

City of Camanche
September 19, 2023

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Varner and Weller. Absent: Council member Schnoor. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current 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.

Guests Kimberly Dickey and Tim Arnold with Nextera Energy gave a presentation about Battery Energy Storage Systems. The BESS balance demand with what is supplied to the grid to smooth out fluctuations; to harness and increase capacity. Solar production occurs during daylight hours and batteries extend that and increase efficiencies. The footprint of the BESS is relatively small as they are very energy dense. They are long-term investments, 25 years or more. The enclosure has a thermal management system, and the BESS is monitored 24 hours a day and can be controlled locally or remotely. Ms. Dickey and Mr. Arnold will also meet with First Responders to provide information and training.

Mayor Pruett called for public comments on Agenda topics. Jess Paul said ion batteries are expensive and they burn. He asked if there will be help with extra costs or extra equipment that might be needed. He also asked if the energy from the aurora borealis affects the system.

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 September 5, 2023; approve Abstract No. 832 which includes the following:

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| CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT | MONTHLY MAINTENANCE,SUPPLIES | 570.92 |
| CAMANCHE WATER WORKS | 3RD QTR 2023 WATER/SEWER BILLS | 596.46 |
| CLINTON HERALD | LEGAL PUBLICATIONS | 757.42 |
| CLINTON HUMANE SOCIETY | 1 DOG, 4 DAYS | 100.00 |
| CITY OF CLINTON | FY24 SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE | 75,165.10 |
| CLINTON NATIONAL BANK | FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING | 13,732.74 |
| CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE | YARD WASTE | 183.04 |
| CULLIGAN | WATER, DISP RENT-CITY HALL,LIBRARY | 47.45 |
| MANATTS | PAY APP #3, C.O. #3 9TH ST RECONSTR | 452,095.51 |
| EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC | CEMETERY MOWER TIRES | 90.00 |
| EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER | SECURITY LIGHT-9TH ST,ANAMOSA RD | 80.94 |
| EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC | AMBULANCE SUPPLIES | 176.75 |
| HARTZ LOCK COMPANY | CHNG BATTERIES-HANDICAP BUTTONS | 85.00 |
| HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE | SAW CHAIN, SIGN POSTS,PWUPPL | 603.65 |
| INGRAM BOOK COMPANY | BOOKS/DVDS | 52.68 |
| J & C ENTERPRISES | AUG 23 COLLECTION | 95.68 |
| KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE | 429.36G PW;49.457G CEM;321.87G PD | 3,219.21 |
| | 17.514G FD; 42.293G AMBULANCE | |
| LIBRARY PETTY CASH | LIBRARY SUPPLIES, POSTAGE | 299.86 |
| MAGUIRE IRON INC | 3RD ST WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE | 6,375.00 |
| TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE | GRAVE-FELLER | 400.00 |
| MEDIACOM | INTERNET | 135.02 |
| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO | STREET LIGHTING, ELECTRIC SERVICE | 7,924.67 |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS | COPIES-POLICE DEPARTMENT | 109.89 |
| MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE | MUNICIPAL PENSION | 14,140.43 |
| GREG NELSON | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 204.00 |
| O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC | SPARK PLUG-FIRE DEPT SAW | 9.54 |
| PANTHER UNIFORMS INC | UNIFORMS-RILEY SOWLE | 357.75 |
| POSTMASTER | MAIL 3RD QTR WATER/SEWER BILLS | 782.76 |
| QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES | SAMPLE ANALYSIS | 125.00 |

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| QUILL CORPORATION | COPY PAPER-PD;FILES,BOXES-CH | 105.44 |
| SHERWIN-WILLIAMS | STREET PAINT-CHS ART PROJECT | 133.95 |
| SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS | ENG-9TH STREET RECONST,MTGS,GEN | 48,341.73 |
| AUDITOR OF STATE | AUDIT FILING FEE FYE 2022 | 425.00 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | AUG WITHHOLDING,SALES,EXCISE TAX | 490.26 |
| HAWKINS INC | 250 GAL AZONE-WATER DEPARTMENT | 846.60 |
| BRIAN WERNICK | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 120.00 |
| WINKELPARKER & FOSTER | PROGRESS BILLING FY23 AUDIT | 10,750.00 |
| JORDAN MOORE | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 40.00 |
| PETERSEN SANITARY INC | PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS | 990.00 |
| CENTURYLINK | TELEPHONE EXPENSE | 166.75 |
| FIRE SERVICE TRAINING | BRANDON SMITH FF2 | 50.00 |
| STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY | LEAD & COPPER SAMPLE ANALYSIS | 787.50 |
| ANNA EVANS | REIMB IA LIBRARY CONFERENCE FEE | 295.00 |
| MYRON CORP | WINDSOR ATLAS PP500 FIRE DEPT | 204.42 |
| CLINTON CO IT DEPARTMENT | 365 LICENSING FY24,PD INTERNET | 3,896.78 |
| ERIC DAU | AUGUST 2023 PAID ON CALL | 140.00 |
| CAMANCHE KIWANIS CLUB | ANNA EVANS, KERRI KUDELKA DUES | 288.00 |
| PLATINUM SMART INC. | DATA BACK UPS-SEPT 2023 | 400.00 |
| AMAZON | LIBRARY BOOKS,DVDS,SUPPLIES | 1,446.10 |
| TROY ALDERMAN | REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE | 35.98 |
| CASEY'S GENERAL STORES | 126.78G FD; 92.49G PD; 42.94G AMB 22.88G BUILDING INSPECTOR | 1,117.70 |
| FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC | LEGAL SERVICES, PFAS-AUGUST 2023 | 1,861.20 |
| HSA ACCOUNTS | HSA- EMPLOYEES | 1,430.00 |
| BILLION AUTO | RUNNING BOARDS-2023 PW TRUCK | 341.25 |
| ANDREW KIDA | REIMBURSE GLASSES | 161.93 |
| PLATINUM INFORMATION SVC | ITSUPPORT,NETWORKMON,SPAM FLT | 2,325.00 |
| BRENT BRIGHTMAN | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 5.00 |
| DANNY WELLER | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 108.00 |
| NATHAN CAMPIE | WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT | 250.00 |
| NEW LIFE COMPUTERS | LIBRARY ONSITE COMPUTER REPAIR | 50.00 |
| CLINTON COUNTY AUDITOR | PEANUT BUTTER QTRLY + ANNUAL FEE | 567.14 |
| CORY SNODGRASS | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 48.00 |
| DUANE J WIESE | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 24.00 |
| JESSIE BAUGHMAN | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 12.00 |
| JENNIFER BIELEMA | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 144.00 |
| TODD POWERS | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 24.00 |
| MICHELLE SOWLE | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 80.00 |
| THOMAS FRANKLIN | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 264.00 |
| MICHAEL BURMAHL | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 72.00 |
| TONY BLOMME | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 96.00 |
| PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES | OCTOBER 2023 LEASE PAYMENT | 853.00 |
| MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS | WEEKLY CLAIMS, MONTHLY FEE | 361.73 |
| JACOB VANZUIDEN | WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT | 160.50 |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING | LIBRARY, CITY HALL COPIER LEASES | 472.86 |
| KYLE DEWITT | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 36.00 |
| RILEY SOWLE | AUGUST 2023 PAID ON CALL | 320.00 |
| CINTAS | TOWELS,RUGS-PW,CH;UNIFORM-PEWE | 83.67 |
| HAROLD TEAGARDEN | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 10.00 |
| AIRGAS USA, LLC. | CYLINDER RENTAL | 10.08 |
| CITIZENS FIRST BANK | MOVE MONEY FROM CNB TO CFB | 500,000.00 |
| COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS | LIBRARY BOOKSHELF WALL CALENDAR | 155.41 |
| SHAUNA TEGELER | CLOTHING ALLOWANCE | 79.49 |
| SHALAYA AUSTIN | AUG 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND | 84.00 |
| MY PARKING SIGN | NO CARTS SIGNS-POLICE DEPT | 268.20 |
| CROSS ROADS BUILDERS, LLC | GAS/ELECTRIC-CROSS LIFT 7/20-9/23 | 2,538.96 |
| DEPOSIT REFUNDS | REFUND DATE 09/08/2023 | 217.42 |
| DEPOSIT REFUNDS | REFUND DATE 09/12/2023 | 23.19 |
| PAYROLL CHECKS | PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/14/2023 | 2,147.54 |

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| PAYROLL CHECKS | PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/15/2023 | 56,077.51 |
| | CLAIMS TOTAL | 1,221,350.76 |
| | GENERAL FUND | 602,495.15 |
| | LIBRARY FUND | 7,806.83 |
| | PARKS FUND | 2,372.83 |
| | CEMETERY FUND | 2,700.77 |
| | ROAD USE FUND | 6,717.11 |
| | 9TH STREET PROJECT FUND | 499,280.64 |
| | PFAS FUND | 2,870.23 |
| | WATER UTILITY FUND | 15,001.48 |
| | SEWER UTILITY FUND | 81,366.90 |
| | LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND | 738.82 |

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for August 2023 which includes receipts: General \$120,291.93, Library \$22,191.92, Parks \$8,162.50, Cemetery \$6,616.67, Road Use \$50,816.57, PFAS \$500,000.00 P.C.& R. Howson Trust \$0.05, Train Depot Project \$2,500.00, Water Utility Fund \$3,457.93, Sewer Utility \$8,241.64, Landfill/Garbage \$2,236.13; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meetings on August 28, 2023 and September 11, 2023; Approve payment of Cross Roads Builders, LLC invoice \$2,538.96 for Lift Station utilities from July 2021 through September 2023; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Clinton County/Gateway Genealogical Society meeting on September 2, 2023; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Library Board meetings on August 2, 2023 and September 6, 2023; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Historical Board meeting on September 11, 2023; Approve electric upgrade to Well #5 to Leslie Electric \$112,644.00; Approve payment of Leslie Electric invoice for temporary 40-volt service to Well #5 \$43,641.34; Approve appointment of Ashley Foley to the Board of Adjustments, term ending January 2028; Approve replacement of Police Station Air Conditioner unit \$4,000.00; Approve BWC proposal to construct 8 manholes and intake repairs at an estimated cost of \$27,060.00; Approve Private Event Application for Jenny Tucker 1719 Oakwood Ct. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read the 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60-C Sign Supplementary Regulations by Title only.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Varner to approve the 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60-C Sign Supplementary Regulations by Title only. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Bowman, Varner, Weller. Nays – None. Absent – Councilman Schnoor.

Moved by Councilman Varner, second by Councilman Bowman to waive the 3rd Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60-C Sign Supplementary Regulations. On roll call – Ayes – Councilman Bowman, Weller, Varner. Nays – None. Absent – Councilman Schnoor.

Moved by Councilman Varner, second by Councilman Bowman to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60-C Sign Supplementary Regulations. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Bowman, Weller, Varner. Nays – None. Absent – Councilman Schnoor.

Library Director Anna Evans gave a presentation regarding the need for the Library expansion. She explained that our library is a D-size library. The average D-size library is over 8,000 square feet and our Library is 5,900 square feet. She said our programs are very well attended; 134 programs were attended by 3,000. She showed pictures of several of the programs including the summer splash, painted dragon, tie dye and petting zoo. She also showed the current workspace and storage area. Councilman Bowman mentioned the large basement that cannot be used that is a lost opportunity. Councilman Weller asked what kind of plans there are for the expansion and the general size. Evans would like to get to 9,000 square feet. The ask is to have the Library expansion added to the CIP. It must be on a ballot; the goal is 2025 so we can replace the Washington Boulevard debt with debt for this project.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to add the Library Expansion to the Capital Improvement Plan. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Accept Resignation, effective September 24, 2023, from Sergeant Jason Plozel, Camanche Police Department. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Bowman to Authorize Chief Schmitz to fill the vacancy in the Police Department, keeping the staffing level at nine. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Varner to Adopt a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60-G Special Ordinances: Non-Utility/Utility Scale (Solar). On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Varner to Adopt a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60.015 General Supplementary Regulations: Accessory Building and Structure Location. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schutte presented the August 2023 Camanche Fire Department Report. Chief Schmitz presented the August 2023 Police Department Report.

City Administrator Kida gave an update on the 9th Street Project; 19th Avenue should be open by the end of the week and box culverts are being poured by hand next week. We are at about three weeks until it is ready to be driven on and then there will be touch-ups. We are close to the end. Councilman Bowman thanked Councilman Determann and is sorry he had to resign. City Clerk Schneider reminded everyone that election paperwork is due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21st.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments. Tom Klahn said the roundabout is still a mess. The weeds are 5 feet tall, and he doesn't understand why we can't maintain it. If we can't maintain the roundabout, how will we maintain the right-of-way and sidewalk on 9th Street. He also said there has been a bulldozer sitting in the road with no reflectors. It has not been used in days. Kida said the roundabout is a 4-person job and 9th Street will be a 1-person job. We are only responsible for the pie-shaped areas of the roundabout. Mr. Klahn asked about the roundabout lighting. Pewe said MidAmerican will be doing the work and they are scheduled to start on it the 1st week of October.

Jess Paul said he knows the Library basement is a horror. He likes the Library. He understands the library was donated. Kida said that is not correct. Mr. Paul said it is a nice location, but it should be on Washington Avenue. Some of those buildings may be easily acquired. People would see something different and not have to drive down to that area; build a nice new Library. It seems like a spectacular money dump. Spend a few bucks more, improve Washington Avenue. Keep that building and make meeting rooms out of it.

Gregg Maxwell spoke about Building Permit Fees and Storm Water Fees from the last meeting. Those are just additional taxes on the residents labeled something else. They come out of the residents' pockets and it's concerning to him. There's a perception of endless pockets, deep pockets; it's not true. "I think you guys all know it's not true. It just concerns me that we should be looking at ways to lower some costs; some cost saving measures, improve efficiencies, look at some other ways to balance the budget other than on the back of the taxpayers all the time. With the new assessments going into place, I know the City's levy went down a little bit, but there are significant tax increases out there. The additional fees above and beyond that, it's concerning. Again, I hope going forth, we look at other options besides just continuing taxing, increase taxes, increase spending, increase taxes. It's tough out there, I get that. We all have to make sacrifices at home to balance our own budgets, so just something to keep an eye on moving forward". He's afraid he won't be able to stay here if we stay on this trajectory. He asked to look at all options besides increase costs to increase revenues.

A brief recess was taken at 7:17 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:22 p.m. for a Work Session: Ordinance 3-3-64 through 3-70 Off Road Vehicles and Golf Carts. In 2019, Council authorized UTVs to be on City streets where snowmobiles were allowed. City Administrator Kida asked the legal team to consider what other communities are doing. City Attorney Current said, regarding UTVs, most cities restrict age and require restraints. The operator age is commonly raised to 18 and there are seatbelt requirements imposed. He said the University of Iowa Hospital has a unit that studies injuries from UTV accidents. Kida said the number of UTV fatalities has increased from 5 to 12 from last year to this year. Chief Schmitz added that most are under the age of 18. An in-depth discussion regarding amendments to this ordinance for the sake of safety by all in attendance ensued. Mayor Pruett said it might not be a popular decision but as an elected official, you need to do what is right. Current will draft the amendments discussed and the process of amending the Ordinance will be on future agendas.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer