

City of Camanche

February 2, 2016

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session February 2, 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 Roth, City Attorneys Randy Current and John Frey, department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Hilgendorf and City Clerk/Treasurer Jindrich.

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

Moved by Saxon, second by Metzger to approve the agenda.

**Consent Agenda** – Lind was wondering why a resolution setting a public hearing for the budget was on the agenda when the budget has not been finalized. The whole budget process was explained as far as the publishing requirements, setting public hearings, etc. There are deadlines and this resolution needed to be passed so that the date of the public hearing can be published on the budget being submitted to the paper.

Moved by Varner, second by Wruck to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held January 19, 2016 and the budget work session held January 25, 2016; approve Abstract No. 649 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	2,402.68
BOSS INC	BINDER CLIPS,NAMEPLATES	68.37
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	95269/TIEROD POLICE EXPEDITION	151.28
CARRIAGE PAPER PROD CORP	TONER	281.16
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	139.57
CLINTON ALIGNMENTBRAKE	4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT EXPEDITION	118.77
CLIA LABORATORY	CERTIFICATE FEE	150.00
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER	23,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,075.64
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	323.08
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENTAL/WATER	28.95
DATA TECHNOLOGIES INC	W-2 FORMS/1099	166.11
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	PAY #1-DUNN RD REHABILITATION	139,306.26
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS		
INC	LATEXGLOVES/TWISTLOKS ACTIDOSE	291.91
GALE	BOOKS	152.74
GATEWAY SUPPLY LTD	10PLATES/SCENTS AIR FRESHENER"	101.16
GATEWAY UNITED WAY	UNITED WAY	20.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATE/EMAILS	29.70
ING	DEFERRED COMP	500.00
IPERS	IPERS	6,271.01
LECTRONICS INC	ANTENNA,RADIO-NEW PICKUP	256.35
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,TAPE,DECORATIONS,SALT	179.72
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	MAIN BREAK,DIG GRAVE	925.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS	55.00
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	136.99
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,991.30
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	8,660.91
NAPA AUTO PARTS	728460 CREEPER PLATIC BODY	85.95
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SHOE ASSY SNOW PLOW 1 TON	29.99

PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST SERVICE	89.00
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	871.58
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	COLIFORM READYCULT SAMPLE	60.00
QLT	INDOOR BELL CHIME	12.30
THOMAS ROTH	DEDUCTIBLES/CO INSURANCE	15.10
DAVE SCHUTTE	PHYSICAL	96.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	COUNCIL MEETING/MILEAGE REIM	930.24
TEAM TWO INC	BILLING FEE FOR DEC 2015	443.31
THE LIBRARY STORE	185037/PROTECTORS/LABELS	191.25
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	4,654.00
ERIC VANLANCKER	SPECIAL ELECTION 12/15/2015	5,157.50
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	934.00
IOWA WORKFORCE DEV	FAHLBECK UNEMPLOYMENT	217.30
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	337.90
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	444.55
BIBLIONIX	SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES	2,000.00
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	809.22
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	1,200.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS	27,659.00
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	543.12
PLATINUM SMART INC.	MTHLY SMAR BACKUP SERVER/TERM	474.90
AMAZON	DVDS	276.89
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	1,183.71
TROY ALDERMAN	PHYSICAL COPAY	20.00
BROAD REACH	BOOKS	81.93
DFS INC FLEX PLAN	FLEX PLAN	40.00
EVELYN THOMSEN ESTATE	OVERPAYMENT ON FINAL	82.42
GAIL BRUGGENWIRTH	OVERPAYMENT ON CLOSED ACCOUNT	19.30
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/29/2016	30,875.59
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	246,694.12
	GENERAL FUND	82,844.33
	LIBRARY FUND	8,712.50
	PARKS FUND	2,267.88
	CEMETERY FUND	1,493.64
	ROAD USE FUND	144,002.52
	WATER UTILITY FUND	8,945.88
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	29,201.24
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	101.72

Receive, accept and place on file minutes from Park and Rec. meeting held January 5, 2016, Camanche Library meeting held January 6, 2016, and Historical Board meeting held January 13, 2016; approve Resolution Setting a Date and Time for Public Hearing on Proposed FYE 2017 Budget. On roll call – all ayes.

**Audit for FYE 6/30/2015** – Wruck stated that his questions in regards to the deficiencies were answered this week by Jindrich. Segregation of duties was also discussed. Wruck was wondering if the city had looked at other firms.

Moved by Lind, second by Saxon to accept the Audit for FYE 6/30/2015. On roll call – all ayes.

**Health Care Insurance** – Roth stated that Wellmark has dropped the plan that the city currently has. They are recommending Gold HMO which is the same cost but fewer benefits. As far as the budget, he took the current costs and upped it 10%. The employees currently pay ½ of the out of pocket expenses. Wruck asked the mayor if he wanted to have a committee to look at the various plans. Wruck and Saxon volunteered to be on the committee. They will meet next Tuesday at 4:00 PM at City Hall

**5<sup>th</sup> Avenue RR Crossing** - Gerry Wiebers brought up this issue at the last council meeting. He wanted to know if the city closes the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue RR crossing, would the DOT be willing to cover the entire match on putting arms at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing. Wruck would like to contact the residents in the area. We need to check with the Fire and Police Chiefs about the safety of closing that crossing. The city should also ask them to fix the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing. Wruck was wondering if they tear out the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing, could we then put the water main across the tracks. The council would like to get a survey out to the residents from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**City Attorney** – John Frey said that he will be getting information to the council this week or early next week – in time for the next meeting – in regards to retiree health insurance. In regards to the Special Charter, he doesn't want to spend a lot of time on it. He will contact the Secretary of State or ECIA to see if they have any information. Randy Current reported that their firm is now signed up to receive electronic notices from the Clinton Co. Clerk's Office concerning court dates. He also informed the council that they cannot change mayor/council salaries mid-term – up or down.

**City Administrator** – Community Center/Fire Storage – Dan informed him that the plans and specifications for the building will be ready for the second meeting in March.

**Mayor** – he will be attending the Clinton County legislature day at the State Capitol next Wednesday and Thursday. They will be bringing up the commercial property rollback and the 411 pension.

Lind stated at the Park and Recreation meeting there were some kids from the school to discuss a skate park. Also they would like some guidance on what to do with Lum Park. Do they sell it? Judy Dell commented that they came up with two options: A. Make it back into a park by putting benches, picnic table, parking and access to it. B. Sell it and use the money for a band shell project in Platt Park. She stated some adjacent property owners would be interested in purchasing the land. Wruck would like Park and Rec. to contact the various junior sports leagues to see if they would utilize the park. It is zoned R-1.

Metzger would like a retraction put in the Clinton Herald regarding a previous article. She would like the article to state that council members can contact the city attorney.

Houzenga informed the council that the police department has been very busy and they are still shorthanded.

Donna Current wanted to thank Tom Roth and his staff, Mark and Public Works, the Chiefs and their employees, and volunteers for their work. She said everyone needs to work together. She believes the city needs to keep that 8<sup>th</sup> officer.

Charlie Blount disagreed with Donna. The police force has grown at the cost of the taxpayers. They want to expand but the area has lost jobs and lost tax base.

Scott Steines stated he has contacted his insurance company, in regards to the sewer backup, and they say the ball is in the city's court. Roth informed him that he has talked to our insurance company and they were waiting for other bills to come in from the other property owners. Scott said no one has contacted him. He stated the insurance company needs to know both sides of the story. Roth will contact the adjuster again.

Jim Robertson was asked today how the city was coming with replacing the police officer. They were contemplating moving to Camanche because of safety issues.

Judy Dell wanted to reiterate that she has had many nurses in the past several months that live in Camanche. Some of them are from the Philippines, brought their families along, and people recommended to them that they move to Camanche.

Connie Schmitz wanted to know what the drug statistics were. Houzenga read the drug arrest statistics.

Donna Current asked Charlie Blount if he knew how many drugs are in town. Charlie stated that the kids are no different than the kids back in the 70's.

Kyle Kampe stated it would be time and money well spent to have the 8<sup>th</sup> officer.

Houzenga stated he is proud of his officers and the solvability rate.

Gary Tucker wanted to know how many of the people arrested live in Camanche. How many get deferred sentences. Houzenga stated most of the people arrested do live in Camanche and the deferred sentences are up to the judges.

Cory Snodgrass stated that even though he works for the Clinton Police Department, he won't move to Clinton.

Kim Willis asked the council at what cost would you put your family at risk.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M. Short break taken.

Budget work session started at 7:15 P.M.

Paul Varner stated he doesn't like taxes going up any more than anybody else but he is a realist. How long can we stay at \$11.99? He did some figuring. He said if the taxes would be raised to \$12.27 – on a \$120,000 house – it would cost a homeowner an additional \$33.60 per year. With that, we could keep the 8<sup>th</sup> police officer, the full pay for the city administrator and all of the line items would be put back to the original figures.

Willis polled the council on whether they wanted to keep the 8<sup>th</sup> officer. Lind stated he gave his opinion at the last budget meeting. Wruck stated no because ever since 2010, when the 8<sup>th</sup> officer was hired, the pension contribution has doubled. Metzger said no because water and sewer rates are going to go up. Saxon said safety is important to him. It's a budget tool – have to balance the budget. He won't say yes or no. There are other employees who had a pay freeze.

Wruck said he is willing to make cuts until there can be no more cuts before raising taxes.

Roth stated that the original budget he gave to the council (as submitted by the department heads) had a tax rate of \$12.13 with \$22,000 needed to balance the budget. He said if you cut the city administrator salary by that \$22,000, you will be back at \$11.99.

Houzenga asked, if you cut the 8<sup>th</sup> officer, what do you want to give up. What calls should they not go on? People expect a certain level of service. Public safety is not the place to cut.

Willis asked the council what they wanted to do. They said that they wanted the tax rate to stay at \$11.99.

Wruck said that as much as he doesn't want to spend the money, he agrees the roads need to be done.

Metzger would like to see that garbage/sewer/water rates be placed on the next agenda.

It was agreed to go along with the cuts discussed at the last council meeting. They agreed to raise the attorney budget by \$10,000. They agreed to not add money to the Police OT line. Roth proposed adding a \$40,000 contingency line to public safety, \$30,000 to public works and \$10,000 to general. These contingency lines can be used for anything that would go over and if it's not used, it stays with the general fund.

The budget work session was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer