

City of Camanche

March 15, 2016

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 15, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the 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 Attorneys John Frey and Randy Current, City Engineer Dan Solchenberger, and department heads Schutte and Hilgendorf and City Clerk/Treasurer Jindrich.

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

Mayor Willis stated since the agenda is rather lengthy he would like to move the consideration of bids received for municipal insurance renewal to the top of the agenda.

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

At 6:04 PM, Mayor Willis opened a public hearing on the plans and specifications for the Community Center/Storage Building. Solchenberger stated the plans had been on file at city hall for the last couple of weeks. After hearing and receiving no comments for or against, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

Saxon read the following amendment to the City Council minutes from March 1, 2016. The minutes are to be amended as follows: Delete the First paragraph and insert the following in its place: “The Camanche City Council convened in open session at Camanche City Hall at 6:00 P.M. on March 1, 2016. Mayor Willis announced in open session the meeting would be recessed and immediately reconvenes at the Camanche Fire Station due to the number of people that would not fit in the Council Chambers. A notice was posted on the City Hall front door advising of the reconvened meeting location”.

Moved by Saxon, second by Lind to approve the amendment to the minutes from the March 1, 2016 council meeting. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Varner, second by Saxon to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve the amended minutes from council meeting held March 1, 2016; approve Abstract No. 652 which includes the following:

CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CAMANCHE FOOD PRIDE	CLEANING SUPPLIES	98.82
CAMANCHE WATER WORKS	1ST QTR WATER/SEWER BILLS	322.08
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	135.67
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS-FEB 2016	1,045.15
CITY OF CLINTON	28E CONTRACT	23,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	8,807.60
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	323.08
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENTAL-CITY HALL	10.00
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	COLD MIX- - 1.10 TONS	96.80
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC	TIRES FOR BOBCAT	1,713.80
ECONOMY PLBG/HEATING INC	WATER HEATER-GARNER HALL	537.04
ELECTRICAL ENG & EQUIP CO	BLOCK HEATER-GEN-POLICE/FIRE	330.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	NUTS,BOLTS-GARAGE	3.00
GALE	BOOKS	66.37
IA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOC	FIRE CHIEF/ASST CHIEF-DUES	50.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS	545.72
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY	BATTERY-FIRE	37.90

J & C ENTERPRISES	MARCH COLLECTION	154.00
SHERYL L JINDRICH	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	377.22
KYLE KING	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	151.20
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	UNLEADED/DIESEL	1,261.98
ELECTRONICS INC	RADIO MAINTENANCE	222.50
MASTERCARD	LATERAL FILE, DRY ERASE BRD	5,089.80
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	WATER MAIN BRK-7TH AVE/6TH ST	550.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	456.69
MEREMA BROTHERS INC	54776-OIL-CEMETERY MOWER	154.02
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	46.99
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	3,537.05
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	130.52
MIDWEST BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIES-C HALL, POLICE	126.74
JEFFREY MOORE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	14.07
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	8,658.56
DALE NISSEN	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	35.02
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	BIT SET-GARAGE	11.99
PAULS DISCOUNT	BATTERIES, FILL VALVE, CHARCOAL	79.80
POSTMASTER	MAIL 1ST QTR WATER/SWR/GARBAGE	480.28
PREMIER LINEN/UNIFORM	TOWELS, RUGS, MOP HEADS	161.68
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CONTROL-LIB, C HALL, G HALL	89.00
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	60.00
QUILL CORPORATION	TONER, CONSTRUCTION PAPER	341.86
RIVER CITY DISPOSAL LLC	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING	22,191.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG SERV-COMM CTR/FIRE	5,603.52
BETH THILMANY-BLUMER	PIZZA, DVDS, GIFT CARDS	125.59
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	FEBRUARY 2016 SALES TAX	365.54
UPSTART	BOOKMARKS	24.50
USA BLUEBOOK	WATER TESTING KITS	283.56
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	268.86
VERTEX CHEMICAL COMPANY	95 GALLONS SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	140.60
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	4.95 TONS RD STONE-MAIN BREAK	43.31
WITT'S SMALL ENGINE	DRIVE BELT-GARAGE CUT OFF SAW	57.10
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	SAFETY SHOES	200.00
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	934.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	166.75
XOP NETWORKS	FIREBAR-4/1/16-6/30/16	600.00
OPENEDGE	CREDIT CARD USER FEES	126.29
JAMES SOWLE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	204.15
CUMMINS CENTRAL POWER	CONTROL BOARD-WWTP-TRBL SHOOT	503.13
WALMART GIFT CARD	GIFT CARD-LIBRARY	200.00
CAMANCHE KIWANIS CLUB	EASTER EGG HUNT	100.00
BASE	MONTHLY CAFETERIA PLAN	31.25
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERV	COLLECTION SERVICE	17.90
LOOKOUT BOOKS	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	125.30
PLATINUM SMART INC.	IT SUPPORT, BACKUP, NETWORKING	1,446.20
PETS FOREVER	DISPOSAL OF EVIDENCE	126.00
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO.	MAINT AGREEMENT-3/1/16-2/27/17	1,503.00
PLATINUM LEASING	LEASE-SERVER AND PHONE SYSTEM	1,289.00
POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION	3 NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS	86.95
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES	PRINTER MAINTENANCE	146.20
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	FUEL - PUBLIC WORKS	111.30
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-FEBRUARY 2016	6,227.52
TREVOR WILLIS	MILEAGE, MEAL EXPENSES	311.25
CURT STRUTZ	LIB PROGRAM-JUNE 9, 2016	350.00
TODD POWERS	GAS TO ST FIRE SCHOOL	45.99

DFS INC FLEX PLAN	FLEX PLAN	45.00
PETERSON PLUMBING INC	CLEANED OUT SEWER-LIBRARY	320.00
JONES JANITOR SUPPLIES	SQUEEGES-FIRE DEPT	170.00
DATAPATH	BASE	390.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 03/08/2016	159.48
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 03/11/2016	29,737.86
	CLAIMS TOTAL	134,592.10
	GENERAL FUND	60,968.66
	LIBRARY FUND	5,435.89
	PARKS FUND	1,874.46
	CEMETERY FUND	505.63
	ROAD USE FUND	7,312.81
	COMM CTR/STORAGE BLDG FUND	5,235.30
	WATER UTILITY FUND	4,968.55
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	26,099.80
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE	22,191.00

Approve City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for February 2016 with the following receipts: General - \$73,851.30; Library - \$11,571.60; Parks - \$6,337.34; Cemetery - \$3,157.92; Road Use - \$45,974.68; Employee Benefit - \$908.52; Police & Fire Pension - \$1,930.61; Perp. Care - \$100.00; Debt Service - \$3,690.82; Water Utility Fund - \$2,132.02; Sewer Utility - \$5,647.10; Landfill/Garbage - \$1,866.65 for a total of \$157,168.56; receive, accept and place on file minutes from Library Board meeting held 2/3/2016; approve a Resolution to Destroy Certain City Records; approve a Resolution Amending the Delinquent Solid Waste Special Assessment for 2800 Overlook Court; approve Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales as submitted by Harlan Seeser, dba Camanche Marina, effective April 30, 2016. On roll call – all ayes.

**Municipal Insurance Renewal** – there were two bids received: Core-Vens & Co., Inc. - \$142,521.00 for municipal insurance with full work comp and alternate bid of \$113,790 for municipal insurance with medical only; and bid from The Insurance Group - \$157,278.00 for municipal insurance with full work comp and did not bid for medical only. Willis would recommend that the city award the municipal insurance contract to Core-Vens & Co., Inc. in the amount of \$113,790 for medical only.

Moved by Saxon, second by Varner to award the municipal insurance contract to Core-Vens & Co., Inc. in the amount of \$113,790 for medical only. On roll call – all ayes.

**Water Rates** – Wruck would like to see a 3% increase over a 2-3 year period. The city needs to put money away. He would like to see a service/meter fee in the amount of \$2.00 to be put on each bill. This money would be put away in a fund. It could be about \$15,000 a year. Willis suggested the city raise the minimum charge which is currently \$15.00 a quarter. Wruck was wondering about lowering the minimum from 4,000 gallons to 1,000 gallons. They would like to have numbers back to them for the next meeting so they can go forward with raising the rates. Wruck would like a letter sent to the churches informing that water meters will be put in.

**Garbage Rates** – they would like to see some numbers so they can decide what the raise in rates will be. They would like to keep the senior rates at \$36.75 per quarter and then see how much the rate would be for other residents. They would like this information before the next meeting.

**Health Care Insurance Renewal** – Willis informed everyone that our current plan is not available. Roth had spoken with the president of the bargaining unit. Frey stated he had not gotten a response from Dave Pillers, attorney for the bargaining unit.

Moved by Wruck, second by Lind to approve going with the HMO Gold Plan pending approval from the bargaining unit. On roll call – ayes – Metzger, Saxon, Lind, Wruck. Abstain – Varner – due to the fact he has the health care insurance.

**Retiree Health Care Insurance** – the Ad Hoc Committee met March 9, 2016. Willis stated counsel advised the council to take care of the policy through July 1, 2017. Willis asked if they wanted to make a motion to keep the present policy that is in the department head contract thru July 1, 2017. That would give the counsel time to decide what they wanted to do for retirees that retire after July 1, 2017. Wruck wanted to get it settled. He stated nobody has anything to give. Everyone is working towards middle ground. Wruck would like the retirees to pay 20% of their premium when they reach retirement age and the city would pay no copayments or deductibles. Everyone has had enough of it. Lind would like to see the retiree's percentage to be at 25%. Metzger thinks 25% is too high and would like to see it started at 20%.

Moved by Lind, second by Metzger to have a resolution drawn up as follows: for any retiree hired before July 1, 2008, the retiree and their spouse will receive the insurance benefit and the retirees would pay 20% of the health care premium and they would get reimbursed zero for deductibles/copays/coinsurances. Anyone hired after July 1, 2008, the benefit to the retiree would be for a single plan only - the spouse could be covered at their own expense. The retiree would pay 20% of the premium and get reimbursed zero for deductibles/copays/coinsurances. Any retiree hired after July 1, 2015, would not receive any health care insurance paid for by the city other than what they qualify for by the State statute.

Schutte stated to the council that they may want to review the deductible/copays. With the new insurance contract, the out of pocket expenses go from \$4,000 to \$8,000. Saxon would like to see the retiree's percentage to be 15% with the amount of the increase in out of pockets.

On roll call – ayes – Lind, Wruck, and Metzger. Nays – Saxon and Varner.

Willis wanted to go on record saying the council is making a huge mistake.

Moved by Varner, second by Lind to approve the plans and specifications for the community center/fire storage building. On roll call – all ayes.

**Community Center/Storage Building** – Metzger had a few issues with the span of the difference in bid amounts. Solchenberger stated everything looked in order.

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Accepting the Low Bid of \$547,000 Received from Eden's Construction for the Construction of the Community Center/Fire Department Storage Building and Awarding a Contract for the Project. On roll call – all ayes.

**5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Railroad Crossing** – Wruck is not in favor of closing. Once the city closes it, it's closed forever. Willis feels the city shouldn't close it just to save \$11,000 which is our match for the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing arms. We can pay that \$11,000 over two budgets. It was the consensus of the council not to close it.

At 7:32 P.M., there was a recess because tornado sirens went off and they were advising people to take cover.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 P.M.

**Community Newsletter** – Wruck thought it had already been brought up that the council would get a copy of the newsletter emailed to them for their review. It was the council's consensus to have the rough draft of the newsletter emailed to them for their review and they are to respond with any changes within two days.

**Sale of Lum Park** – Willis was wondering that the council thinks. He doesn't want to see it sold to a private entity. He would like to give the current property owners a chance to buy it. Current stated there are 5 platted lots. There is a street to the east and to the south that is not improved. If you sell the property, you have to determine whether you are going to close the streets. You can sell the land; there is still an alley and unimproved streets that would have to be vacated. Metzger stated the city still needs to first see if the property owners are interested in purchasing the land. They would like to see a letter sent to the property owners. Calvin Leitzen was wondering if the skating rink could be put there. Wruck commented that Park and Recreation brought this issue up. They would like to use the money from the sale of the land to build a band shell in Platt Park. They would like Roth to send the letters out.

**Donation to Camanche DeWitt Coalition** – Metzger was wondering what the \$750 would be going for. She knew that last year our \$500 contribution went towards obtaining a grant. Lodge said they provide educational tools for the police department to hand out. They also have town meetings informing parents what to look for. The council would like it tabled until the next meeting so they can get more information.

Schutte and Lodge read the Fire and Police Department monthly reported for February 2016.

**Tom Roth Retirement** – Wruck stated Roth has not given an official date yet. He feels it will take months to go through the screening process. The council needs to think what they want to do. The options are: 1. Go through a head hunter. 2. Advertise in the League of Cities magazine. Current wanted to give a little background. He has talked to Roth concerning his retirement. Roth has not made a final decision on the date as he is waiting to hear about accrued vacation – whether he would be paid for his accrued vacation. Currently the policy is the employee gets the accrued vacation on January 1. There is no policy on reimbursing accrued vacation. If Roth retires, i.e. October 1, he would have accrued  $\frac{3}{4}$  of his 4 weeks of vacation. That would influence his decision. The counsel felt that that wasn't a problem giving him his accrued vacation. It was the consensus of the counsel to move forward with the hiring process. Willis asked the council to think about what wages they wanted to offer and how much experience the candidate should have.

**Design Services for 21<sup>st</sup> St. Rehabilitation (7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to US 67) and 21<sup>st</sup> St. Box Culvert as submitted by Shive Hattery** - Wruck informed Solchenberger that he has been contacted by AV Transportation. They don't want that large of a driveway that they have now. They would be willing to haul away the dirt and that could help with drainage issues. Solchenberger said he will keep that in mind when they start the design. Wruck was also wondering about the timing of the road closure in regards to the box culvert. Solchenberger stated it should go relatively quick. We will get it done and then have Clinton come in to do the road. Things will need to be coordinated with Clinton on the culvert project. Wruck was wondering if we are going to be graveling the shoulders on 21<sup>st</sup> St like we did on Dunn Road. Solchenberger will look at it – don't know if there will be enough room.

Moved by Lind, second by Saxon to approve the Professional Services Agreement for the 21<sup>st</sup> St. Rehabilitation (7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to US 67) and 21<sup>st</sup> St. Box Culvert Replacement project as submitted by Shive-Hattery. On roll call – all ayes.

Current – he has been working on the 28E agreement between the City of Clinton, Clinton County and the City of Camanche in regards to the Anamosa Road project.

Willis stated he and Chief Schutte attended a very good full scale exercise on a train derailment.

Metzger would like to see building fees and community center fees put on the next agenda. She was also wondering if we have heard anything new on senior housing. Willis stated he has not heard anything. The outside City Hall clock is not working – Jindrich stated Roth is checking into it. She also asked Lodge about the policy of police reports be given to the Clinton Herald. Lodge stated John was going to stop at the PD on Tuesdays and Fridays. She would like him to contact Scott or Charlotte at the Herald – they need a different format. She also wanted to thank John for his article in the paper on Friday.

Varner stated the Historical Society is open on Sundays from 1-4. They will be holding a Civil War Reenactment May 6-8 at the Camanche High School practice football field. At the April 25 potluck, they will be having a World War II speaker. The Kiwanis will be sponsoring a household hazardous material drop off at Clysar parking lot on April 2 from 9-1. The jail referendum will be held at the Historical Society on March 28.

Gary Tucker commented that Adrian was wondering how long 21<sup>st</sup> Street was going to be closed. He would like the heavy truck traffic taken into consideration when the design is being done.

At 8:59 P.M., being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer