

City of Camanche  
January 17, 2023

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session January 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Austin 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 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 opened a Public Hearing regarding the FY2023 Budget Amendment at 6:01 p.m. Kida noted the amendment accounts for some of the expenses necessary for the SCADA system and some of the infrastructure work that we have done. He said we will probably have one or two more amendments throughout the year. In the absence of comments, Mayor Pruett closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Pruett read a Proclamation recognizing Mike Yackshaw for 30 years of service.

Mayor Pruett asked for public comments on agenda topics. Jerry Wiebers commented and said he has lived in this town for 82 years. He talked about the water billing. He was at the meeting two weeks ago and said a lot of things. He said he is not going to repeat all those things because it is in the Clinton Herald what he said and what his brother Frank said. He said he is going to add a couple things that he hadn't thought of last week. He is in favor of leaving our billing at three months rather than one month and I gave a lot of different reasons last time I was here. One more reason I forgot to mention last week is the three-month billing as opposed to the one-month billing. One-month billing, I give the City my money every month. On quarterly billing, I've still got my money at the end of two of the months of the billing cycle. I get to keep my money for three months. Going by one-month billing, the City gets my money, and they get the second part and the third part. That's the way that it's always been. I'm sure that the City has budgeted that way for the last 50 years and that's when they know they are going to get their money. One thing that I did forget, too, say that I got my notice here. I guess that I pointed my fingers at somebody last week. I don't remember doing it because sometimes I talk with my fingers and my arms and if you want me to, the police can handcuff me and I can do my talking. If it upset anybody, I am truly sorry. I didn't mean it that way. My fingers are not lethal. These are some of the reasons I like the three month-billing and not the one-month billing. One month, it's going to cost you more for your water, your bill. You have the price of stamps, envelopes, if you write a check, the price of the check. On the three-month bill you only do that four times a year. Four times a year you can either go ahead and put a stamp on the letter and stick it in the mail or you can go ahead and drive down here and burn your gas up. A stamp costs you sixty cents, it's not a whole lot but when you add all that up, as far as the City goes, just like them having your money for two months, it gets to be a pretty good amount. If you're gonna go three months, you only gotta do that four times a year. If you go one month you gotta do it twelve times a year. It's not a big deal but it might be enough left over for a couple beers. So that's just the way I like it. Also, the fact that they increased cost to the budget by having another employee, this all adds in to the overall thing. I just done a little checking around and it seems like we have quite a few people that can't pay their bills and we have to through a system to go ahead and get them either to pay or shut their water off or something like that. I estimate that, just my thinking, you tell me if I'm wrong, probably 30-40 people at the end of the quarter, are the ones, that's what you have that are short, they haven't paid their bill. You have to go after them, you have to shut their water off and that takes up the Public Works people's time. The bad part of this is if you are going to go to one-month billing, a lot of these people are repeaters. If you have 20-30 that you have to go after the first month. Then all of a sudden, you've got repeaters, now you've got to go after them. If you have a quarterly bill, you only have to go after them once. You start having a monthly bill, nobody knows what that's going to be. But it could be several people. So that's how I feel on that. And one other thing I want to mention on the people who are delinquent. I don't think the older people are the delinquent ones. These people live on a fixed income, I'm on a fixed income, I don't have any problem paying my water bill. People that are older, they know what

they have to have. They know they have to have electricity. They know they have to have water. They know have to have trash disposal. They know they have to have sewer. And they make sure that they go ahead and have their budget in line to take care of these items. They know what they have to have. Not what they want. And I think the problem is not with the older people in this town. I think it's probably some of the people that don't know how to budget. Budgeting is very, very simple. I just think that there's people that are irresponsible, not all of them. I'm sure there are people who are needy and have a problem. I think probably the biggest offenders are the people that just plain spend their money and they don't have any left to pay their water bill. I don't think it's going to help one bit whether you put them on a one-month billing or a three-month billing. Okay, one other question I want to ask, and I've been talking to Andrew a little bit, I understand that we are going to get all new water meters for everybody in this town. Is that correct? Kida said that is correct. It is going to take a while to phase that in. It is necessary, the battery life on the meters we have now is not extending farther than what it should be and we can't get those meters replaced so we have to go with a different style of meter. Jerry said that's fine, if the meters need to be replaced, I have no problem with that. I don't know where I got this number, but the total cost of this is going to be \$500,000. Kida said by the time we are done it could be close to that. Jerry said okay, that's going to go on the water bill, I assume. It's going to have to be paid. I don't have no problem with that. It has to do it, it has to do it. I just want to make everybody aware we are paying our water bill, we're going to have to come up with \$500,000 over the next few years, there's a good chance your water bill is going to go up. And I understand that. I also understand these water meters are going to tell a lot of things about a lot of different information. Is it true that you can shut people's water off right from City Hall? Kida said we will have some capacity to do that rather than doing it at the buffalo box for various reasons if we need to. Jerry said he doesn't have a problem with that either. If you can do it remotely, then the poor guy in Public Works that has to go shut that water off, this day and age you never know who is going to come running out of the door and what they are going to do. I think that's a good deal. So, I'm not against replacing the water meters. I'm just here to say that's going to be another part of the budget. And if we got these new water meters, if they do all the things they say they're going to do, we're probably not going to need as much help. I know that now, people from Public Works drive a pick-up around town every time the bills are read and that's from a 6 to 8-hour job. If you do that every quarter, you have to do that four times. If you do that every month, that's twelve times. It's gas, it's wear and tear on a vehicle. Kida noted that the new meters will remote-read. Jerry said that's what he's getting at, it's a help. We have a lot of trouble with our water right now. We have dirty water, we have contaminated water, we have a problem doing everything else with the water. I'm just throwing this out. There's a quick fix for all of this. It will eliminate everything. All it takes is three people sitting here on the Council to get it to do it. I don't recommend it but I want to make you aware that you can probably go up to Iowa American Water Company and said hey we are having trouble with our water system. I'll bet they will be more than happy to supply our water. Good, clean, clear water. I don't recommend it because our bill will go up a whole lot more than what they are but if you do that system, our Public Works crew won't be involved at all. We won't need a billing clerk, you won't have to go shut somebody off, somebody else is going to do it for you, that's their job. That's the advantages. The disadvantage is I think it will be a little expensive. I'm just throwing that out as an option. He said all I want with this one month or three-month thing is what's best for the majority of the citizens of Camanche. If it's the three-month billing, that's the way I'd like to keep it. If it's the one-month billing and the majority of the people want it, I have no problem with that. I prefer the three-month billing. I guess that's about all I've got to say but if there are any other people in this room who agree with what I've got to say, this would be a good time to step up and make that known.

Frank Wiebers spoke. He wants to elaborate on what Jerry said. Talking about quarterly billing vs. monthly billing and I think my figures are fairly accurate. I'm trying to show what it's going to cost. I've taken these figures out of the Clinton Herald, which you guys approve. One of them on December 20<sup>th</sup> has got Clinton Printing water bill envelopes/calendars \$720.00. I don't know if that's just the envelopes that we purchased, you know, to put the bills in. The calendars, I'm assuming are something we just get. Schneider clarified the calendars are employee attendance calendars so there were two items on one billing. She and Kida further clarified that the envelope purchase was a large supply and not just one billing cycle. Frank proceeded on by saying that he did not he did not have that figured in but he was wondering what that was. He said take out of the Clinton Herald, Postmaster 4<sup>th</sup> quarter water/sewer bills,

\$739 and some change, okay. So, if you take 4 times that, it comes up \$2,958 and change. Now you take \$739 times 12 and you get \$8,868 so just on postage in a year, that is an additional \$5916 and change. I took out of the Clinton Herald today, it's got Camanche Water Works 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022 water bills. I'm assuming that's the water bills is paid to Camanche Water Works. Schneider clarified that those are the bills for the City buildings; the Library, Public Works, City Hall. We pay the proprietary funds. Kida further clarified that the departments pay for the services. Frank went on with we are now at \$5,916 for postage and then the cost for the City maintenance person to drive around and read. I was just using that figure, I used \$25 an hour for 8 hours, 4 times a year. \$25 times 8 is \$200 times 4 is \$800. Use that same figure times 12 is \$2,400 so you subtract \$800 from \$2,400 and that's an additional \$1,600 just for a city employee to drive around and do it. Kida noted that person gets paid whether they are driving around or not. Frank said he could be doing something else, patching potholes, mowing grass, whatever. He could be doing something else is what I am saying. Plus, the new hire that we hired to help manage this program or whatever. I don't know what this person gets paid. All I know is they are getting paid to help implement this. It's not only the pay they are getting, you add in adding to our insurance policy, adding to our retirement policy, paid sick days, holidays, so where that expense falls, I don't know but I've got an idea it falls up into the \$40-\$50,00 range to hire this new employee to help implement this project. So, if you take the additional on the stamps and the employee, you are probably at \$50,000 to go from quarterly to monthly. And, yes, it might help some people, budgeting or whatever so they can pay every month. But there's other people it don't. What I'm trying to say is there's people in this town, and I'm sure everyone of you know somebody, that don't drive or can't drive, or whatever, so now they've got to come out 12 times a year instead of 4 times. There's a number of people in this town who leave this town during the winter months. So now they've got to make some kind of arrangement on a monthly basis. So, whatever you guys are going to do, you're going to do. But I am for quarterly billing. Because it's adding expense to the City and some people just can't get here on a monthly basis. Some people can't drive, won't drive. Some people that take a lot of pride in their vehicles and stuff and have them tucked away in the garage or whatever for the winter so they don't have them out in the ice and snow, this and that in the cold, only for emergencies. So, I guess that's all I've got.

Russ Wiebers spoke and said he agrees with his brothers. This is a change that's costing the City quite a bit more money so eventually it's going to raise our water rates. I don't think the system is broken so why are we trying to fix something that's not broken. We elect you people up here to manage the taxpayer's money, this is a perfect example of not doing it. Camanche right now, I think, is going to be at a standstill with all our problems with water, I don't think there's going to be much growth. We've got a factory out here that's sitting idle, probably never will get filled. Where's all this money coming from? We are not the federal government, we can't just print more. All we can do is raise taxes, raise fees.

Sue Czer spoke and said she sat here last meeting and totally agrees with everything everybody has to say here. I've looked into your website over and over and cannot find anything, I don't know why you're changing from the quarterly to the monthly. There's nothing anywhere that says why. So, I started asking people around and some people say, well it's because some people aren't paying their bills so it is easier for the people who don't pay their bills to pay it on a monthly basis vs. incurring such a large bill after three months. Other people say well, some people just want to have monthly bills instead of paying quarterly. From what I'm understanding from everybody else has said here, it's about 2% of the population of the households that are looking for this monthly thing vs. the quarterly. Well, that's about, from what I can see as far as how many households, maybe about 350 to 400 households, I guess, that they want a monthly bill for this. Well, what is it; is it because we have people that are not paying the bill that it is easier for them or we have people that want it as a convenience. If it's we don't have people paying the bills, we want to put them on a monthly, then how much are we losing on that end vs. how much are going to have to put out on the other end by turning this into a twelve-time a year. I don't know what that number is, but I can't believe that we would be losing as much as what we're going to put out. So, if you're looking at revenues and costs vs. the charges. Now, if you've got people that aren't paying their bills, I don't know how many of you own a business, but to have people that aren't paying a bill, put them on the monthly thing if they can't figure this out to divide by three. Put them on monthly bill, this is how much your bill is, you much pay it, but then you must also pay an administrative fee. If you don't pay it the next month, you have to pay your balance plus the new bill, plus an

