

City of Camanche

August 1, 2023

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session August 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pro Tem Varner presiding, and Council members Bowman, Determann and Schnoor. Councilman Weller arrived at 6:03 p.m. Absent: Mayor Pruett. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current, John Frey and Braydon Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida and Department Heads Pewe, Schmitz, Schutte and Schneider.

A moment of silent prayer was observed. Mayor Pro Tem Varner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Varner called for Public Comments on Agenda Topics. Tom Klahn spoke and said he read through the Ordinance amending Title 6 Chapter 11 Building Code of Camanche Code of Ordinances. He said there is a change in the fence part, the fence must be four feet from the pool, all present and hereafter. He asked if that means he has to change his since his fence is not four feet from his pool. City Administrator Kida displayed the section of the amendment Mr. Klahn referenced and updated it by removing the language “all present”.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Determann to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on July 18, 2023; approve Abstract No. 829 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	567.20
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	48.04
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	13,278.35
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	162.00
MANATTS	9TH ST RECONSTR-PAY APP #1, CO #1	275,419.44
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	2021 COMMERCIAL UR AREA	7,378.00
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	761.84
DAN'S OVERHEAD DOORS	REPAIR FIRE STATION DOOR OPENER	323.01
GATEWAY UNITED WAY	UNITED WAY DEDUCTION	48.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	BAGS MULCH-52 CHALL,23 LIB;SIGNS	454.46
IOWA ONE CALL	117 ONE CALL LOCATES	105.30
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	1,501.08
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	2,014.00
IPERS	IPERS	11,082.50
LESLIE ELECTRIC	REPAIR BAR SCREEN CONTROLS	68.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
MICROMARKETING LLC	DVDS	827.26
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,539.50
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	13,207.52
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	BRAKE PARTS-BLDG INSPECTOR CAR	994.46
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	204.34
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,295.35
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	233.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	CURB PAINT	251.45
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	5,884.68
US CELLULAR	PD CELL PHONES,MOBILE 311 DATA	611.86
HAWKINS INC	75 GAL AZONE-WATER DEPARTMENT	243.93
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	UNION DUES DEDUCTIONS	240.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	301.02
DEPENDABLE DRAIN & PLUMB	RAN TOILET AUGER-LIBRARY	106.50
PREMIER PARTS INC	BATTERY,CLIP-2021 PD SQUAD	224.72
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,075.18
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	SHIP WATER SAMPLES	35.23
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	22,170.52

AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	500.40
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	149.03
CFS INSPECTIONS	LADDER INSPECTIONS	1,230.65
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,420.00
CLINTON ROTARY CLUB	QUARTERLY DUES-KIDA	211.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	JULY 23 CITY COLLECT,SPRING LG ITEM	39,669.52
NEW LIFE COMPUTERS	INSTALL SMART SHIELD, REBOOT	125.00
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	EXAM-NEW OFFICER CANDIDATE	2,426.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	3,579.83
CINTAS	TOWELS,RUGS-PW,CH; UNIF-PEWE	63.34
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	LIBRARY-DELUHERY THRU 7/16/23	638.00
AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASC	MEMBERSHIP-GAYLON PEWE	229.00
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	REIMBURSE EMT EXAM	150.00
MID-AM RESEARCH CHEM	WEED CONTROL	1,187.38
HAWKEYE PAVING CORP	ROUNDAABOUT PAY APP #7	26,638.60
CITIZENS FIRST BANK	MOVE LIBRARY,CEM ACCTS FR CNB	17,125.30
JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF	DIGITAL FORENSIC SERVICES	200.00
SHAUNA TEGELER	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	78.37
MULGREW OIL & PROPANE	595.2G DIESEL-WELL 5 PFAS	2,826.73
IOWA ASSOC OF BLDG OFFIC	TEAGARDEN MEMBERSHIP	75.00
IOWA COUNTY ATTY ASSOC	IA ACTS TRAINING REGISTRATION-PD	225.00
GENESIS MEDICAL CENTER	NEW OFFICER PHYSICAL	5,307.72
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 07/19/2023	352.85
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/21/2023	54,960.05
	CLAIMS TOTAL	524,476.51
	GENERAL FUND	119,502.39
	LIBRARY FUND	27,620.40
	PARKS FUND	2,965.89
	CEMETERY FUND	3,263.41
	ROAD USE FUND	47,618.64
	ROUNDAABOUT-7TH AVE/HWY 67 FUND	26,638.60
	9TH STREET PROJECT FUND	275,419.44
	PFAS FUND	4,421.40
	WATER UTILITY FUND	11,689.66
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	4,558.17
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	778.51

Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meetings on July 10, 2023; Approve renewal of Class E Retail Alcohol License effective October 1, 2023 as submitted by Casey's Marketing Company; Approve Change Order Two from Manatt's Subgrade Stabilization Material, Geogrid for the 9th Street Reconstruction Project \$13,475.00; Approve Pay Application #2 from Manatt's for the 9th Street Reconstruction Project \$366,909.03; Authorize Public Works Director to order 100 total water meters from Quad City Winwater/Mueller at a cost of approximately \$170.00 each, \$17,000.00 estimated total cost. On roll call – all Ayes.

Kida led a discussion regarding RFQ Submissions for Energy Savings Program. He said we received four but his two to consider are Trane and ABM as they have the most municipal experience. Representatives from both companies were in attendance, addressing the Council and offering to answer questions. Kida said it is up to Council to decide which of the four companies to move forward with for our energy savings. A detailed discussion ensued.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Varner to hire ABM for the City's Energy Savings Program. On roll call – all Ayes.

