

City of Camanche

November 7, 2019

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in special session November 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Willis, presiding, and council members Metzger, Varner, Weller and Brightman. Also present were City Administrator Andrew Kida, City Attorney Randy Current and department head Schneider.

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

Mayor Willis and Kida opened the meeting to discuss filling the vacant Council seat left by the resignation of Councilwoman Campie. There are approximately two years left on her term. They deferred to City Attorney Current for the available options. Mr. Current said under the Code of Iowa, one option is to fill the seat by Council appointment. There is no requirement or established procedure; it is Council prerogative and can be anyone qualified to have been on the ballot. Council has 60 days to fill the vacancy. If Council decides to appoint, the citizens can petition for a special election and take it out of Council's hands. He said that per Iowa Code, 105 signatures would be needed on a petition to override the Council's decision to appoint, if that is their decision. The other option Council has is to hold a special election. Brightman asked how much an election would cost. Kida said it would be approximately \$6,000. Metzger said that money is not in our budget.

If Council decides to appoint, the appointment can be made before the end of the year or at the beginning of the new year at a special meeting. Detailed discussion followed regarding the different scenarios, quorums, voting, and notice and publication requirements. The decision to appoint or hold a special election will be placed on the next agenda.

Mayor Willis adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Toni Schneider, City Clerk/Treasurer