administrative fee for two months plus a penalty for being late. After the third month, I'm saying, shut it down because the rest of the people in this town should not be paying for you. And if you're going to let these people go and not pay their bill, why are the rest of us paying our bills? Now, if you want to look at it and say we've got people want to pay it monthly because they like to pay their bills on a monthly basis, this is 2% of the people. Fine. Put them on a monthly bill. But, there needs to be an administrative fee for that because obviously, for those individuals, we have to do extra work for them. So, put them in, have the administrative fee, I don't know what it is, \$5, \$10, \$12 a month. I bet after a short period of time, those people paying that extra administrative fee may very well call and say hey, why don't you put me on that quarterly thing as well. I've listened to all this. I think initially when this town put the people of Camanche on quarterly billing, they were looking to save money. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like that's a concern anymore and people will just go ahead and spend other people's money without, I don't really think, thinking otherwise. If we have 98% of the people that are find with it and 2% of the people that aren't, why are we accommodating the 2%, yet we can. We can still charge them accordingly. That's all I have to say.

Moved by Councilman Varner, second by Councilman Bowman to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on January 3, 2023; approve Abstract No. 816 which includes the following:

CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINT, EICCD REIMB	548.00
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	525.74
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	16,292.31
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	162.00
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENT-LIBRARY, C HALL	20.00
DAYMARK SOLUTIONS	PHOTO ID BADGE-OFFICER TURNER	23.75
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHT-9TH ST,ANAMOSA	120.37
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	AMBULANCE-PILLOWS,CASES,BLANKE	197.79
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	PUBL WORKS-NUTS,BOLTS,PTOWELS	297.68
J & C ENTERPRISES	DEC 2022 COLLECTION	95.68
LECTRONICS INC	RADIO MAINT-PD,FD; ALARM-CH,LIB	342.50
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	GRAVES-VASKE,CHAMBERS,MCMANUS	3,270.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	624.88
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	2,613.62
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIES-POLICE DEPARTMENT	85.60
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	19,006.07
GREG NELSON	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	V-BELTS FOR 1 TON TRUCK-P WORK	62.81
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING-9TH STREET RECONST	34,000.00
UNIFORM DEN	UNIFORMS-OFFICER TURNER	217.64
USA BLUEBOOK	HACH FOR WATER SAMPLES	123.22
HAWKINS INC	50 GAL AZONE-WATER TREATMENT	201.10
BRIAN WERNICK	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	84.00
WINKELPARKER & FOSTER	PROGRESS BILLING FY22 AUDIT	6,120.00
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	UNION DUES DEDUCTIONS	255.00
JORDAN MOORE	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	299.32
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	PFAS TESTING PRIVATE WELLS	2,220.00
ERIC DAU	DEC 2022 PAID ON CALL	380.00
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATA BACKUPS-JANUARY 2023	400.00
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	148.99
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES, PFAS-DEC 2022	6,271.00
SPARKLEAN	DEC 2022 CLEAN-PD,LIB,CCTR,CHALL	1,035.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ONLINE WARRANTS OCT-DEC 2022	300.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEE + CITY BEN	75,460.00
PLATINUM INFORMATION SVC	IT SUPPORT,NETWORK MON,SPAMFLT	2,270.00
BRENT BRIGHTMAN	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
DANNY WELLER	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	168.00
QUAD CITIES COUNCIL OF P	CHIEF SCHMITZ ANNUAL DUES	50.00
CARPETLAND USA	FLOORING-POLICE STATION-BUDGET	4,690.56

WISELY TREE CARE, LLC	REM HERO BANNERS/INST LIGHTS	600.00
CORY SNODGRASS	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
DUANE J WIESE	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
CHRISTIAN MARSH	DEC 2022 PAID ON CALL	120.00
JENNIFER BIELEMA	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
JEFFREY HACKNEY	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
MICHELLE SOWLE	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	168.00
JOHN LUND	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
QUAD CITIES WINWATER	WATER METER,FLANGES,GASKETS	1,383.43
MICHAEL BURMAHL	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	108.00
TONY BLOMME	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	216.00
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	FEB 2023 LEASE PAYMENT	853.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	MONTHLY SVC FEE, WEEKLY CLAIMS	228.24
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	LIBRARY COPIER LEASE	197.16
KYLE DEWITT	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	180.00
RILEY SOWLE	DEC 2022 PAID ON CALL	360.00
CINTAS	TOWELS,RUGS-PW,CH;UNIFORM-PEWE	64.00
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	35.00
GAYLON PEWE	WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT	53.50
MICHAEL FREDERICK	BOOKS 5-6 FIRE OF GRACE	48.00
MORGAN BUTT	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
ANDREW DETERS	DEC 2022 AMBULANCE STIPEND	45.00
SHUTTLEWORTH & INGERSOLL	LEGAL SERVICES-PFAS	2,980.00
TECH SOUP	CONF#3545084 ADOBE 2020	60.00
SUPER WASH	22 WASH COUPONS-PUBLIC WORKS	100.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/01/2023	6,574.93
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/06/2023	59,599.83
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/07/2023	1,922.37
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/08/2023	1,922.37
	CLAIMS TOTAL	281,726.52
	GENERAL FUND	188,532.42
	LIBRARY FUND	5,020.77
	PARKS FUND	7,705.47
	CEMETERY FUND	2,954.89
	ROAD USE FUND	7,198.34
	9TH STREET PROJECT FUND	28,000.00
	WATER UTILITY FUND	14,761.63
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	26,292.15
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	1,033.56

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for December 2022 which includes receipts: General \$729,770.57, Library \$17,762.03, Parks \$7,697.67, Cemetery \$3,416.67, Road Use \$53,584.45, Employee Benefit \$4,546.72, Police & Fire Pension \$8,826.00, Edens TIF \$2,454.79, Cross TIF \$309.70, LMI-Edens \$1,624.62, LMI-Cross \$189.81, Debt Service \$18,000.13, Water Utility Fund \$39,806.22, Sewer Utility \$66,349.78, Landfill/ Garbage \$44,807.68; Approve \$750.00 contribution to Camanche-DeWitt Coalition to support the Coalition's mission; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on January 9, 2023; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Historical Board meetings on November 14, 2022 and January 9, 2023; Approve renewal of Retail Alcohol License and Class B Native Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales as submitted by Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Star #632 effective 02/08/2023; Approve reappointment of Cindi Lind to Board of Adjustment, term ending January 2028. On roll call – all Ayes.

Under unfinished business, an update on PFAS was given. Our proposal, which includes drilling two new deep wells, is in the EPA's hands. City Engineer Solchenberger reported Well #5 is offline now. The pump has been pulled and inspected; the motor needs to be replaced. The well is in good condition with very little sediment in it. The casing pipe has accumulated mineral deposit that needs to be scraped, then it will be shock chlorinated followed by test pumping to determine the capacity. There will be a meeting tomorrow with 3M, the EPA and Barr, after which we will discuss the next steps. Scott Marquess, EPA Compliance Officer and his supervisor Nicole Moran attended the meeting online. Marquess said they have been

sampling private wells and the public water supply. He wants to encourage people with private wells to take advantage of the offers from 3M to have their water tested. Regarding the meeting tomorrow to discuss the plan, he thinks it is a pretty solid plan and apologized that it hasn't been done before now. He also discussed the possibility of having an open public meeting. Mayor Pruett asked if there were any questions from those in attendance. He and Kida thanked the EPA for attending the meeting.

City Engineer Solchenberger also gave presented the Storm Water Study Master Plan Report review. He described the report as fairly high level. They looked at various ways to improve what we have, such as an asset management plan, a 5-year maintenance plan, south of the railroad tracks would be French drains and reconstituting ditches. From an asset standpoint, he said we have 11 miles of underground storm sewer, 31 miles of water main and 23 miles of sanitary sewer. He has highlighted areas where we have the worst stormwater ponding. Councilman Bowman asked Solchenberger if his report established priorities. He said it does not; the best plan of action is to do maintenance on the system we have. Councilman Bowman said the idea is to coordinate with the Street Improvement Plan so we are not tearing up the streets twice.

Councilman Bowman led a discussion regarding monthly billing. He has concerns about the extra expenses. Kida said in 2017 he was commissioned by the Council to look into monthly billing. He found that, in 2016, 38% of Camanche residents did not make enough money to meet basic expenses. Bowman reiterated his concern about the costs without additional revenue coming in to compensate for that. Kida explained that the water fund is healthy and can support the extra expense without increasing rates. Councilman Weller said that water would be shut off monthly rather than quarterly for non-payment and also noted the lower amounts of the monthly bills compared with the quarterly bills.

The Meter Replacement Plan agenda item was tabled, pending obtaining additional information.

Councilman Varner discussed his concern with the speeds on Washington Boulevard. He would like to see if we could lower the speed on Washington Boulevard to 30 mph for safety purposes. Councilman Schnoor, who is the liaison for the Park and Recreation Commission, said it is in the works to put a fence along where the temporary snow fence was up during the detour. That will continue to reduce the problem of kids running into traffic when crossing from the Park to the other side by forcing them to go to the crosswalk and push the button. Chief Schmitz noted the speed limit is currently 30 mph and said he wouldn't be opposed to lowering it to 25mph. Schnoor said it gets congested at 25. He also said we need two additional flashing lights at the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Washington Boulevard crosswalk.

City Administrator Kida recognized Jeff Moore for 12 years of service, Jim Sowle for 11 years of service and Troy Alderman for 8 years of service in addition to Mike Yackshaw for 30 years of service. He reported there

Mayor Pruett called for public comments. There were none.

A brief recess was taken at 7:23 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Schnoor to go to Closed Session: 1) Pending or Imminent Litigation per Iowa Code 21.5 Subsection 1 Subsection C 2) Bargaining per Iowa Code 21.5 Subsection 1 Subsection C. On roll call – all Ayes.

Reconvened in Open Session at 8:36 p.m.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to direct Counsel to engage Environment Expert David Cwiertny to assist us with our PFAS issue. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to direct the City Administrator to pursue interim temporary water sources Camanche and permanent resolution for our PFAS issue. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to direct the City Attorneys to work with Environmental Counsel to prepare communication to send to Camanche sandpoint wells. On roll call – all Ayes.

A Work Session for the FYE 2024 Budget followed. Casey Green, Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission presented their budget proposal. Park Improvements are proposed to be \$410,000 which includes \$360,000 for the splash pad, \$5,000 for trees at Peck Park, \$30,000 to replace fencing and \$15,000 for Lum Park. They are also requesting an additional \$1,500 for Christmas decorations. All other lines remain the same. Councilman Bowman asked about the timeline for the splash pad. Green said it is likely to be FY2025. They are anticipating ½ grant funding and are planning to contact the ECIA now that there is a better plan.

Public Works Director Pewe gave FY2023 highlights: Salt levels are still good, Street Improvement Phase 3 is complete, the roundabout is open, regular maintenance is on pace, a loader has been procured, and the 9<sup>th</sup> Street project is in the planning phase and will go out for bid next week. He presented goals for FY2024: Replace the 1-ton truck, curb painting, Washington Boulevard repairs, storm sewer repairs in Murphys; looing at doing this at the same time as the 9<sup>th</sup> Street project; sanitary manhole repair; crack seal projects, storm water study implement, tree trimming in the right-of-way; and coordinate the sanitary issues with the Street Improvement Plan. The budget request is similar to last year with proper adjustments.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Austin Pruett  
Mayor

Toni Schneider  
City Clerk/Treasurer