

City of Camanche

October 4, 2022

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session October 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Determann, Varner Weller. Absent: Councilman Schnoor. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current, John Frey and Braydon Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida and Department Heads Pewe, Schmitz and Schneider.

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

Moved by Councilman Bowman, with the suggestion to move the new business up, to immediately after approval of the agenda, second by Councilman Varner, to approve the agenda. On roll call – all Ayes.

Under New Business, Mayor Pruett administered the Oath of Office to Officer First Class Christopher Turner.

Mayor Pruett asked for public comments on agenda topics. Rich Klahn spoke again. He noted that the sidewalk resolution has been changed again, now it's referencing Code 6-7 on subdivisions. He said he thinks the resolution still is setting a precedent. He said there is no language he found in 6-7 that references a specific timeline on sidewalk installation. The only language he found regarding a timeline states all other facilities must be installed in accordance with these regulations prior to occupancy of the buildings. He said he doesn't know if sidewalks are considered facilities in this instance, but he didn't find any language on the timeline for sidewalks in particular, so. But this is how it's been interpreted and enforced for decades so this resolution is setting precedent. Council certainly has the authority to make this change, but I do believe that it is false to state that it's not a change. There are also other newer subdivisions beyond the four you singled out that he does think would fall under code 6-7 that you've gotta have sidewalks. He said he's not going to point those out by name but if you want to purchase an empty lot to build on. He proceeded to say, so these other newer subdivisions may or may not be as complete as the subdivision he owns property in, but he said his subdivision is not complete. He said you could define complete if you want to, the resolution you are voting on tonight does not redefine a complete subdivision, it only singles out four of them. This is why the word discrimination gets thrown around regarding this issue. He said the purpose of the ordinance and resolution is applied, health and safety. He said the bottom line is, I guess, you have the power to demand this of property owners. Just know that the safety issue that's noted is not consistent with the rest of the community or City-owned properties. He said he's not just speaking for himself on this, but also know that you are setting this new precedent with 40-year high inflations, not to mention during a time with concrete shortage which will make those prices skyrocket as well. He also said if you haven't felt the effects of the economy, you are blessed because most people have felt it, but the choice is surely yours. He thanked the Council for their time.

Councilman Bowman noted a correction to the minutes from September 20, 2022. He said some of his comments were miscategorized in the minutes. He actually said there are arguments for putting concrete in. On the other hand, we are asking our citizens to spend a couple of grand on their sidewalks. The Clerk will make this correction. He also asked for clarification regarding the Park and Recreation Commission minutes where there was a comment about getting an email from Shive-Hattery and some discussion. He said he thinks they are talking about the splash pad but they are not clear. Kida said he is certain that is what they were discussing. Bowman said somebody disinterested, just reading the minutes would not know what they were talking about. Kida will forward that information to their secretary.

Moved by Councilman Varner, second by Councilman Weller to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on September 20, 2022, as corrected; approve Abstract No. 809 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	475.05
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CAMANCHE SCHOOLS	FLOOR FINISH-FIRE STATION	102.50
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	194.76

CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	PRINTING-FALL NEWSLETTER	390.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	11,870.11
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	313.65
DEMCO INC	CALENDAR,LABELS,SPINE LABELS	121.01
MANATTS	.74 TON PREMIX	85.10
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS	CAPNOGRAPHY KIT,ELECTRODE-AMB	175.30
GATEWAY DOOR COMPANY	INSTALL ANTENNA-DOOR 1 PW SHOP	149.60
GATEWAY UNITED WAY	UNITED WAY DEDUCTIONS	102.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS	735.83
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	2,986.00
IPERS	IPERS	13,621.35
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	443.243G PW; 85.72G CEM; 13.05G FD 370.34FG PD; 23.755G AMBULANCE	3,384.01
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	REPAIRS-CORNER 9TH ST/16TH AVE	2,053.75
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	4,496.74
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	208.50
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR	QUARTERLY AIR TEST	188.50
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	11,274.86
OSSIAN INC	500 GAL FUSION-MIX W/ROAD SALT	2,300.00
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE-PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	178.53
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	147.00
QUILL CORPORATION	PENS,COLORED PENCILS,STAPLER	148.30
RK AUTOGRAPHICS	LETTERING DRIVE-UP WINDOW	30.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	MULTIGAS DETECTOR-PUBL WORKS	930.50
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG-ROUNDAABOUT,STORM,CULVERT	35,795.89
STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC	POST TESTING-CIVIL SERVICE	69.50
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	7,713.00
US CELLULAR	PD CELL PHONES,MOBILE 311 DATA	612.68
PAUL VARNER	MILEAGE-CCASWA MEETINGS JUL-SP	75.00
HAWKINS INC	130 GAL SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	424.95
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	UNION DUES DEDUCTIONS	225.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	304.37
PREMIER PARTS INC	BATTERY-SEWER JET	187.31
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,285.41
XOP NETWORKS	FIREBAR SERVICE 10/1-12-31-22	779.00
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	TRIMMER LINE-PARK DEPARTMENT	35.99
WHOLE ENERGY & HARDWARE	30 SMOKE DETECTORS	441.90
CLINTON COUNTY TREASURER	PROP TAXES DUNN ROAD SITE	58.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	15,005.12
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	750.60
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER	SENSOR CAMSHAFT/CRANK DUMPTRK	132.84
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	150.03
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	175.67 G FD; 41.09 G PW; 31.37 G PD 31.59 G AMB; 12.62 G BLDG INSP	1,204.42
SPARKLEAN	SEPT 22 CLEANING-CH,PW,LIB,CCTR	905.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,425.00
REGALIA MANUFACTURING CO	FLAGS FOR CITY BUILDINGS	966.62
REPUBLIC SERVICES	SEPT 2022 CITY COLLECTION	29,900.20
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	NEW OFFICER PHYSICAL	1,764.00
QUAD CITIES WINWATER	2 SSM METER FOR NAEVE BEEF	1,117.21
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	399.88
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	CITY HALL COPIER LEASE	286.58
LEXIPOL	POLICEONE ACADEMY ANNUAL RATE	891.00
CINTAS	PEWE UNIFORMS-PARTIAL DELIVERY	7.74
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	WATER DEPT-TEGELER W/E 9/18/22	1,624.00
BRITTNEY PARKS	GLASSES, BOOT ALLOWANCE	330.00
AMER. PUBLIC WORKS ASC	GAYLON PEWE MEMBERSHIP	222.00
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	155.10
HI-VIZ SAFETY	BIKE TRAIL SIGNS	465.00

CASEY GREEN	REIMBURSE PAINT/SUPPLIES-PARKS	277.09
EIDE & HEISINGER, LLC	CAMANCHE SHARE-LOBBYISTS	1,300.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/30/2022	47,221.19
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 10/01/2022	1,434.61
	CLAIMS TOTAL	213,556.18
	GENERAL FUND	101,546.59
	LIBRARY FUND	9,427.32
	PARKS FUND	2,598.24
	CEMETERY FUND	4,981.08
	ROAD USE FUND	11,485.33
	POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	69.50
	ARP-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND	10,800.00
	ROUNABOUT-7TH AVE/HWY 67 FND	23,499.11
	WATER UTILITY FUND	11,291.99
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	5,793.86
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	32,063.16

Approve Titan Machinery invoice for Case 570 NEP Tractor Loader \$77,275.00; Receive, accept and place on file minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on September 12, 2022; Approve LMI funding for 206 10th Place in the amount of \$8,000.00; Approve Pay Application #4 from Hawkeye Paving Corp for the Roundabout \$191,615.69; Approve Pay Application for CTI in the amount of \$1,622.65. On roll call – all Ayes.

Under Unfinished Business was the subdivision sidewalk resolution. Councilman Bowman said the Resolution answers a lot of the concerns he brought up the last time. He does believe the Council who wrote 6-7-5 did clearly intended for sidewalks to be installed in subdivisions. As the Resolution states, the term sub divider in the Ordinance, the sub divider also includes successors and heirs. With that, it's hard to argue against enforcing the ordinance. If we think this is wrong, we would have to go ahead and change it. I personally don't think it's wrong. There is certainly some modification we could have in there, we could define what a completed subdivision looks like. He also wanted to address the concrete shortage Mr. Klahn brought up. He thinks it will make it very challenging for property owners to get any sidewalks installed in the short term. He would like to propose and ask what the Council thinks; in the Resolution we are giving the owners 30 days to apply for a permit. He would like to suggest we extend that time period to as much as 180 days. Councilman Varner has no problem extending it to 180 days. City Administrator Kida added that the requirement for a Building Permit is 30 days but it still authorizes up to 1 year for the work to be completed. Councilman Bowman said that he had communicated with a local contractor and concrete folks are saying they are not even touching work until the spring at best. He thinks it is a fair compromise to give the folks who are affected by this more time.

Mayor Pruett read a Resolution ordering sidewalk construction to complete passage in the Murphy's, Stearns, Lawrence and Edens 3rd Addition subdivisions. Councilman Bowman asked if we should change the timeframe before we vote. Councilman Weller said he doesn't know about 180 days. Kida brought up another point; another option, if this is going to be required, would be if the City did it and assessed it to the property owners. We could get a better price. City Attorney Current said we could get a blanket bid and give the property owners the option of using the City's alternative or getting their own. That will be decided at a later time. It was agreed to amend the Resolution to require a permit within 90 days and work to be completed within 1 year of approval of the permit.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Approve the Resolution ordering sidewalk construction to complete passage in the Murphy's, Stearns, Lawrence and Edens 3rd Addition subdivisions, as amended. On roll call – all Ayes.

Kida reported that he attended excellent sessions at ICMA in Columbus Ohio. He recognized employee anniversaries: August – Officer Snodgrass-3 years, Nancy McDougall-6 years; September – Mitch Jahns-2 years, Jake VanZuiden-2 years, Chief Schmitz-18 years; October – Ruth Evans-28 years. He talked about the Rotary Boo Bash. He expressed his condolences to Councilman Schnoor for the loss of his mother. He reported that the north side of the clock on the outside of City Hall is working; there is still work to be done on the south side.

Councilman Varner reported things at the landfill are extremely busy and said they are making money on recycling again. Councilman Bowman suggested doing a sidewalk improvement plan; evaluate sidewalks throughout the city for fiscal year 24-25 repairs.

Mayor Pruett called for public comments. Colin Sullivan spoke. You just proposed the idea of having the City take a look at the areas of the town where sidewalks need to be in place. He asked why not do that before having citizens spend their money to have the same thing effectively done. Before you send these notices out, maybe consider having the City look at their property first. I think it's a fine idea that you brought up but how about you have the City start with that. Does that make sense? He said that was all he had.

A recess was taken at 6:28 p.m.

Reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to go to Closed Session: Pending or Imminent Litigation per Iowa Code 21.5 Subsection 1 Subsection C. On roll call – all Ayes.

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:36 p.m. at which time Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer