

City of Camanche, Iowa

July 19, 2016

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session July 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 Roth, City Attorneys John Frey and Randy Current, City Engineer Dan Solchenberger, department heads Hilgendorf, Houzenga, Schutte and Jindrich.

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

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

Camanche Days – Brenda Larkey and Ron Johnston were present to let the council know the happenings of Camanche Days this year. It will be August 11-14 with Jeff and Becky Swalve as grand marshals. The theme is “Proud to be an American”. The teen committee will be canvassing the town July 27-28 to collect money for fireworks. The carnival will be larger. Therefore, the oval parking lot by the playground equipment will be closed. Some of the carnival equipment will be there. They will have t-shirts for sale during Party in the Park. The teens are organizing a Slip ‘n Slide kick ball tournament. It will be for youth 13-19. Slip n slides will be the baselines and bases will be pools of water. Jean Morgan is organizing a family bike ride. The casino is bringing their family picnic to the grounds. Brenda stated they appreciate what the city does for them. Public Works busts their butts. She also wanted to thank the police and fire departments. Brenda would also like to ask the council for a monetary contribution. Their insurance quote for this year is \$2,295. The city has \$2,000 budgeted. If the city was to pay for the insurance the balance could be taken out of the contingency account.

Moved by Varner, second by Lind to authorize payment of \$2,500 to Camanche Days to help cover the insurance and the balance to be used towards fireworks. On roll call – all ayes.

Dan Lind has purchased the property on Washington Blvd. where the garage burnt down. He would like to put dwelling units above a business there. Currently that is not allowed in a B3 zoning district. Roth stated that apartments above businesses are common in business districts. Dan stated there will be office space on one side with retail on the other side. He would like to put 1 or 2 apartments above. The trailer is coming down on Thursday and then the tree. Parking will be at the front of the lot. Roth recommended that the ordinance be changed to allow apartments above businesses rather than just do a spot zoning on the property.

Moved by Saxon, second by Metzger to send this zoning request change to Planning and Zoning. On roll call – ayes – Varner, Wruck, Metzger, and Saxon. Abstain – Lind due to being related to Dan Lind.

Sidewalk Complaint – Jon Lee was present to appeal the sidewalk repair notice he received for 1600 3rd Street. He stated that the water main runs under the sidewalk. There are 2 sections that need to be fixed. He said it has been bad for 5-6 years. He would like the council to consider who’s responsible for fixing it. It was fine until the water main broke. Hilgendorf commented that it was November 22, 1995 when the water main broke. Frey stated the statute of limitations for property damage is 5 years. In Iowa, the owner of the water system would spread the liability over all their customers instead of just the homeowner’s liability. Roth stated if the council wanted to be sure, we could turn over some more stones. We could check with Dave Rickertsen and Dave Bengtson to see if they have records on the water main break. Wruck and Metzger have a problem with the City being liable after the number of years that have passed since the water main broke.

Moved by Varner, second by Lind to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held July 19, 2016; approve Abstract No. 660 which includes the following:

BOSS INC	COPY PAPER - GARAGE	14.97
BROWNELLS INC	MAG RELEASE,GLOCK LEDGE	369.96
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	98966-BATTERY-CEMETERY MOWER	38.22
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	958.90
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	10,424.89
BOX RENT AT BANK	BOX RENT 7751	45.00
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE,COMMERCIAL REFUSE	230.12
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	323.08
CLINTON REGIONAL DEV	VISION 2020 INVESTMENT	3,000.00
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENTAL-C HALL	10.00
DEPT OF NAT RESOURCES	ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY FEE FY17	528.25
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHTS	59.61
GALE	BOOKS	124.75
HARTZ LOCK COMPANY	SET OF PIVOTS-C HALL DOOR	125.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT		
SERVICE	QUIKCRETE MIX-RR CROSSING	36.00
ROBERT HOZENGA	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	214.53
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL LOCATES	98.10
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS	843.23
J & C ENTERPRISES	JULY COLLECTION	154.00
SHERYL L JINDRICH	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	5.00
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	UNLEADED	1,207.45
ELECTRONICS INC	RADIO MAINTENANCE-FIRE,POLICE	222.50
LESLIE ELECTRIC	REMOVE & REINSTALL METER-GARA	175.50
WILLIAM LODGE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	184.00
MASTERCARD	HOTEL,MEALS,GAS-TRAINING	794.03
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	DIG GRAVE-WAGNER	300.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS FOR JUNE	68.00
MEREMA BROTHERS INC	PIVOT-PARKS MOWER	53.37
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	242.47
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	3,491.27
MIKE'S BODY SHOP	REPAIR FORD EXPLORER	1,516.56
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	11,097.53
NAPA AUTO PARTS	HEAT SHRINK,FUSE,REDUCER,SLEEVE	70.21
NATCHEZ SHOOTERS SUPPLY	AMMO-TRAINING	1,801.44
NAVY BRAND COMPANY	KAR SHINE-FIRE	119.31
NFPA INTERNATIONAL	3 YR SUBSCRIPTION	445.00
DALE NISSEN	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	440.54
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	TERM CLEANER-GARAGE	8.99
OUR IOWA	2 YR SUBSCRIPTION	32.98
PAULS DISCOUNT	EDGING,ROPE,PRUNING SHEARS	159.09
PREMIER LINEN/UNIFORM	TOWELS,RUGS	202.54
QUALITY CONCRETE	CONCRETE-13TH AVE SIDEWALKS	261.25
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER,SHARPIES,MARKERS-LIB.	82.45
RIVER CITY FENCING INC	REPLACE GATE-PUBLIC WORKS	575.00
THOMAS ROTH	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	10.50
SCHIMBERG CO	MARKING PAINT	174.29
DAVE SCHUTTE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	181.65
BETH THILMANY-BLUMER	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	5.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	JUNE 2016 SALES TAX	2,414.52
PAUL VARNER	MILEAGE-SOLID WASTE MEETING	16.20
VERTEX CHEMICAL COMPANY	95 GALLONS SODIUM	140.60

	HYPOCHLORITE	
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	CONCRETE DUMP,SAND	60.06
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	934.00
CITY OF CLINTON FIRE DEPT	PARAMEDIC ASSIST	150.00
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS	520.00
BWC EXCAVATING	21ST CULVERT CLEANING	575.80
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	166.75
CENTURION HOLDINGS I	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	58.00
BASE	CAFETERIA PLAN	31.25
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERV	COLLECTIONS-LIBRARY	26.85
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS	21,461.05
PLATINUM SMART INC.	SUPPORT,BACKUP,NETWORKING	1,694.23
AMAZON	DVDS	250.77
PLATINUM LEASING	LEASE SERVER AND PHONES	1,289.00
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES	COPIER MAINTENANCE-FIRE	62.30
LINDA RUNGE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	13.50
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	DIESEL,UNLEADED	640.95
HUGUNIN SEWER & PLBG	SEWER LINE REPAIR-CEMETERY	1,230.00
UNITED RENTALS	RENTAL-SOD CUTTER-C HALL	45.00
CFS INSPECTIONS	INSPECT-SNORKEL,LADDERS	917.50
EDENS TREE SERVICE	TREE,CLEANUP-CEMETERY	200.00
JUDY DELL	PARTY IN THE PARK DISPLAY	44.36
LLOYD'S TRAILER COURT	REFUND ON ACCOUNT	1,982.98
DAVID MAZE SR	REFUND ON ACCOUNT	28.98
OPEN EDGE	CREDIT CARD USER FEES	99.70
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 07/14/2016	878.18
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/15/2016	35,428.42
	CLAIMS TOTAL	112,887.48
	GENERAL FUND	79,451.05
	LIBRARY FUND	5,029.09
	PARKS FUND	2,038.33
	CEMETERY FUND	3,414.57
	ROAD USE FUND	8,813.93
	WATER UTILITY FUND	7,486.46
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	4,411.97
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	2,242.08

Approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for June 2016 with the following receipts: General - \$72,641.55, Library - \$21,501.24, Parks - \$7,343.06, Cemetery - \$6,207.92, Road Use - \$49,282.72, Employee Benefit - \$774.13, Police & Fire Pension - \$1,645.04, Perp Care and Howson Trust - \$500.10, Debt Service - \$3,144.87, Washington Blvd. Enhancement - \$154,727.53, City Hall Project - \$6,431.83, Water Utility - \$30,730.62, Sewer Utility - \$49,654.78, Landfill/Garbage - \$33,473.52 for a total of \$438,058.91; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Park and Rec meetings held June 6, July 11, 2016, Historical Board meetings held May 5, June 2, and July 7, 2016; approve a request for "No Parking" on south side of 14th Place from Platt Park to 7th Avenue and on West side of Hiawatha Lane from Middle Road to dead end of Hiawatha Lane, and all the parking lot of 14th Place (handicapped parking) for Camanche Days only; approve a Class B Beer, Native Wine, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales License as submitted by Camanche Bowling Association. On roll call – all ayes.

Replacement Police Officer – Paul Varner stated that Bob Houzenga always says "we are busy and we are shorthanded." The city did not replace the 8th officer when Dan Broadrick left. And another officer is on an indefinite medical leave. The chief could retire tomorrow and then they will be down to 5 officers. Rich Schmitz stated that over a year ago their department had an 80% solvability rate and now it's down to about 60%. Varner stated that what is keeping the chief still here is that he doesn't want to leave his department shorthanded. The city is spending money on OT that could be used to fund the 8th officer. He would like the council to tell the Mayor to contact the Civil Service Commission to start the hiring process for another

officer. Willis stated it is his recommendation to hire an 8th officer. It is not in the budget but there is money in the contingency fund. Houzenga would like the department back to full strength. He has grave concerns about the department right now. Metzger stated there are communication issues right now between her and the chief. Willis stated the drop dead date for Bob Houzenga to retire would be July 1 of next year. He is not going to want to pay 20% for his retirement health insurance. Varner is asking for an 8th officer. Saxon stated if there is a qualified person on the list, he would look at it differently. If they have to go to the academy, it could still be a year without another officer. Roth commented that if you promote from within for the chief's position, you still will be another officer short. And one officer could be out indefinitely. Wruck stated that one of the complaints he receives every week is "Why is the police chief at city hall 5 hours a day?" Roth, Jindrich, Houzenga all stated that he is not there that often. Lind has seen him there for many hours in a day. Lind also wondered how many times you can put something on the agenda. Frey stated the council speaks by motion, resolution or ordinance. Willis said we did not cut staff; we just put an unfunded mandate. He will put it on the next agenda and the council should be prepared to make a decision.

Urban Renewal Area – this was brought up due to the second phase of Bob Edens subdivision. It will be called the 9th to 9th Urban Renewal Area. The school and the county are invited to a meeting next Tuesday, 2:00 at the City Hall, to discuss this.

Moved by Saxon, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Setting Date for a Public Hearing on Designation of the 9th and 9th Urban Renewal Area and an Urban Renewal Plan and Project. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to approve a Pay Request from Edens Construction for the Community Center/Storage Building in the amount of \$13,224.08. On roll call – all ayes.

21st Street Project – Wruck stated it looks nice. It makes a huge difference. He was wondering what the pipes are for. Solchenberger said it will be used for the French drains. They will be buried vertical and covered it. Then there will be grading and rock put on the shoulders.

Moved by Lind, second by Saxon to approve a Pay Request from Determann Asphalt for 21st Street Project in the amount of \$206,802.92. On roll call – all ayes.

Preliminary Official Statement – Mike Maloney, D.A. Davidson, was here to help explain the preliminary official statement. Roth commented that Mike has been very helpful and he appreciates his work. These are general obligation bonds and they will be paid back with the increased road use tax payments.

Moved by Varner, second by Lind to approve a Resolution Approving Preliminary Official Statement for General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2016. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Saxon, second by Metzger to Approve a Resolution Approving and Adopting the Annual Street Financial Report from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016. On roll call – all ayes.

Schutte and Houzenga read their department's respective monthly reports for June 2016.

Rumble Strips – a car went across Highway 67 again and hit the home owner's fence. Hilgendorf got 2 prices on the rumble strips. It would cost \$1,200 for 3 sets of rumble strips. Houzenga stated he doesn't know what else we can do besides the rumble strips. We have tried everything. The council agreed to go ahead with the rumble strips.

Peddler's Permit – This came about because a roofing contractor came to town. Our ordinance covers goods and services. Our ordinance states the peddler needs a Transient Merchant's License. The State Statute deals with goods. This contractor would have to provide a surety bond and a 3 day right of refusal. The ordinance was made in 1989 and stated they wanted no peddlers going door to door. He thinks the ordinance should be changed – taking out the wordage on getting transient merchant license and taking the word "services" out also.

Roth has heard from Julie Lonergan. She wanted to know what the city needs from her. He also reminded everyone that the job applications for the city administrator's position are due by 4:00, Friday, July 22nd. There are 10 applicants so far. The next step in the hiring process will be put on the next agenda.

Willis wanted to remind everyone that Party in the Park will be this Thursday at 6:30. He wanted to thank Willie Duncan, 1st Gateway Credit Union, Cedar Heights, and Seeser rental for organizing the event supporting the police officers starting at 4:30 at the police station on Thursday.

Metzger wanted to thank the Fire Department (Jim Sowle and Greg Nelson) for helping one of her elderly neighbors with windows that were stuck and an air conditioner that didn't work, plus installing smoke detectors. She was wondering if elected officials and council members were going to be recognized at Party in the Park.

Varner wanted to thank the Kiwanis for recognizing the police officers at their meeting this morning.

Wruck was wondering who can or cannot apply for the city administrator position. Frey will send him the email that he had sent out previously explaining that. He was also wondering if the city had anything on the books concerning heavy equipment on the streets. Roth commented that there is no weight limit. Solchenberger stated that if there is one who is going to police it. Randy Current commented that if they are defacing city property they could be issued a citation. Wruck thanked Roth for taking care of the matter.

Solchenberger reported that they are obtaining easements from ACC/GCC before they can bid out the 21st Street Culvert Project. He is hoping they can bid this out in August.

Houzenga wanted to echo Varner's sentiment of the support from the Kiwanis.

Schutte reported that the grant for additional funds for the community center has been submitted.

Gary Tucker reported that in front of Dan Bolte's house on Dunn Road, where the white shoulder stripes are, there is a 3 to 4 foot drop. They will check into that. He stated he used to live on 3rd Street and he doesn't remember a water main break in the time he lived there.

Donna Current is worried about the safety of the police officers. She would like to see the police officers more involved in the schools. She wanted to thank Tom Roth for being the first city administrator for the City of Camanche. She is proud that the city is going to hire another one.

Shirley Varner thinks the council members should ride along with the officers.

At 8:05 P.M., the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer