

City of Camanche, Iowa

November 17, 2015

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session November 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, Lind, Varner, and Wruck. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Donnelly, City Engineer Solchenberger, and department heads Houzenga, Schutte and City Clerk/Treasurer Jindrich.

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

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

Moved by Willis, second by Lind to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held November 3, 2015 and the special meeting held November 4, 2015; approve Abstract No. 644 which includes the following:

BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY	BOOK	29.33
BONNELL INDUSTRIES INC	EDGES,HARNES,BOLTS-SNOW PLOW	783.10
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	EXPLORER PROGRAM, POSTAGE	307.74
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	449.08
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER AGREEMENT	23,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,130.90
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE DISPOSAL	230.08
CNA SURETY	2 YR BOND-CITY EMPLOYEES	708.55
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	138.46
CULLIGAN	WATER,DISPENSER RENTAL	28.95
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	16TH AVE RECONSTRUCTION	41,510.10
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC	TIRES-CASE TRACTOR, 2014 SQUAD	1,670.76
ECONOMY PLBG/HEATING INC	43601-IGNITION CONTROL MODULE	416.74
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHTS	60.53
EICCD	CPR CARDS	8.00
GALE	BOOKS	137.57
HARTZ LOCK COMPANY	KEY FOR MEAL SITE	7.00
MARK HILGENDORF	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	149.03
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	SIGN POSTS,SUPP FOR PARK OUTLET	345.89
IOWA ONE CALL	IOWA ONE CALL LOCATES	50.40
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS	959.88
J & C ENTERPRISES	NOVEMBER COLLECTION	154.00
JIM'S FAB	FAB FRAME WORK FOR FIRE TRUCK	450.00
SHERYL L JINDRICH	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	5.73
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	UNLEADED/DIESEL	1,843.08
LECTRONICS INC	RADIO MAINTENANCE-FIRE & POLICE	222.50
LESLIE ELECTRIC	REMOVE LIGHTS OVER HIGHWAY	181.64
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,RECEIPT BOOKS,TAPE	199.79
MASTERCARD	MEALS,HOTEL,GAS-FIRE SCHOOL	1,509.77
MATT PARROTT COMPANY	LASER CHECKS	515.03
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	MAIN BREAK, DIG GRAVES	990.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS FOR OCT 2015	15.00
MEREMA BROTHERS INC	GRASSHOPPER MOWER-PARK AND REC	12,750.07
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	38.50
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	3,535.74
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	RECERTIFY RADAR EQUIPMENT	240.00
JEFFREY MOORE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	150.07
NATALIE MORSE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	86.42
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	8,655.66

NATIONAL CASUALTY COMPANY	FIREMEN LIABILITY	1,779.71
PAULS DISCOUNT	CLOTHING ALLOW,FLAGS,SEA FOAM	378.07
POSTMASTER	ANNUAL BOX RENT	144.00
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	CYLINDER RENTAL	65.25
PREMIER LINEN/UNIFORM	TOWELS,RUGS	132.46
RIVER CITY DISPOSAL LLC	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING	22,659.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	TRAFFIC PAINT	59.49
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG SERV-CULVERT,COMM CENTER	10,162.19
TASTE OF HOME BOOKS	TASTE OF HOME ANNUAL RECIPES	31.98
TEAM TWO INC	BILLING FEE-OCTOBER 2015	937.25
BETH THILMANY-BLUMER	OKTOBERFEST SUPPLIES	209.47
THE LIBRARY STORE	BOOK COVERS	60.55
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	OCTOBER SALES TAX	2,249.99
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	REPAIR LID-CURB BOXES	159.48
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	222.92
VERTEX CHEMICAL COMPANY	95 GAL SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	140.60
DARYL YODER	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	33.07
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	934.00
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS	339.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	166.75
OPENEDGE	CREDIT CARD FEES	184.25
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	101.50
ANNA EVANS	CRAFT SUPPLIES	30.99
MAYER, LONERGAN & ROLFES	LEGAL SERVICES-OCTOBER 2015	1,010.00
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	390.00
BASE	CAFETERIA MONTHLY	43.75
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERV	COLLECTION SERVICE	17.90
TUMBLEWEED PRESS INC.	SUBSCRIPT-TUMBLEWEED LIB DELUX	299.50
PLATINUM SMART INC.	PIS15-4171-SUPPORT SERVICES	965.00
VAN METER INC.	LIGHT BULBS,ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES	67.88
PLATINUM LEASING	SERVER AND PHONE LEASING	1,289.00
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES	COPIER MAINTENANCE-FIRE	92.40
CALIFF & HARPER	PROHIBITED PRACTICE,ARBITRATION	1,503.90
ECONO SIGNS	LED STOP SIGNS	430.53
RICH HANSEN PAINTING	1/3 DOWN-INTERIOR PAINTING-LIB	900.00
UNLIMITED SOUND ADVICE	WORK ON JIM'S COMPUTER	120.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 11/12/2015	643.02
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 11/06/2015	30,864.62
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	159,976.92
	GENERAL FUND	55,037.09
	LIBRARY FUND	5,829.22
	PARKS FUND	14,320.01
	CEMETERY FUND	2,133.84
	ROAD USE FUND	50,127.43
	POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	50.66
	WASH BLVD ENHANCEMENT FUND	722.46
	COMM CTR/STORAGE BLDG FUND	8,775.73
	WATER UTILITY FUND	6,812.71
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	24,786.33
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	22,889.08

Approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for October 2015 with the following receipts: General - \$612,684.41, Library - \$11,292.97, Parks - \$7,199.34, Cemetery - \$4,057.92, Road Use - \$41,800.77, Employee Benefits - \$34,496.46, Police & Fire Pension - \$69,451.67, Edens – TIF - \$5,439.79, Perp Care - \$200.00, Debt Service - \$135,530.62, Water Utility - \$32,144.47, Sewer Utility - \$52,871.43, Landfill/Garbage - \$35,482.58 for a total of \$1,042,652.43; receive, accept

and place on file the minutes from Library Board meeting held October 7, 2015, and Rose Hill Cemetery meeting held November 9, 2015; receive, accept and place on file October monthly reports for Police and Fire; receive, accept and place on file the Abstract of Votes from November 3, 2015 general election; acknowledge Iowa DOT's letter – crack sealing project on US 67; accept and place on file Amber Metzger's resignation from Planning and Zoning effective 12/1/2015, accept Audra Adams resignation from Park and Rec.; approve the renewal of Class C Liquor, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales and Catering Privilege as submitted by J.E.G. Enterprise, dba Imperial Lanes effective 1/1/2016; accept Russell Steen's Application to fill a vacancy on Park and Rec – term expires July 2017. On roll call – all ayes.

**Community Center/Fire Storage** – Dan Solchenberger handed out a copy of the proposed plans. He explained the requirements for HVAC, electrical and plumbing. It will have metal siding. The vestibule will be 49 sq. feet. Roth was wondering if we could look at making it wider. Lind asked how long it would be before you have the plans finished. Solchenberger stated they should have the plans wrapped up in November or December and have bidding in January. Roth was wondering about ceiling fans and what kind of ceiling there would be. Dan said it is a drop one. Wruck asked if there was going to be a drain in the hose tower. He was also wondering why there is a door between the two sections. You have a 2 hour fire wall and now a door being cut through it. Schutte stated he thought there was going to be a door so fire personnel could use the bathrooms. Wruck was wondering why they couldn't go to Public Works or go out and come in through the community center. Fahlbeck would like to have a special meeting to discuss everything and he stated he noticed there is no stage. Gary Tucker was wondering how many sq. feet is the community center and how does it compare to Low Moor's. There will be a special meeting after the next council meeting – December 1.

**Attorney RFQs** – Roth stated he sent out letters to attorneys in Clinton and DeWitt. Brian Donnelly and John Frye/Randy Current responded to the requests. John Frye had stated they are structured differently. Brian is going by what Tom Lonergan had previously billed - \$500 retainer to attend regular meetings. John Frye said they don't charge a retainer and have an hourly rate for meetings. Brian's hourly rate is \$85.00/hour and John Frye's hourly rate is \$165/hr. the first year and it will increase to \$170/hr. the second year. John Frye suggested the city have a backup attorney. If they weren't chosen, they would agree to be the backup. Wruck would like to see a detailed proposal from Brian as to what he would or would not cover. Charlie Blount stated that Brian said he didn't have much experience in labor law. What about Frye? Wruck commented that he had talked to them and they said they don't have much experience either.

Moved by Willis, second by Varner to approve the police chief's recommendation to make the intersection of 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue/9<sup>th</sup> Street a 4 way stop and to add a stop sign at the corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. On roll call – all ayes.

It was brought to the City's attention that there should be a stop sign when coming out of the Indian Village property across from 11<sup>th</sup> Place. That is a private drive. Roth will send a letter to them.

Donnelly wanted to bring it to the council's attention that there is a zoning issue on property near Eden's Subdivision. There have been allegations of illegal burning and an apparent business being operated on residential property. It is zoned R1. Wruck commented that the property owner says they are just storing vehicles – not operating a business. Schutte said they are burning after hours, bringing in yard waste from other locations and are chipping and splitting wood which is a zoning violation in R1. Wruck feels if we go after this it will open a can of worms. Willis stated most home businesses can get by with a special use permit. This business is not a permitted use in residential. Charlie Blount feels this should be complaint driven. Fahlbeck asked Brian if he was going to send a letter. Schutte stated he sent the property owners a letter on October 21 asking them to stop burning after hours and to also stop operating the business. It was the council's consensus to have Brian draft a letter

explaining burning regulations and the zoning ordinance. Gary Tucker was wondering if all of the people that have businesses in their homes have a special use. Why don't we drive around and see who is conducting businesses out of their home without a permit. Wruck commented that the people are just asking for fairness. He said some complaints are handled differently. The complaint process is all out of whack.

Roth informed that council that he is starting on the budget process. The department heads have their worksheets. He would like the council to think of what capital project they would like to see in this budget.

Willis reported on the Solid Waste Agency – there are 75-76 years left in the landfill and there is more land to the west.

Wruck was wondering what the target date was to put up Christmas lights. Roth said Leslie will be here the week after Thanksgiving. He was also wondering if we could flood Platt Park Tennis Courts for an ice skating rink. Michael Yackshaw stated the courts are really getting pitted and putting freezing water on them might increase the aging process. Paul Willis feels it would be better to use Central Park. Roth reminded everyone that Calvin Leitzen had donated \$500 towards a skating rink. Amber Metzger said they should contact Karlee Low as Party in the Park was working on an ice skating rink.

Houzenga wanted to remind everyone that calendar parking started November 15. Call City Hall or the Police Station with any questions.

Mike Yackshaw commented that the stop signs at 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be installed tomorrow.

Amber Metzger informed everyone that Speak Out Against Suicide will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 27 at 6:00 PM at Imperial Lanes. This is to help feed the needy. They had potatoes donated to them. She has contacted the churches and the food pantry.

Bob Duncan inquired about the senior housing. Roth said there is nothing new. The last he heard she was working on the purchase of land.

Gary Tucker commented that when he took his grandchildren to school he noticed how well the new crossing guard signs are working. They looked like a beacon. Roth stated the city received a thank you from Pat Haley for purchasing the stop signs.

At 7:11 PM, being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned until December 1, 2015.

Kenneth A Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer