

City of Camanche

January 3, 2023

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session January 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Determann, Schnoor, Varner and Weller. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current, John Frey and Braydon Roberts, City Engineer Dan Solchenberger, City Administrator Andrew Kida and Department Heads Evans, Pewe, Schmitz, Schutte and Schneider.

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

Moved by Councilman Bowman second by Councilman Varner, to approve the agenda. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett asked for public comments on agenda topics.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Bowman to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on December 20, 2022; approve Abstract No. 815 which includes the following:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	THREAD LOCK,ADHESIVE REM-FD	57.85
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIP CO INC	RPLCMNT VALVE DISC KIT-FD	678.22
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	3,048.70
CAMANCHE WATER WORKS	4TH QTR 2022 WATER BILLS	596.46
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	16.49
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	11,940.07
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	313.65
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	SHEETS,MASKS-AMBULANCE	235.84
GATEWAY UNITED WAY	UNITED WAY DEDUCTIONS	68.00
IOWA ONE CALL	74 ONE CALL LOCATES	66.60
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	153.43
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	2,004.00
IPERS	IPERS	9,261.65
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	271.376G PD;60.01G CEM; 8.43G SJET	2,488.69
	45.5G FD;315.468G PW;33.753G AMB	
AARON KYARSGAARD	LMI-FLOORING,STEPS,HANDRAIL	7,700.00
LESLIE ELECTRIC	REPAIR HYDRO PUMP-TRTMNT PLANT	65.00
MASTERCARD	PD,FD-HOTEL,MEALS-TRAIN,SUPPLIES	3,740.55
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	UECO MATERIALS-9TH AVE CULVERT	14,556.75
A. C. MCCARTNEY	SWITCHES-CEMETERY MOWERS	30.29
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS, CASES	259.27
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,789.25
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR	SERVICE BREATHING AIR COMPRESS	770.14
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	11,993.68
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SPARK PLUGS, PARTS-FD EXPEDITION	145.75
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	358.33
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	191.40
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,212.70
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	213.00
QUILL CORPORATION	BATTERIES,PENS,BAGS-LIBRARY	125.76
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING-9TH ST BRIDGE INSP	2,754.78
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	5,912.93
US CELLULAR	PD CELLPHONES,MOBILE 311 DATA	921.64
PAUL VARNER	MILEAGE-CCASWA MTGS OCT/DEC	76.26
HAWKINS INC	WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS	5,155.88
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	UNION DUES DEDUCTIONS	255.00
BECKWITH COMMERCIAL ROOF	REPLACE ROOF-OLD SIDE CITYHALL	30,856.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	300.40
CHRISTY SCHUTTE	REIMBURSE WELLNESS	112.30
PREMIER PARTS INC	BRAKE PADS,ROTORS-#3P/U-PWORKS	1,091.38

BWC EXCAVATING	FRENCH DRAIN-13TH AV/5TH ST	14,638.90
RJ EDENS RENTAL PROPERT	TIF PMT-9TH TO 9TH;3RD ST;4TH ADD	37,900.15
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING	FO2 - MITCHELL JAHNS	50.00
ANNA EVANS	MILEAGE-LIBRARY MEETING	106.00
YWCA	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DONATION	1,375.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	22,412.49
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	500.40
AMAZON	LIBRARY BOOKS,DVDS,SUPPLIES	1,169.34
J.P. COOKE COMPANY	DOG, CAT TAGS	156.94
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	88.85 G AMB;20.6G B INSP;30.56G PD	581.40
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,400.00
CLINTON ROTARY CLUB	QUARTERLY DUES-KIDA	211.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	DEC 22 CITY COLLECTION	29,900.20
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	229.28
CROSS ROADS LAND DEV	TIF PAYMENT-EAST RIVER COURT	11,214.77
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	CITY HALL COPIER LEASE	260.14
CINTAS	SHOP TOWELS,UNIFORMS-PEWE	55.50
AWESOME CAR WASH	OCT,NOV,DEC PD FLEET WASHES	180.00
BLUEGRASS PLAYGROUNDS INC	AUSTIN MEMORIAL SWING-P&R	2,016.00
COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS	1000 PRINTED BAGS-LIBRARY SRP	641.10
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12/22/2022	46,867.63
	CLAIMS TOTAL	295,384.33
	GENERAL FUND	132,234.86
	LIBRARY FUND	10,354.56
	PARKS FUND	3,970.90
	CEMETERY FUND	1,770.02
	ROAD USE FUND	20,464.15
	EDENS - TIF FUND	37,900.15
	CROSS TIF FUND	11,214.77
	LOW/MODERATE HOUSING FUND	7,700.00
	ARP-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND	14,638.90
	WATER UTILITY FUND	17,623.13
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	5,706.32
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	31,806.57

Approve reappointment of Pamela Hoge to Planning and Zoning Commission, term ending January 2028. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read the Third Reading of an Ordinance amending Title IV Mental and Physical Health Chapter 1 Animal Control by Title Only.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Varner to approve the Third Reading of an Ordinance amending Title IV Mental and Physical Health Chapter 1 Animal Control. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Weller, Varner, Schnoor, Bowman, Determann. Nays – None.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Schnoor to Adopt an Ordinance amending Title IV Mental and Physical Health Chapter 1 Animal Control. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Bowman, Determann, Varner, Weller, Schnoor. Nays – None.

Under Unfinished Business was an update on PFAS. City Administrator Kida reported that we have concluded our discussions on the presentation to the EPA, that response has been submitted and we are waiting a response back from the EPA of their assessment of our plan of approach to resolving the PFAS issue. Everything has gone fairly well and we think we are in a good position working with 3M to resolve that issue in a timely fashion. City Engineer Solchenberger said Cahoy will be doing work on well #5 on January 9th and 10th. Kida said the goal is to maximize well 5 that has no PFAS. Councilman Bowman asked about the timeline for resolution on this. Solchenberger said his thought would be the end of 2024 probably. Of course, that is dependent upon what the EPA approves. Councilman Varner asked how long well #5 will be offline. Solchenberger said he is not exactly sure, it depends on what they find; at least a week. Kida said we are in a holding pattern until the EPA gives a response to our plan. Councilman Weller asked where we are with cleaning up the colored water. Public Works

Director Pewe said they are still testing and trying things. Friday and Saturday, there was a water main break that caused water to be temporarily discolored. He said the new SCADA parts are expected in February or March. Councilman Weller asked if it helps when residents call in when they see colored water. Pewe said yes, or they should put it in Mobile 311. He has asked for samples from residents for testing but no one has provided them.

Also under Unfinished Business, City Engineer Dan Solchenberger gave an update on the Roundabout. He said MidAmerican will have the temporary lighting in on Friday. Hawkeye Paving needs to have the sign contractor pick up the signs. By the end of the week, the Roundabout should be open.

Under New Business, there is a Resolution setting the time and place for a Public Hearing on a proposal to amend the FYE 2023 budget. Kida said this is on the agenda again because the publication was not done for the public hearing to be held tonight.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Varner to Adopt a Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on a Proposal to Amend the FYE 2023 Budget for the City of Camanche. On roll call – all Ayes.

Councilman Bowman said he continues to get feedback from residents regarding the planned change to monthly billing. With the change, we are going to be spending an additional \$6,800 for postage and envelopes alone. Then when you add the cost of the salary for the new admin assistant, you are looking at just under \$40,000 per year expense. He asked some of those residents to come to a meeting and express themselves; he would like to have an agenda topic for the next meeting to give the public a chance to give their input on this.

Pewe gave an update on the Public Works truck; we did not win the bid. He is still looking and making do with the truck we have. He said Green Chevrolet told him they cannot even order a vehicle until spring. Kida added that other cities are taking delivery of vehicles but getting up-charged on their delivery.

Mayor Pruett called for public comments.

Jerry Wiebers spoke and said the roundabout is the biggest construction disaster he has ever seen in the city of Camanche. He said a lot of people don't even want it. At the start, he said he was against it too, but after thinking about a certain hour of the day, yes, this roundabout is needed. He said "we was told, the first thing that came up, was we can save \$30,000 or \$40,000 by rerouting traffic down Washington Boulevard." He has heard thousands of semis and dump trucks. I was also told October 15th this project would be done. So, from October 15th to this day, think of how many things have gone through there. He said he knows when this all started, when the semis went by, you could hear them, but you couldn't hear them like you can hear them now. We are going to be doing some highway work down the road. The next thing that happens is we could save another \$30,000 by having the power company put up the poles. Did we have a contract? How come we are in this dilemma? Who is responsible for having another 3 months? If it is the DOT, can we sue them when we get ready to fix this highway? He said he is also wondering why we are trying to fix a system that "isn't broke". He went on to say "he has lived here 82 years and we paid our bill every 3 months. And all of a sudden because of, say, 2% that don't pay their bills we are going to change it for the 98%, the majority, not the minority. We seem to have a problem when the minority makes enough noise, then the majority gets short-changed. I don't have the numbers, but I can guess, by having this new system where you pay every month. Now you've got to hire a new person to go ahead and run this program and all the other things that happen." He thinks that each and every person that pays a water bill will be charged more every single month. (Ed. Note: Water rates are not increasing) He also said, in addition to paper and envelopes there is a new hire that will be here forever. He pointed at Council members and Mayor and said "you people were elected by a majority of people in the city of Camanche. It should be your duty, that when you come onto this Council, that you do what is best for the city of Camanche and the majority of people that live here." He continued on by saying "do what's best for the people, and right now spending a whole lot of money on hiring another employee to try to fix a system that's nothing wrong with it, because we're thinking about 2% of the people that don't pay their bill, and that same 2% that we're trying to help are still going to be

the ones now 12 times a year you're going to have to deal with them. This just doesn't make sense to me. Thank you."

Frank Wiebers spoke and asked how much this new employee is going to cost us. He also asked, "Does this employee live in the town of Camanche or is it someone we are hiring that lives in Clinton? I say anyone who works for Camanche should live in Camanche. We are paying their wages, they should live in Camanche. I think that should be written in for future hires. Something should be put in that any future employee has to live in Camanche, not the day of hire, but, say a 6-month period. And what is the total cost of this new employee which we don't need? The only reason we need it is because we are going to a monthly billing. Keep the 3-month billing. And when you say, what's the cost of an employee, you're paying an hourly wage. Then you're going to put them on our insurance, so our insurance rates go up. Then you've got a retirement fund for long term employees, then you've got vacation days, sick pay, holidays." He said he's not sure on Social Security for city employees. "So, this figure of, say, \$40,000, you take all these benefits in, that \$40,000 goes up to \$60,000, just using rough figures, okay. Then we have also the added postage." He proceeded to list items from the bill list in the newspaper related to water bills. He went on to talk about people, like himself, with their own wells, with just garbage and sewer, who get charged \$174.00 which is more than people with city water. He also mentioned the dump site by the Public Works garage that probably being used, at no charge, by people who do not even live in Camanche.

A recess was taken at 6:32 p.m.

Reconvened at 6:44 p.m. for the Budget Discussion FYE2024

Chief Schutte presented the Ambulance and Fire Department Budget Proposal. Chief Schmitz presented the Police Department Budget Proposal and Library Director Evans presented the Library Budget Proposal.

Kida said Water, Sewer and Streets will be presented on January 17th. There will be a special meeting in the next week regarding the Building Code.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer