

City of Camanche  
August 18, 2020

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via electronic means due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Present on roll call: Mayor Trevor Willis, presiding, and council members Bowman, Varner, Weller and Brightman. Absent: Schnoor. Also present were City Attorneys John Frey, Randy Current and Brayden Roberts, City Administrator Kida, Department Heads Hilgendorf, Reid with Sergeant Schmitz, Schutte and Schneider.

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

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

Mayor Willis opened a Public Hearing regarding Increasing Franchise Fees on Electric Utilities from 1% to 2% at 6:07 p.m. This was discussed during budget hearings. With the enactment of franchise fees in Clinton, we are losing about \$40,000 in Local Option Sales Tax revenue. Increasing our electric franchise fee will help to replace this revenue. In the absence of public comments, Mayor Willis closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Mayor Willis opened a Public Hearing regarding Proposed Sale of Interest in Real Estate Right of Way Between the City of Camanche, Iowa and Michael A. Kramer at 6:08 p.m. Kida shared a view of the property from the Beacon website. This hearing is the public’s opportunity to object to the sale. In the absence of public comments, Mayor Willis closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Willis asked for public comments on agenda topics. There were none.

Moved by Bowman, second by Brightman to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on August 4, 2020; approve Abstract No. 759 which includes the following:

CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	FD,PD CLEANING SUPPLIES	76.00
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	673.61
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	8,942.69
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE, COMMERCIAL REFUSE	447.72
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	908.71
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENT-LIBRARY,CITY HALL	20.00
MANATTS	HAUL RAP-COMMUNITY CENTER	25.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHTS-9TH ST,ANAMOSA	72.87
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	GLOVES,AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	185.05
FASTENAL COMPANY	HOLE SAW-PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE	25.98
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	CIRC SAW,BLADE-PW SHOP	244.80
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	309.90
J & C ENTERPRISES	JULY COLLECTION	92.00
LECTRONICS INC	RADIO MAINT-PD,FD;ALARM-CHALL	252.50
MATT PARROTT COMPANY	DELINQ NOTICES-WATER DEPT	350.28
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	SEWERMAIN-800 BLK3RD ST,1GRAVE	5,205.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	586.59
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	2,516.40
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIES-CITY HALL ,POLICE DEPT	174.67
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	10,849.85
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	STARTER-1 TON,PLIERS-SHOP	62.22
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	368.85
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	CYLINDER RENTAL	72.00
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	163.00
QUALITY CONCRETE	1/2 YD CONCRETE-COMM CENTER	129.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	MARKING PAINT-STREETS	70.14
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	JULY 2020 SALES, WATER EXCISE TAX	2,614.57

UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	2 HYDRANT REPAIR KITS	230.00
WATCON INC	2 55 GAL POLYPHOSPHATE	3,466.69
BRIAN WERNICK	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	84.00
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	74.00
JORDAN MOORE	JULY 2020 PAID ON CALL	200.00
QUAD CITY SAFETY	SAFETY VESTS-PUBLIC WORKS	129.75
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS	520.00
PREMIER PARTS INC	WHEEL BEARING-PARK/REC MOWER	248.01
CLINTON ENGINEERING	DUNN ROAD DUMPSTER PAD	38,902.75
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	166.75
BIBLIONIX	SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES	1,800.00
ERIC DAU	JULY 2020 PAID ON CALL	280.00
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATA BACKUPS JULY 2020	575.20
TOWN SQUARE PUBLICATIONS	2ND PMT-FULLPG AD CHAMBER MAG	1,200.00
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-JULY 2020	2,260.05
KEVIN KING	COPAYMENT REIMBURSEMENT	8.00
R & R WINDOW WASHING	WASH CITY HALL WINDOWS-OUTSIDE	20.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	2,006.94
PLATINUM INFORMATION SRV	ITSUPPORT,NETWORKMON,SPAMFLT	1,396.81
DANNY WELLER	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	168.00
EBENSBERGER CONSTRUCTION	STREET,CROSSWALK STRIPING	15,896.62
SPARKS SMALL ENGINE	HANDLE,PARTS-CEMETERY MOWER	394.90
BURKE BUSINESS	RUGS,TOWELS,FENDERCVR-PWORKS	36.60
CORY SNODGRASS	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	48.00
DUANE J WIESE	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	96.00
CHRISTIAN MARSH	JULY 2020 PAID ON CALL	220.00
PAUL MCCOY	JULY 2020 PAID ON CALL	240.00
JESSIE BAUGHMAN	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
MITCHELL JAHNS	JULY 2020 PAID ON CALL	360.00
BRANDON SMITH	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
JENNIFER BIELEMA	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	15.00
KEVIN DECKER	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
TODD POWERS	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
MICHELLE PRUETT	JULY 2020 PAID ON CALL	440.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00
JOHN LUND	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	25.00
TRISH ANN ANDERSON	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
MICHAEL BURMAHL	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	35.00
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	SEPTEMBER 2020 LEASE PAYMENT	812.82
DUSTIN MAY	JULY 2020 AMBULANCE STIPEND	120.00
SLUMBERLAND FURNITURE	FIRE STATION FURNITURE	1,338.99
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/07/2020	38,037.34
	CLAIMS TOTAL	147,516.62
	GENERAL FUND	60,232.46
	LIBRARY FUND	5,419.26
	PARKS FUND	1,610.79
	CEMETERY FUND	2,295.87
	ROAD USE FUND	21,395.63
	WATER UTILITY FUND	9,380.76
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	6,718.40
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	40,463.45

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for July 2020 which includes receipts: General \$116,817.26, Library \$12,352.20, Parks \$6,770.08, Cemetery \$3,451.00 Road Use \$74,783.57, Employee Benefit \$302.68, Police & Fire Pension \$587.57, Debt Service \$1,182.98 Water Utility Fund \$42,325.78, Sewer Utility \$72,529.68, Landfill/Garbage \$44,413.83; Approve Class C Liquor License with Catering Privilege, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales as submitted by BridgKen Enterprise, LLC dba Imperial Lanes effective September 28, 2020; Approve payment of Tom McManus Backhoe & Truck Service, Inc. invoice for Sanitary Sewer Main repair 800 block 3<sup>rd</sup> Street \$4,905.00. On roll call – all Ayes.

A detailed discussion regarding the Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-1-5 Section 6 Subsection A of the Camanche Code of City Ordinances Public Health and Safety: Discharge of Firearms and Fireworks occurred. Mayor Willis said we discovered several Ordinances that had changed through the codification process without any intent. Kida noted one of the items removed or added to the current code which was adopted in 2019 and also in 2009 is the language that says no discharge of firearms in city limits. He said it was found that in 2008 the Code did not have that language. He said the goal here was to change the City Ordinance to at least allow for hunting in city limits as traditionally been done in the rural areas in city limits but also within the state guidelines as to where you do it and how you do it. City Attorney Frey added an overview of information provided to Council which included information from other cities. There are basically three approaches cities have taken; no discharge of firearms in city limits, discharge is not permitted except as otherwise authorized by state law, or stricter limitations above and beyond what the state imposes commonly limiting types of weapons. Mayor Willis said he thought the idea behind this was we always had a provision allowing hunting and this is something we did not want to take away. He said he thought the Council was on board with that and asked if this is a fair assessment. Varner agreed and wanted to be sure landowners could carry any weapons allowed within state law and could give permission for people to hunt their land. Bowman said we should allow hunting but we should be thinking about which weapons we are going to allow to be discharged within city limits. Mayor Willis agreed. Mayor Willis also asked Sergeant Schmitz for his input; he said the most dangerous season state-wide is the shotgun deer season. He said he has a concern about slugs. There was additional discussion regarding the types of weapons that should be allowed. Sergeant Schmitz assured everyone the DNR has done a lot of research and referred to their website for a listing of guns allowed. Weller said we are making this too complicated. We should leave it as it was, according to state code. Mayor Willis said his number one concern is public safety. Brightman asked if state code takes into consideration posted city limits. Kida changed the Ordinance Amendment language as recommended by legal. Mayor Willis read the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-1-5 Section 6 Subsection A of the Camanche Code of City Ordinances Public Health and Safety: Discharge of Firearms and Fireworks.

Moved by Varner second by Bowman to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-1-5 Section 6 Subsection A of the Camanche Code of City Ordinances Public Health and Safety: Discharge of Firearms and Fireworks. On roll call – Ayes – Bowman, Brightman, Varner, Weller. Nays – None. Absent – Schnoor.

Mayor Willis read the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Camanche, Iowa, by Amending the Electric Franchise. This is was the subject of the public hearing at the beginning of the meeting.

Moved by Weller second by Bowman to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Camanche, Iowa, by Amending the Electric Franchise. On roll call – Ayes – Varner, Brightman, Bowman, Weller. Nays – None. Absent – Schnoor.

Mayor Willis read the Resolution Amending Sanitary Sewer Rates for Customers of the Camanche Municipal Sanitary Sewer System.

Moved by Varner, second by Bowman to Adopt a Resolution Amending Sanitary Sewer Rates for Customers of the Camanche Municipal Sanitary Sewer System. On roll call – all Ayes.

Hilgendorf is seeking Council approval to sell Truck #17, the 1994 International Dump Truck with a tailgate salt spreader, extra rims and tires. It would be sold as is and shown by appointment only. Sealed bids would be accepted and opened at the next meeting.

Moved by Weller, second by Bowman to Authorize the Sale of Public Works Truck #17 1994 International Dump Truck. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schutte read the Fire Department report for July 2020.

Chief Schutte discussed the conditional hire recommendations for Paramedic Firefighters. He said he and Chief Reid conducted interviews last week. Two candidates signed conditional offers and had physicals scheduled for this week. If all goes as planned, two new Paramedic Firefighters will be sworn in at the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Kida said both candidates are certified. Weller asked when they would be on duty. Chief Schutte, Kida and the legal team are working on a side letter to address 24-hour employees and hope for the first shift to be September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Bowman, second by Varner to Approve Conditional Hire Recommendations from the Fire Chief for Paramedic/Firefighter. On roll call – all Ayes.

Kida said he will present a rough draft of his Trails Plan at the next meeting. He talked about the derecho and said he is proud of our staff. He extended gratitude to the McManus team and Republic for their extra efforts in cleaning up our City. We are declared a disaster area and will file FEMA paperwork for reimbursement for the extra expenses.

Mayor Willis thanked everyone for the cards and well wishes while he was off. He thanked the staff, Administrator, City Hall; no one took a day off even though there was no power. He thanked Public Works staff, Police Department and Fire Department. Kudos to McManus Backhoe and thank you to the citizens for coming together.

Bowman said seeing neighbor helping neighbor made him proud to be a resident and city leader. He also said he has received emails from citizens regarding the roundabout and the cost. Kida said there will be public meetings with DOT and Shive Hattery representatives for these discussions. Varner thanked the staff for their tireless work and thanked McManus's. He said he went out the night of the storm and the citizens are second to none. He is proud to call Camanche his hometown. Weller thanked everyone for their hard work after the storm and offered ice to everyone. Brightman said kudos to everyone.

Schneider welcomed the Mayor back and said the auditors will be on site next week. Hilgendorf said they are still cleaning up a little bit but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Chief Schutte thanked Council for their support and welcomed back the Mayor.

Kida unmuted all attendees to allow for public comments.

Bob Edens welcomed Mayor Willis back. He said the Fire Department project is in good shape to make it. He said he saw Mike Witt and his son cleaning up throughout Platt Park.

Jerri Weber asked, with the ordinance for hunting that was discussed, would she be allowed to hunt teal and dove on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Kida said to be completely legal, she would have to wait until September 2<sup>nd</sup> although it has not been enforced. Mrs. Weber mentioned being on federal waters while hunting. It was determined that, as long as she is in the boat, it is okay.

Mark Cross referenced Iowa Code 481A.123 Paragraph 7 and discussed target shooting in an unincorporated area not within city limits. Mayor Willis read the paragraph at Mr. Cross' request. He said there is a misunderstanding where the city limit starts and stops. He believes in safety also and said the only way to learn safe practices is to practice. Mayor Willis said we can definitely look into the perimeters to make sure we are all on the same page.

Mayor Willis adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.