Kida explained how the Cemetery Management Software Module from gWorks that he and staff previewed would benefit the City by ensuring the accuracy and efficiency of Rosehill Cemetery records. The module integrates with the current City software and, once it is set up, will convert paper recordkeeping to an easier to use electronic format.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Determann to Approve the Purchase of Cemetery Management Software Module from gWorks \$4,800.00 implementation \$1,200.00 annual service fee – Total \$6,000.00. On roll call – all Ayes.

Councilman Bowman requested the Board of Adjustments performance to be on the agenda for discussion. He explained a current case where homeowners want to build an addition on their detached garaged but were denied a building permit based on our building code. So, they went to the Board of Adjustments, using unnecessary hardship as a reason. Despite the very high standard required to meet the definition of unnecessary hardship, the Board of Adjustments unanimously approved their permit. Councilman Bowman said he has a lot of concern about them taking that vote. He said we need to educate all our Boards about what it means to be a part of the City government; sometimes you have to say no. We need to reinforce to the members; these are your responsibilities and ask them if they are ready for those responsibilities. If not, they need to step down. Bowman also pointed out that when someone makes an accusation, they need to be able to say who it is and give specifics, even though it may be uncomfortable. He also pointed out that neighbors approving of something should be removed from the Board's decision or we are setting ourselves up for discrimination. We should follow the rule of the law. Kida added that staff provided proper guidance to the Board and the homeowners at the meeting; go the Planning and Zoning Commission and request a variance. Councilman Bowman stated that he was quite disappointed with them taking the vote after hearing the advice from the legal team. He added there was more understanding by the Board at the next meeting. The standard of unnecessary hardship is very high. He also said we need to reinforce the rules to all Board members and their responsibility to follow the rules and would like some type of correspondence to go out to City Boards. Kida said he will draft something on Bowman's behalf; the liaisons should address their Boards.

Next on the agenda was Storm Water Utility. Councilman Bowman said we have discussed this at budget time and that is it. He said he does not know if we need a storm water utility, but he does know we have some infrastructure problems, especially toward the river. Kida shared a short presentation with City Engineers Shive-Hattery's Master Plan, estimated at \$2-\$3 million. We can implement a flat fee; most communities are \$4-\$5 per month. The fee could also be based on ERUs (equivalent residential units) or anything that does not absorb water. The Master Plan will be on the website. The fees could be used to pay debt or to fund projects. We need a way to fund this. Councilmen Bowman and Determann said they would like to see a proposal. Kida said he will prepare something for a future meeting.

Discussion regarding an Ordinance amending Title 6 Chapter 11 Building Code was led by Kida. The language accommodated backwards enforcement. There are other state codes we have pseudo adopted through the state building code and through the fire code.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Determann to Suspend the Rules of Procedure. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to allow Mayor Pro Tem Varner to read the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Title 6 Chapter 11 Building Code of the Camanche Code of Ordinances by Title Only. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner read the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Title 6 Chapter 11 Building Code of the Camanche Code of Ordinances by Title Only.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Title 6 Chapter 11 Building Code of the Camanche Code of Ordinances by Title Only. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Bowman, Determann, Weller, Schnoor, Varner. Nays – None.

City Administrator Kida opened bids for the sale of the Case Tractor. The first time it was put out for bid, there were no bids received. This time, we received 15 bids: Jamie Liddle \$2,650, Larry Young \$777, Eugene Smith \$565, M R Trucking \$2,500, Mink Snow Removal \$2,005, Jeff Mussman \$5,250, Robert Edens \$2,550, Arnold Lehmkuhl \$2,000, Airwayz, Inc. \$3,580, Paul McCoy \$1,500, Troy Sachsenmaier \$1,751, Anthony Wynkoop \$700, Sarah Teagarden \$1,150, E & E Home Services LLC \$600, Justin Morris \$2,025.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Determann to accept the \$5,250 bid from Jeff Mussman for the Case Tractor. On roll call – all Ayes.

Public Works Director Pewe explained the Replacement and Upgrade for power at well 5 to run the new pump. He said it is a big step to run longer term.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Approve Replacement and Upgrade 3-phase transformer bank pole with new pole, 3-phase transformer bank, ,down guy and anchor for new pump at well 5 - \$13,022.48 advance deposit. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Clerk Schneider asked for Council to consider and vote on the annual Camanche Days contribution. It is in the budget at \$3,000. Brenda Larkey with the Camanche Days Committee spoke at the Council meeting on July 6, 2023.

Moved by Councilman Schnoor, second by Councilman Varner to approve \$3,000 contribution to Camanche Days, as budgeted. On roll call – all Ayes.

Kida said he and Councilman Bowman will be attending the League of Cities next month. There will be a Planning and Zoning meeting next Tuesday. Mayor Pro Tem Varner wants everyone to enjoy a safe Camanche Days celebration. Councilman Bowman reported receiving several phone calls about the construction on 9th Street-gravel damage, cars speeding, temporary mailboxes put up late, a lot of concern from residents. Kida said although the contractor is experiencing problems with the quality of the ground, they are still on track for an October timeframe. Councilman Weller said he has received complaints about the barricades on the Highway 67 turn lane. Pewe will talk to Todd Powers with Manatt's. Kida reminded everyone that it is construction, and everyone is doing the best they can. Chief Schutte reported that the water main flush was successful and reminded everyone about the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner called for public comments. Tom Klahn spoke about the 9th Street construction and said he can live with the temporary gravel, but it is in terrible condition. It needs to be smoothed out; it is like a washboard. Jess Paul spoke and echoed what Tom said and added that it is really bad.

There were no other public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Paul Varner
Mayor Pro Tem

Toni Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer