

City of Camanche

April 19, 2016

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session April 19, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Willis, presiding, and the following named council members: Metzger, Saxon, Lind, Varner, and Wruck. Also present were City Administrator Thomas Roth, City Attorney Randy Current, City Engineer Dan Solchenberger, department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Hilgendorf and City Clerk/Treasurer Jindrich.

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

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

Mike Wolf, Clinton County Attorney, spoke on behalf of the Clinton County Justice Coordinating Commission in regards to the new jail referendum which will be held May 3, 2016. The projected cost is \$22,000,000. It will house a new jail, sheriff’s offices and county communications offices. The present jail was built in the 1960’s. It will take about 3 years to build the new jail.

Moved by Varner, second by Saxon to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve the minutes from the council meeting held April 5, 2016; approve Abstract No. 654 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	98.48
BLAIN'S FARM & FLEET	INSTALL METERS-CITY BUILDINGS	24.99
BOSS INC	MAILING SEALS,PAPER CLIPS	74.82
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS-MARCH	457.31
CLINTON CO RECORDER	BOAT REGISTRATIONS-FIRE,P.W.	81.80
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,348.66
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	DISPOSE OF TIRES	25.20
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	323.08
CORE-VENS & COMPANY	WORK COMP,PROP,LIAB,VEHICLE	114,756.00
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENTAL AND WATER	28.95
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	DISPOSE ASHPHALT,PREMIX	249.44
THE OBSERVER	ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION	48.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHTING	108.34
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	TEST STRIPS	202.95
GALE	BOOKS	227.12
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	HAMMER DRILL,STEM UMIT	227.50
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL LOCATES	81.90
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS	664.24
J & C ENTERPRISES	APRIL COLLECTION	154.00
SHERYL L JINDRICH	DECORATIONS FOR CITY HALL	55.34
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	UNLEADED/DIESEL	1,222.25
LECTRONICS INC	RADIO MAINTENANCE-FIRE,POLICE	222.50
LESLIE ELECTRIC	INSTALL CHRISTMAS RECEPTACLE	346.49
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,MAILING TAPE,CRAFT SUP	191.49
MASTERCARD	SEALS,ROAD SIGNS,HOTEL,PARA LIC	1,906.67
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	MAIN BREAK,DIG GRAVE	917.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES	MANTOUX TESTS,HEP A SHOTS	100.00
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	41.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	3,538.67
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR	QUARTERLY AIR TEST	124.00
MIDWEST BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIES MADE-CITY HALL	47.14

JEFFREY MOORE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	19.02
NATALIE MORSE	MILEAGE FOR CLASS	145.80
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	9,482.94
DALE NISSEN	WELLNESS	133.47
PAULS DISCOUNT	CEM SUPPLIES,BATTERIES,NETS,SEED	287.38
PHYSIO-CONTROL INC	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT	3,091.92
POSTMASTER	MAIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER	741.00
PREMIER LINEN/UNIFORM	TOWELS,RUGS	159.99
RIVER CITY DISPOSAL LLC	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING	22,191.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	PUMP SERVICE,FLOW TESTING	1,897.75
DAVE SCHUTTE	MILEAGE-PROF FIRE CHIEFS CONF	217.08
	ENG SERV-COUNCIL MEET,COMM	
	CTR	1,646.46
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	COOKIES,BROWNIES	59.19
BETH THILMANY-BLUMER	MARCH SALES TAX	2,435.23
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	FIRE CHIEF CONF DUES-SCHUTTE	20.00
TREASURER'S OFFICE	DUES-HIGH 30 COALITION	50.00
US HIGHWAY 30 COALITION	CELL PHONES	267.13
VERIZON WIRELESS	95 GALLONS HYPOCHLORITE	140.60
VERTEX CHEMICAL COMPANY	1ST GATEWAY CU	934.00
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	112.50
CHRISTY LEU	REMOVE CONCRETE-TENNIS COURTS	6,000.00
ROOFS TO DRIVEWAYS	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	166.75
CENTURYLINK	CREDIT CARD USAGE FEES	114.43
OPENEDGE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	531.45
JAMES SOWLE	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	720.00
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	CAFETERIA MONTHLY	31.25
BASE	COLLECTION	8.95
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERV	SUPPORT,BACKUP,NETWORK	1,448.30
PLATINUM SMART INC.	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	218.84
GUMDROP BOOKS	LEASE FOR SERVER,PHONES	1,289.00
PLATINUM LEASING	COPIER MAINTENANCE	63.46
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES	GAS/DIESEL - PUBLIC WORKS	128.38
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	LEGAL SERVICES FOR MARCH 2016	6,414.38
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	COALITION SUPPORT	250.00
CAMANCHE-DEWITT COALITION	4 US FLAGS	80.00
EARL BUELOW	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 04/08/2016	31,348.64
PAYROLL CHECKS	CLAIMS TOTAL	197,842.98
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	GENERAL FUND	157,534.23
	LIBRARY FUND	7,294.97
	PARKS FUND	4,194.32
	CEMETERY FUND	2,965.06
	ROAD USE FUND	6,545.68
	COMM CTR/STORAGE BLDG FUND	6,882.78
	WATER UTILITY FUND	10,251.88
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	11,306.50
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE	22,216.20

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for March 2016 which included the following receipts: General - \$114,118.63, Library - \$11,755.91, Parks - \$6,089.84, Cemetery - \$3,132.92, Road Use - \$47,164.75, Employee Benefit - \$3,829.67, Police & Fire Pension - \$8,138.06, Perp. Care - \$.08, Debt Service - \$15,557.86, Water Utility - \$31,985.84, Sewer Utility - \$54,795.06, Garbage - \$35,105.62 for a total of \$331,674.24; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Camanche Library meeting held March 2, 2016 and Historical Board meeting held April 7, 2016; accept George Current's resignation from Historical Board effective immediately; approve renewal of Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales effective May 9, 2016 for Jersey's LLC as

submitted by Brenda Waldorf; approve Draw #1 to Edens Construction for Community Center/Fire Storage Building in the amount of \$45,430.90. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Increasing the Quarterly Charge for Residential Garbage and Recycling Collection in the City of Camanche. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Lind, second by Saxon to approve a Resolution Amending Water Rates for Customers of the Camanche Municipal Water System. On roll call – all ayes.

Lum Park – Roth stated the council could test the waters and put the lots on the market. They could try to sell the 5 lots. The council really wants to keep the property. Kevin Atkinson stated that the last time people tried to use that park for t-ball they would park in front of garages and sit in peoples' yards. Park and Rec. would like to put the land to use. Judy Dell will check into fencing and parking for that area to have people use it as a park.

Community Center Fees and Policies – The council will look everything over. They would like to have something in the policy stating who to contact in an emergency. They feel there should also be something in the policy in regards to parking in front of the fire department doors. This will be on the next agenda.

Building Permit Fees – Dave Schutte presented a proposed building permit schedule. He proposed making permits for smaller items (fences, patios, swimming pools, decks) all the same.

Moved by Saxon, second by Metzger to have Roth prepare a resolution adopting the building permit fee schedule as submitted by Dave Schutte, effective July 1, 2016. On roll call – all ayes.

Salary Increase – Dave Schutte would like to see the council reconsider lifting the wage freeze for non-bargaining employees, both full time and part time. Varner stated the wage increases would amount to about \$16,319.00. So far the city has spent about \$84,000 for attorney fees. Two months of attorney fees would pay for the wage freeze salaries. Randy Current said tonight the council will be talking about non-bargaining employees only. Certain notices have to be sent out to the bargaining unit. Gerry Wiebers asked what is fair. Does employee moral count? The only thing he hears is “we don't want to raise taxes” but yet you raised three different things tonight. Use your conscious and vote how you feel. Mike Yackshaw stated that in the past the negotiating committee met with the employees. Why didn't they meet with us this time? Randy Current said Mike should contact their attorney – Dave Pillers. He stated they are trying to clean up the department heads contract. It is the discretion of the council to increase the current wage. Dave Schutte stated the department heads had not signed the new contract. Randy said there is a contract as far as salary. Some changes were verbally made. He has not had a chance to finish them up.

Moved by Varner, second by Saxon to approve a 2-1/2% increase for all non-bargaining employees, full and part-time, for a period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. On roll call – ayes – Saxon, Varner, Metzger. Nays – Lund and Wruck.

Dave Schutte and Robert Houzenga read the Fire and Police Monthly Reports for March 2016.

Employee Handbook - a committee was formed of Metzger, Saxon, Willis, and Roth to go over what Roth had written for an employee handbook.

Civil Service Commission Appointment – Lisa Abbott had asked not to be reappointed. The State of Iowa has mandated that certain boards have a gender balance. Civil Service is one of those boards. Willis stated that 4 applicants were received and there was female applicant. Willis recommended appointing Tammy Johnson to fill the vacant position on the Civil Service Commission.

Moved by Lind, second by Metzger to approve the mayor's recommendation to appoint Tammy Johnson to fill the vacant spot on the Civil Service Commission. On roll call – all ayes.

Cornerstone for Community Center/Fire Station – Tom Powell had approached Roth asking if the Masonic Lodge could place a cornerstone at the new community center/fire storage. Bob Edens stated it would be placed at the NE corner of the building. Willis said he will check into the price of a stone.

Auditor RFQs - Jindrich will get a list of auditors who perform municipal audits.

City Engineer – 21st Street Drainage – They have talked to Brent Holstein. Dan said the water goes nowhere. The new road will come up 4 inches and there will be gravel on the shoulders so the water can go to the ditches. To fix the water buildup in the driveways, there would have to be a lot of storm water work done. AV Transportation would like two driveways instead of one – that could cost \$12,000.

City Administrator – Some of the city's computers have been affected with a virus from Russia. It has been a blessing to have Platinum on our side.

Mayor – Willis read a thank you from the DeWitt Coalition for the city's donation.

Metzger – would like to address complaints. Roth said if it's a complaint that could land us in court or cost the city money, there needs to be a signed complaint. Metzger would like to have a policy on how complaints are to be handled. She likes things black and white. Roth stated complaints sometimes are not black and white. A lot of them can be in the gray area. Saxon thinks we need a procedure in place.

She also stated that Lum Park was not listed in the newsletter as a park.

Lind – where are we on the sidewalk complaints? Hilgendorf said we have a few of ours fixed. Roth was wondering if they want us to send out letters. This will be on the next agenda.

Saxon – he thinks there should be a grand opening for the community center. He stated there is a citizen that would donate music. He has wondering if we could have a dinner. Metzger said there should be a celebration on closing Garner Hall.

Schutte thanked the council for the discussion on the wage increases.

Hilgendorf stated he is going out for prices for street sweeping.

Houzenga wanted to thank the council for the wage increases.

Valjean Christiansen talked to the council about the sewer backup that was back in December. He was told that there was a lot of sand in the line and the city knew about it. Mark said he was not aware of it.

Donna Current wanted to thank Gerry Wiebers for his notes. He did a good job. She said the city council needs to work together for the best of the city.

Gary Tucker said there is a tree falling over by the bike path near Tim Sachsenmaier's property. He was also wondering about the burnt garage across from the police station. Roth has been in contact with the property owner. The utilities have been disconnected and she has been in contact with a contractor to tear it down.

Judy Dell would like to thank Mark and the Public Works guys for all they do for the town. She said they have been installing adult health and fitness equipment in the city parks.

Metzger would like to see the issue of overnight parking in parks placed on the next agenda.

Bob Edens stated that they have cut the steel for the new building and it will be dropped off next week.

Larry Halweg stated it is a good thing to have an employee handbook.

Pat Haley would like to compliment the Fire and Police Departments. The Kiwanis recently had something for the kids and one of the police officers came.

Gerry Wiebers was wondering about the senior housing. Roth stated that the closing is supposed to be in April and she has asked for tax abatement paperwork.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer