

City of Camanche

March 1, 2016

Mayor Willis moved the meeting to the Camanche Fire Station due to the number of people that would not fit in the council chambers.

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 1, 2016 at 6:14 PM at Camanche Fire Station. 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, 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 Lind, second by Varner to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

At 6:16 P.M., the Mayor opened a public hearing on the FYE17 Budget. Roth stated the tax levy rate will remain the same with some money going into a contingency fund. He had gotten a call from the Auditor’s Office stating there was a mistake in the valuations. The city should be receiving an additional \$12,000. Hearing or receiving no comments for or against, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:17 P.M.

Moved by Lind, second by Saxon to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held February 16, 2016; approve Abstract No. 651 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	2,958.53
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	95875-FUEL REP KIT-AMBULANCE	36.31
CLINTON CO FIREMEN'S ASSO	2016 DUES	50.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,191.07
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	323.08
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	PAY EST #2-FINAL-DUNN RD	7,381.91
GALE	BOOKS	158.35
GATEWAY UNITED WAY	UNITED WAY	20.00
ROBERT HOUZENGA	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	4.55
ING	DEFERRED COMP	500.00
IPERS	IPERS	6,005.10
LECTRONICS INC	RADIO MAINTENANCE FEE	222.50
	REMOVE CHRISTMAS	
LESLIE ELECTRIC	DECORATIONS	582.00
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	199.20
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS	133.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,954.30
JEFFREY MOORE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	436.03
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	8,661.62
DALE NISSEN	COINSURANCES	105.30
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	262341-IGN COIL SPARK PLUG	16.98
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	MEDICAL OXYGEN	310.93
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	GENERAL PEST SERVICE	89.00
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	885.83
DAVE SCHUTTE	PHYSICAL EXPENSES	36.00
SEWER EQUIPMENT CO	NOZZLE EXT 3/4 NOZZLE SEWERJET	542.98
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG SERV-WASHINGTON BLVD ENH	355.70
TEAM TWO INC	AMBULANCE BILLING JAN 2016	480.79
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	3,974.00

TREASURER'S OFFICE	CLASS FOR 3 FIREFIGHTERS	150.00
PAUL VARNER	MILEAGE CLINTON CO WASTE	8.10
	2-55 GALLONS SODIUM	
WATCON INC	PHOSPHATE	3,282.46
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	934.00
QUAD CITY SAFETY	LEATHER WORK GLOVES -GARAGE	124.10
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	319.32
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	444.55
CLINTON AUTO GROUP	VALVE ASSEMBLY-AMBULANCE	53.77
XEROX CORPORATION	COPIER MAINTENANCE	66.22
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	809.22
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	585.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS	27,678.09
MENARDS - DAVENPORT	20 - 5' WOOD FLAGPOLE W/FLAGS	399.80
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	543.12
AMAZON	074152836536-DVDS,COLORING BK	232.06
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	1,183.71
GREG CROMER AERIAL	AERIAL PHOTO	150.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 02/26/2016	30,869.48
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	115,448.06
	GENERAL FUND	74,506.66
	LIBRARY FUND	6,078.65
	PARKS FUND	3,283.42
	CEMETERY FUND	559.94
	ROAD USE FUND	12,374.66
	WASH BLVD ENHANCEMENT FUND	355.70
	WATER UTILITY FUND	11,627.79
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	6,661.24

Receive, accept and place on file minutes from Park and Rec. meeting held February 1, 2016.  
On roll call – all ayes.

**WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE RATES** – Roth stated the city raised the water rates about 4 years ago and did it in steps. We are covering our bills but we need to set aside money for infrastructure. Sewer rates were raised 6-7 years ago. We have lined the manholes in the area closest to the river to help with infiltration. With IPSCO closing, the city has lost \$30,000 in revenue. Sewer rates are in a holding pattern. In regards to garbage rates, the city has absorbed the \$1.00 increase per household. You don't need a surplus because there is no capital.

Marv would like Roth to provide information detailing the increases and balances. Trevor stated he has talked to a couple of council members and they would like to have a step increase in rates. Wruck would like to see a meter fee on each bill. If you just have percentage increases, you will never get ahead. Roth said he will get the info out to them. Trevor said we should look at the garbage fund and see in a few months how we are depleting it. Wruck was wondering what Jorge's rates will be in years 3-5 of the new contract.

**Retiree Health Care Insurance** – Roth stated that the council has received information from the city attorney and Art Eggers. Willis asked Saxon a question – you said you had received information that could influence your decision and was wondering what that was. Saxon stated he is not in favor of eliminating the retiree health insurance. The city has demonstrated their commitment and it has worked. He was wondering if we take it away, does it take away from the present retirees. Roth stated there are 4 groups: 1) Current retirees; 2) department heads who have the benefit through July 1, 2017; 3) Bargaining unit employees because the health care insurance is not in the contract; 4) a group that just voted to join the union but does not have a contract. Frey stated the bargaining unit is not eligible to receive the retirement health care insurance. The city has a right to offer the insurance to the retirees at

the retirees' expense and if the council takes no action, the bargaining unit will not be eligible for retiree health insurance. A notice would have to be sent to the employees.

Paul Willis stated this benefit came about when he was mayor. There was a turnover of employees and the city thought this benefit was a way to keep them. Dave Pillers said the city has been fortunate with the relationship with their employees. For 30 years they have never gone to arbitration. They have always bargained in good faith. It was the employees' expectation to receive this benefit. They need to consider that aspect that the bargaining unit has worked with the city in good faith. All the discussion was to take it away from the new hires and not to take it away from all employees.

There were several people who spoke to the council with their thoughts (for and against) about the retiree health care insurance benefit.

Metzger stated she did not want to take it away. She was wondering what the employees were proposing. Saxon didn't want to take it away either. He stated it's not uncommon to have this benefit. It doesn't come down to just money. Frey stated the city can exercise its discretion through July 1, 2017 – that is when the contracts expire. Willis was wondering what the council wishes to do. If you don't decide tonight, it will be on the next agenda. Willis formed a committee of himself, Wruck and Saxon to look into all the options.

Moved by Lind, second by Metzger to approve a Resolution Approving the FYE 2017 Budget. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Lind, second by Saxon to approve a Resolution Approving a Contract with River City Disposal LLC for Solid Waste Collection for Residences in the City of Camanche. On roll call – all ayes.

Current stated he has been going over the paperwork for Lum Park. We need to determine what does the city own and is it really a park. He also has been working on cleaning up the department head contracts.

Roth stated Jason Craft, City of Clinton, is working on the plans and specs for the road projects. Shive Hattery will be delivering the design for 21<sup>st</sup> Street (in front of Economy Coating) and the culvert project. The bids for the community center/fire storage building will be on the next agenda.

Varner appreciated all of the comments from the audience.

Wruck also appreciated all of the comments.

Schutte stated that Lobsack has written a letter of support for the FEMA grant for air packs.

Gary Tucker was wondering what is going on with the garage that burned. Roth stated the owners are taking legal action

**Health Care Insurance Premium Renewal** – Frey suggested it be discussed in closed session. Unless we have the union's permission to discuss this in open session, it has to be done in closed session.

Moved by Wruck, second by Saxon at 8:05 P.M. to go into closed session to discuss the health insurance renewal. On roll call – all ayes.

The council came back into open session at 8:54 P.M.

Moved by Saxon, second by Varner to adjourn the meeting. On roll call – all ayes.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer