

City of Camanche

July 9, 2019

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in a goal setting session July 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Willis, presiding, and council members Metzger, Varner, Campie, Weller and Brightman. Also present were City Administrator Andrew Kida, department heads Reid, Schutte and Schneider.

Moved by Metzger, second by Weller to approve the Agenda. On roll call – all Ayes.

Kida began by saying the idea is to have Council provide ideas of where we want to go. He asked the Mayor, Council members and Department Heads to list their ideas in 4 categories: Major Accomplishments over the past 4 years, Current Concerns, Programs and Initiatives, and Capital Projects. He compiled the items submitted and created a Word Art presentation. The most frequently mentioned items were the focus of detailed discussions, resulting in several goals. For each goal, there will be five questions to answer; what, when, why, where and how.

Discussion regarding the need for better communication and more volunteers for boards, commissions and the fire department led to the decision that marketing needs to be a goal.

The need for better processes for building permits and fire code and safety inspections for businesses, rentals and residences, led to the decision that Building Code/Building Inspection needs to be a goal.

Discussion regarding the need for improvement of infrastructure, the possibility of creating a storm water utility, cleaning and dressing up Washington Boulevard and the bike path along 1st Street led to the decision to include improvement of 9th Street needs to be a goal.

Kida brought up the sewer system; we need to address the concerns of aging lift stations. He mentioned that lining the sewers south of the railroad tracks was a part of the FEMA mitigation report. It was decided that lining sewers and lift stations should be a goal.

The Park and Recreation Commission is working on an overall Park Improvement Plan, listing and prioritizing their goals to make the City park system better for residents. Supporting the Park and Recreation Commission's Park Improvement Plan will be a goal.

Discussion of security in city buildings, investing in the long-term care of our properties and building maintenance funding led to a goal of improving safety and security at City Hall. Council agreed that safety should be a number one priority.

Kida will summarize the meeting and compile a report. Mayor Willis encouraged everyone to continue to think of future goals.

Mayor Willis adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Toni Schneider, City Clerk/Treasurer