

City of Camanche

March 7, 2023

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Determann, Varner and Weller. Absent: Council member Schnoor. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current, John Frey and Braydon Roberts, 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.

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 February 21, 2023; approve Abstract No. 819 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	3,869.39
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	12,582.81
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	162.00
DEMCO INC	LIBRARY-BAGS,SCENTED BOOKMARKS	190.37
MANATTS	PAY APP #3 PH 3 SIP; .74 TON PREMIX	70,258.19
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS	GLOVES,BP CUFF-AMBULANCE	191.39
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	PAPER PRODUCTS-PUBLIC WORKS	223.24
IOWA ONE CALL	31 ONE CALL LOCATES	27.90
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	797.45
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	395.085G PD;54.509G FD;74.329G AMB 26.24GCEM;264.29GSNOW;223.95GPW	3,604.80
LECTRONICS INC	RADIO MAINT-PD,FD;ALARM-CITYHALL	595.00
MASTERCARD	WATER,PD,FD TRAINING;CHALL SUPPL	2,522.36
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	CLEAN END OF CULVERT-9TH AVE	1,290.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
MICROMARKETING LLC	CD	53.99
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,732.42
MIKE'S BODY SHOP	REPAIRS 2019 FORD INTERCEPTOR	330.90
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	REPAIR 7TH AVE LIFT STATION	2,770.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	12,414.39
GREG NELSON	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,216.45
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	147.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	ANNUAL SERVICE - AIR PACKS	2,179.75
KELLI ELLIOTT	REIMBURSE WELLNESS,FUEL	308.58
STREICHER'S	PD AMMUNITION SUPPLIES	435.20
THE LIBRARY STORE	LIBRARY-DATE DUE SLIPS,STICKER	432.51
US CELLULAR	POLICE DEPARTMENT CELL PHONES	174.08
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	1" ROAD STONE-WATER MAIN BREAK	22.77
BRIAN WERNICK	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	UNION DUES DEDUCTIONS	255.00
JORDAN MOORE	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	304.04
PREMIER PARTS INC	HYD HOSE,REEL-SEWER BARSCREEN	319.15
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	115.31
ANNA EVANS	REIMB LIBRARY SUPPLIES	91.77
ERIC DAU	FEB 23 PAID ON CALL	240.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	20,872.03
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	440.26
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	149.99
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	73.7G PW;3.793G PD;8.78G SEWER JET 36.18G AMB; 25.82G BLDG INSP	586.59
SPARKLEAN	FEB CLEANING-CCTR,LIB,PW,CHALL,PD	905.00

HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,470.00
ANDREW KIDA	REIMB LEGISLATIVE COFFEE SUPPL	58.02
BRENT BRIGHTMAN	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	10.00
DOUG CRANK	STRIP/REFINISH COMM CTR FLOORS	850.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	FEB 23 CITY COLLECTION	29,900.20
FBI-LEEDA	CPL WEINGART SLI-MASON CITY	795.00
NASRO	OFC SNODGRASS-ADV SRO REGIST	400.00
CORY SNODGRASS	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
DUANE J WIESE	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
JESSIE BAUGHMAN	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
BRANDON SMITH	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
JENNIFER BIELEMA	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
TODD POWERS	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
MICHELLE SOWLE	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	80.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
JOHN LUND	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
MICHAEL BURMAHL	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00
TONY BLOMME	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	180.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	40.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	CITY HALL COPIER LEASE	258.64
KYLE DEWITT	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
RILEY SOWLE	FEB 23 PAID ON CALL	180.00
CINTAS	TOWELS,RUGS=PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	75.00
BRITTNEY PARKS	REIMB MEALS-FTO TRAINING	81.48
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	40.00
CAMANCHE JUNIOR BASEBALL	PARK AND RECREATION FUNDS	500.00
HAWKEYE PAVING CORP	PAY APPLICATION #6 ROUNDABOUT	118,545.86
FRONTIER TECHNOLOGY, LLC	LABOR-REPLACE AXIS SERVER - PD	489.12
CLINTON COUNTY EXTENSION	LIB PROGRAMS 10/5,11/2,12/21	79.52
SHALAYA AUSTIN	FEB 2023 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
SIRCHIE	BLOOD/URINE SPECIMEN KITS	80.10
ROB PUTMAN	MILEAGE-DEC 22 - FEB 23	123.88
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 03/03/2023	50,596.11
	CLAIMS TOTAL	350,540.01
	GENERAL FUND	94,724.61
	LIBRARY FUND	8,571.08
	PARKS FUND	1,832.08
	CEMETERY FUND	1,556.46
	ROAD USE FUND	8,557.55
	PHASE III SIP/EQUIPMENT FUND	70,158.29
	ROUNDABOUT-7TH AVE/HWY 67 FUND	118,545.86
	WATER UTILITY FUND	9,004.52
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	6,514.14
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	31,075.42

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for January 2023 which includes receipts: General \$174,944.70, Library \$14,625.72, Parks \$7,697.67, Cemetery \$9,887.59, Road Use \$45,261.70, Employee Benefit \$525.41, Police & Fire Pension \$1,019.92, Debt Service \$2,032.31, Roundabout \$220,439.45, Water Utility Fund \$46,682.50, Sewer Utility \$79,446.30, Landfill/Garbage \$45,185.41; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on February 27, 2023. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read the Second Reading of An Ordinance Amending the Camanche Iowa Municipal Code By Amending Title VII of the Camanche Code of Ordinances: Railway Overpass, by Title Only.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Approve the Second Reading of An Ordinance Amending the Camanche Iowa Municipal Code By Amending Title VII of the Camanche Code of Ordinances: Railway Overpass, by Title Only. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Weller, Varner, Bowman, Determann. Nays – None.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Varner to Waive the Third Reading of An Ordinance Amending the Camanche Iowa Municipal Code By Amending Title VII of the Camanche Code of Ordinances: Railway Overpass. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Bowman, Determann, Varner, Weller. Nays – None.

Moved by Councilman Varner, second by Councilman Determann to Adopt An Ordinance Amending the Camanche Iowa Municipal Code By Amending Title VII of the Camanche Code of Ordinances: Railway Overpass. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Varner, Determann, Bowman, Weller. Nays – None.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Varner to Adopt A Resolution of Initial Interest in Bargaining–Cooperative Alternative Bargaining Process. On roll call – all Ayes.

Jake VanZuiden, President of the Bargaining Unit, representing the Bargaining Unit as a whole, addressed the Mayor and Council. He explained that the letter he has tonight is basically the same thing he submitted last month, except with our initial proposal. He said this initial proposal considers a few things. At the time of contract negotiations in 2022, we knew that CPI was about 8%. He said we agreed to be patient and insert a reopening clause for wages only to return to the table in December of 2022 to allow the City to reconsider the financial situation and make it right with our membership for inflation with a wage increase that would be effective July of 2023. This reopening clause is also applicable for December of 2023 for wages in July of 2024. What we didn't know at the time and found out in researching for this negotiation is that the work to calculate the cost-of-living increase had already been done for us by the Social Security Administration. He said he included how it is calculated, it's an average from year to year calculated in the 3rd quarter which would take effect, we operate on a fiscal year so it's a little bit different. So, we're using the most recent Social Security figures as our numbers so it's not just an arbitrary number that we're just grabbing out of the air. Our initial proposal takes that information from the Social Security website where the Federal Government has calculated COLA for 2022 at 5.9%. During that time, we received a 4.3% increase in our members' wages, which, that was because we ensured that everyone got at least 3% raise but then, putting that matrix into place, putting people in the right places adjusted that a little bit more, so overall it was a 4.3% increase to the City. 2023 Social Security COLA has kept it at 8.7% and our members stand to see a 3% increase this year. Most of the members of the Bargaining Unit are citizens of the community and the last thing we want to do is bite the hand that feeds us. For seeing the wages keep pace with the current price of living and keep our community competitive with the salaries in the area for the same jobs so that we can get more, better applicants when we are looking to hire. Camanche Police and Fire Bargaining Unit proposes a wage increase of 7.3% above what is currently contracted beginning in July of 2023. He has all the numbers on a chart that he provided to the Mayor, Council and Kida. He thanked everyone for their time.

Kida said the next item on the agenda is the City's response to the Bargaining Unit's Letter. He noted that the City had responded to the Bargaining Unit on February 13th after their Committee meeting and presented the Bargaining Unit with the move from 3% to 4% and previously noted that SSA COLA is not something that the City typically does. And keeping in mind what other cities are doing, we came up with 4%. So, we will make that presentation to the Bargaining Unit and will continue negotiating from there.

Councilman Determann introduced the topic of parking regulations in proximity to stop signs. Public Works Director Pewe said the current ordinance is 10 feet back from the stop sign. He added that the plan is that they will be painting curbs with yellow markings this summer. Determann asked if it could be greater than 10 feet. City Attorney Current pointed out that, under the City Code, 3-3-30 says the Chief of Police has the authority to paint curbs or post signs prohibiting parking wherever the Chief might feel that the 10 feet is inadequate or does not allow for sufficient line of sight at an intersection. There is also a provision that says if there is parking on both sides of the street, there needs to be at least 10 feet of clearance for cars to pass and if there isn't, then there could be prohibited parking on one side of the street. So, you can amend the current Ordinances, or you can ask the Chief to make some recommendations. Councilman Bowman feels it would be a waste of the Chief's time to have him drive around the entire City and identify intersections. Chief Schmitz said the intersections he would be more concerned about are the major intersections along Washington Boulevard, maybe an across the

board 10 or 12 feet. State Code 321-350 is 10 feet. Kida said the request has been to paint the curbs to make people more aware and we are going to try and do that this summer. He said the first step is to find those areas with curb and crosswalks and get those curbs painted so people have a better visual of where to park and where not to park and start there. Chief Schmitz said it might not be necessary at every intersection; just the major thoroughfares. Kida said it is happening more in residential areas than major intersections. City Attorney Current added there is an additional provision in the City Ordinances that says along Washington Boulevard and Highway 67 parking can be restricted 35 feet back from the center line. Councilmembers agreed to allow Chief Schmitz to make the decision.

Councilman Bowman introduced the topic of Mayor and Council pay. He said when he was elected, he had no idea he was even getting paid. He is not asking for a pay raise for himself; he knows he can't. He said whoever ends up in his seat next should be better compensated for what they do, it is a lot of work. It is a lot more than showing up for a meeting twice a month. He did some research on compensation provided for the Mayor and Councilmembers in other municipalities of similar size and provided the information to Kida who put together a Power Point. The last changes made were in 1995 for Council pay and 2000 for Mayor pay. They attend approximately 30 meetings a year with regular and special meetings, not including committee meetings. Any changes made would not include current elected members; only if they are re-elected. 2 seats are up this November and 3 will be up in November of 2025 with the Mayor up every other year. Several options were discussed and recommendations were given to Kida to draft an Ordinance amendment. The budget impact would be \$1,200 for next year without compensation for committee meetings. It would be two more years before the rest of the impact would be seen.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Varner to Direct the City Administrator to draft an ordinance change for Council and Mayor pay as was discussed. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schmitz discussed the 2016 squad sale, as the new squad is being built by Karl Chevrolet. When he took the 2016 squad there to have the things removed from it to be installed in the new squad and they gave him a quote for a trade in. We typically don't do trade ins but their quote was far more than any sealed bid we have received in the past. He is seeking Council direction regarding the quote.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Determann to accept the quote from Karl Chevrolet for the trade-in of the 2016 Squad Car. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schmitz presented the Camanche Police Department 2022 Annual Report and the January 2023 Report. Chief Schutte presented the Camanche Fire Department January 2023 Report and February 2023 Report.

City Attorney Current said the City of Riverdale is also interested in putting in an overpass over the CP line. He suggested to Andrew that the two communities could communicate and help each other out a little bit. We are not the only one.

Kida said on Friday will be an initial meeting with the contractor for the 9th Street Project and he invited the Mayor and Council to attend. After that meeting, there will be a regular public meeting with the City, contractor, engineer and general public so they can see what the plan is. That will probably be toward the end of March. They are looking at some time in April to kick that plan off and start construction. Mayor Pruett said he spent two days in Des Moines for Clinton County days. He had a lot of conversations with state legislators and it was two days well spent. Councilman Bowman, Library Liaison, reported that at the last Library Board meeting, they talked a little more about the Library expansion. They are going to form a committee and have a process similar to the one used for the City Hall expansion.

Pewe gave an update on Well #5, Cahoy retreated it and will be back to pump it out again and resample. He has contacted MidAmerican; the building does not have enough power to run the bigger pump so they are going to upgrade the power to the building and we are going to upgrade the interior. He said we really need to see about replacing that entire building as it is beginning to rust out. He also talked about potholes. As is normal this time of the year,

there are quite a few of them around town. He is asking people to use our Mobile 311 system, accessible on the City's website. That way Public Works can see the reported areas each morning and residents can see the progress as repairs are completed. He also reported that they are still waiting on the I/O cards to repair the SCADA system. It is still about 9-11 weeks away. He said his staff found a box of extra antennas in the shop, 70-100 of them, which could extend the need for meter replacements about a year or year and a half for the batteries that are dying. That will give us more time to decide on the best option for replacement of the meters. He complimented his staff for doing that. Nate and Troy went to training for electrical system control. Chief Schutte reported that the 2001 tanker is back and they did an excellent job of refurbishing the truck. Tomorrow, the Cordova Fire Protection District is bringing the ladder truck over to show the members, Mayor and Council who want to see it. Barring any unforeseen difficulties, we will move forward with that purchase. On the next agenda he will seek approval to go out for sealed bid on the existing ladder truck.

Mayor Pruett called for public comments. Gregg Maxwell attended the meeting online. He said he was aware two weeks ago there was a hearing on the tax levy rate but he was out of town at that time. He said he is aware assessments went up significantly, he has seen 20-40% amongst all of his friends and neighbors so he is hoping there will be some tax levy relief to help that out a little bit. Obviously, everyone's costs have gone up quite a bit, all of us as residents. I realize the City's costs have gone up too but I'm hoping we're not trying to recover something in one fell swoop here. So, again, I'm hopeful there's some work being done there that we aren't going to just leave levy rates the same, going up against a 20% assessment increase or even worse, raising levy rates in addition to a huge assessment increase. He asked if there were any thoughts on that. Kida said, on behalf of the Council that the max levy that was established is the maximum levy. The target we are looking for lowers the actual levy some. The math just doesn't work out for us to just do a blanket levy so everyone pays the same amount as they did last year because the valuations varied so much from less expensive houses to more expensive houses. There's no way to create equity that way. The intent of the proposed budget that will be coming through will be to lower the levy from \$12.77 to something less. Maxwell said everyone's went up and it went up a lot. He acknowledged that he knew they were behind. Then he said, again, we have to look at the levy rates to not just hammer everyone all in one year; that's all he's suggesting.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer