21, Perpetual Care Trust - \$100.00, Debt Service - \$2,820.01, Water Utility Fund - \$3,443.40, Sewer Utility Fund - \$6,288.59, Landfill/Garbage - \$1,563.70 for a total of \$149,379.20; receive, accept and place on file the Police and Fire Dept. Monthly Report for February 2015; approve a Resolution to Destroy Certain City Records; approve Pay Estimate #4 from Edens Construction in the amount of \$47,023.58 for the pharmacy remodeling; set May 5 (Monday's garbage route) and May 12 (Thursday's garbage route) as dates for spring pickup; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Rose Hill Cemetery meeting held March 9, 2015. On roll call – all ayes.

**Community Center/Storage Building** – Roth stated with the grant they are going after the main building. There will be some alternatives such as furniture, etc. It is due the second Thursday in April. He has contacted a contractor to get a cost for demo of Garner Hall to include in the application.

**Sale of City Lots** - Roth has contacted a local realtor. He told him to call Steve Howes. A realtor from Howes & Jefferies did call him and they weren't given an optimistic view of what it's worth. Lonergan suggested they put it up for sealed bids. The council wants Roth to call another realtor.

**CRDC Donation** – Jim Hizer stated he was here a couple of weeks ago. Last year the City paid \$3,000 and previously the city had paid \$10,000. Lind commented that it was hard to agree to an increase with what is on the agenda. Wruck asked Hizer about the water to the rail port. He has a problem committing to giving more money when those issues have not been resolved. Willis was wondering if the city shouldn't see something from CRDC before committing to contributing more money. He couldn't see spending more money when we have a spending freeze on the agenda.

Moved by Wruck, second by Lind to keep the city's contribution at \$3,000 and revisit it next year. On roll call – all ayes.

**Assistance to Determann Asphalt** - Roth stated he has provided information on tax abatement and TIF. He favors tax abatement as it is easier to set up. The city has residential tax abatement and they would need to amend and include commercial property. Powers informed the council that any consideration would be greatly appreciated. Fahlbeck asked Power when they would like to start. Powers said he has gotten a bid from a contractor. They now have to consider the city's offer for assistance to decide if they are going to stay in Camanche or seek other land. Bob Josten had suggested setting the tax abatement area from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Vertex. Wruck wants to take one step at a time.

Moved by McManus, second by Lind to approve Determann Asphalt's tax abatement request. On roll call – all ayes.

Tom Lonergan commented he had previously stated he was going to resign in March. He would like to see the negotiations through and then submit his letter of resignation.

**Hiring Freeze** – Fahlbeck stated this was to keep the budget levy the same. Roth had told the council they would be in trouble the next couple of years. Willis was wondering what a hiring freeze means. What happens if an employee dies? He was told they would look at things on an individual basis. Schutte was wondering why they wanted to implement a hiring freeze. You have done it on a case by case basis anyway with the public works' positions. It has to go to the council for approval anyway.

**Non-bargaining Unit Employee Salary Freeze for FYE 2016** – Fahlbeck commented this was to protect the taxpayer's money. Willis was wondering why you are going to freeze salaries when we already have approved a balanced budget with a wage increase in it. Roth commented that he has sat in on negotiations and has suggested that employees should pay more in health care premiums. He has even advised the city to do away with some retiree benefits as the city is not going to be able to afford them in the future. Lind said he would like to put the burden on the employees instead of the taxpayers. Fahlbeck stated they are looking out for the employees. There was a very heated discussion between council members and city employees.

Moved by Lind, second by McManus to have a one year pay freeze for non-bargaining unit employees. On roll call – ayes – McManus, Lind, Wruck. Nays – Varner and Willis.

Moved by McManus, second by Varner, to close city hall April 16 and 17 so the city employees can move to the new building. On roll call – all ayes.

**RUT** – Roth informed the council the city should be receiving approximately an extra \$80,000 in RUT. The condition of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Dunn Road and Anamosa Road are terrible. He would suggest the council sell \$800,000-\$900,000 in GO bonds and to pay it back with the extra RUT funds. Willis was wondering if we can include those cul-de-sacs that were just chip sealed in that bond. Roth was wondering if they wanted to explore the bond issue route. The council wants more information and to have Hilgendorf come up with a priority list.

**Health Insurance Renewal** – Blue Cross Blue Shield had previously informed us the city could make a change to our policy mid-year. Now they said "no". The deadline to change was March 15. Right now the city has a HMO Gold Plan and they have been talking to the negotiating committee about a Platinum Plan. The premiums are higher but the copays are lower; deductibles are lower; which means that the city's reimbursable would be lower.

Moved by Wruck, second by McManus to have the city go with the BCBS Platinum Plan. On roll call – ayes – Wruck, Willis, McManus, and Lind. Abstain – Varner – because he has the city's insurance.

Roth reported that the price Ronnie Deevers quoted for the murals did not include the cost of materials. She had brought in a couple of sketches. For the mural inside the front door of city hall would be 4'x8' which feature an eagle, fish, river and the library in the background. The 4'x16' mural would have 4 port holes. The costs for the murals are \$18/sq. foot - \$1,728 with \$409.24 for materials for a total cost of \$2,137.24.

Roth stated that the newsletter will be going out next week. He asked the council if it was OK to use the PPEL flyer. They all agreed.

Wruck wanted to thank everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

Yvonne Henn was wondering if tax abatement or TIF would affect the individual taxes.

Charlie Blount wanted to sympathize with many of the people here tonight but he feels the council is trying to get a handle on things.

Bob Edens suggested putting something in the newsletter that the lots behind the current city hall are going to be sold.

At 8:20 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned until April 7, 2015.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer