

City of Camanche, Iowa

November 4, 2015

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in special session November 4, 2015 at 7:00 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, and department heads Houzenga, Schutte, and City Clerk/Treasurer Jindrich.

This special meeting is being held due to filling Mike McManus's vacancy from the council. The council has to fill the vacancy within 60 days of the date of the resignation. The council has two options: 1. Appoint an individual with a majority of the council approving. 2. Hold a special election at a cost of \$3,500-\$4,000.

Donnelly reported that if an individual is appointed the citizens can call for a special election – they need to file a petition with 152 signatures. If the council does not make a decision either way, the city clerk will notify the county auditor and he will call for a special election.

Fahlbeck was wondering how the council would like to proceed.

Varner feels the people have spoken. He thinks the council should take the 3rd vote getter.

Pat Haley stated she has talked to people. They think they should have the voice. If the council appoints someone, they will get the signatures.

Jim Robertson feels the people have already spoken. There was a good turnout at this election. He feels the council should appoint an individual.

Many other citizens confirmed what Pat Haley said – let the people vote again – and if the council does appoint, they will call for a special election.

Roth informed everyone that there are 3 scenarios: 1. the council could appoint someone. 2. The council could vote for a special election. 3. The council could do nothing and then the clerk is required to notify the Clinton County Auditor and he will call for a special election.

Moved by Varner, second by Willis to appoint Paul Willis to fill the vacant council seat. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Willis. Nays – Lind and Wruck. Motion dies with a 2-2 tie.

Fahlbeck was wondering if anyone else has an individual they would like to appoint.

Jim Putnam was wondering why the third person wasn't put on the ballot. His resignation was too late according to State Code to be put on the general election ballot.

Since nothing was decided upon, the 60 days will expire on November 8 and Jindrich will notify the Auditor and he will call for a special election.

Cozzolino was wondering why not just vote for a special election. He was told it would end in a 2-2 tie.

At 7:27 P.M., being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting on November 17, 2015.

Kenneth A. Fahlbeck, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer