

City of Camanche

October 3, 2023

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Schnoor and Weller. Absent: Council member Varner. Also present were City Engineer Solchenberger, City Administrator Andrew Kida and Department Heads 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 Weller, to approve the agenda. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett opened a Public Hearing: Amend Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60-G Special Ordinances: Non – Utility/Utility Scale (Solar) at 6:01 p.m. This makes an accommodation for the Battery Energy Storage System on our Zoning Ordinance. In the absence of public comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Pruett opened a Public Hearing: Amend Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60.015 General Supplementary Regulations: Accessory Building and Structure Location at 6:02 p.m. Councilman Weller asked what the Planning and Zoning Commission came up with. City Administrator Kida said 1,286 square feet, changed from the current 1,080 square feet. Councilman Weller asked if there were any other changes, such as placement or wall height. Kida said no, but the size is dependent upon the size of the house. Councilman Bowman said Bob Edens called him and recommended a height of 20’ to accommodate modern construction and help make shingles last longer and asked if we could make that change. In the absence of public comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Visitor Debra McCormick talked about the increase in property taxes, saying that her taxes went up 23%. She had questions: last year she had a tax increase, she is wondering about the bond referendum for the school and she commented that residents are being “fee’d to death”. She asked why, for a town of 4,800, we need a full-time inspector, why we need the full-time water biller, why we need brand new Tahoes. She said spending is out of control and requested Council considers cost saving measures. She wants to know what she is getting for her 23% increase and would like some relief from her taxes. She said everyone in 29 Oaks pays exorbitant taxes for hardly any services. City Administrator Kida addressed many of her questions. The City’s levy went down and property owners need to contact the County Assessor’s office with questions regarding their assessments and questions about the school bond referendum should be directed to the School Board. New vehicles for public safety are critical and Mayor Pruett stated that public safety is a Number One Priority. Councilman Bowman pointed out that we have a balanced budget.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on September 19, 2023; approve Abstract No. 833 which includes the following:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	V-BELT,FUEL TRTMNT-FIRE DEPT	35.14
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	535.45
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	534.32
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	15,738.00
IOWA DNR	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE #2933	115.00
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC	TIRES-SEWER JET	459.40
FOLEY TREE CARE	REMOVE HACKBERRY-CEMETERY	2,000.00
GENERAL BOOK COVERS	MULTIFIT BOOK JACKETS	60.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	FLASHLIGHTS-WATER,SEWER DEPT	199.67
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	CONF REGIST-K KUDELKA	320.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	1,058.86
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	3,021.00
IPERS	IPERS	15,081.34
LESLIE ELECTRIC	TEMP 480V SVC-WELL #5	43,641.34

MAGUIRE IRON INC	9TH ST WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE	6,375.00
MASTERCARD	PUBLIC WORKS TOOLS, SUPPLIES	1,403.33
	LEAGUE OF CITIES, PD TRAINING	
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
A. C. MCCARTNEY	BELTS-PARK & REC MOWERS	165.59
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	77.98
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	110.73
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR	QUARTERLY AIR TEST	195.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	12,439.64
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	REEL-FUEL HOSE	437.50
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	204.34
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE	1,295.35
QUALITY CONCRETE	CONCRETE-LIBRARY SIDEWALK,PARKS	840.00
QUILL CORPORATION	AIR FRESHENER,SUPPL-LIBRARY	262.51
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY-OFFICER TYSON	30.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX WITHHOLDING	8,717.82
US CELLULAR	PD CELL PHONES,MOBILE 311 DATA	611.86
HAWKINS INC	100 GAL LPC-WATER DEPARTMENT	2,962.78
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	1" ROAD STONE	109.15
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	REIMBURSE WELLNESS, GLASSES	450.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	300.71
PREMIER PARTS INC	BATTERY-AMBULANCE	288.64
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,056.63
ANNA EVANS	REIMBURSE GODADDY LIB WEBSITE	179.88
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	22,073.83
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	697.50
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	149.07
RHA SERVICE INC.	NEW 5 TON AC UNIT-POLICE STATION	3,801.00
SLOAN IMPLEMENT CO.	SEATCOVER,GRIPS-CEMETERY MOWER	75.56
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,430.00
DANNY WELLER	MILEAGE-LEAGUE/CITIES WORKSHOP	124.45
BARGEN INCORPORATED	MASTIC GAP REPAIR-STREETS,LIBRARY	39,495.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	SEPT 23 CITY,PWORKS COLLECTION	31,093.90
ABSTRACT & TITLE GUARANTY	KIDS 1ST ACADEMY ABSTRACT	735.00
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES	156.25
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	62.38
GEMT	STATE SHARE GEMT-OCT 2023	836.28
CINTAS	UNIFORMS-PEWE	44.32
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	LIBRARY-DELUHERY THRU 8/31/23	1,080.61
AIRGAS USA, LLC.	CYLINDER RENTAL	34.00
AWESOME CAR WASH	JUL-AUG-SEP PD FLEET WASHES	180.00
RADIOLOGY GROUP, PC	OFFICER CANDIDATE PHYSICAL	360.00
MULGREW OIL & PROPANE CO	FUEL TANK RENT-WELL #5	100.00
ALTORFER, INC.	GENERATOR RENTAL-WELL #5	2,575.00
T & T KARAOKE	DJ-HOMECOMING PARTY-CENTR PARK	200.00
L & L ENTERPIRSES	RESCREEN 4 WINDOWS-PUBLIC WRKS	140.00
PUBLIC SAFETY UPFITTERS	NEW VEST-CORPORAL ELLIOTT	1,098.45
DAVID BOWMAN	MILEAGE,PARKING-LEAGUE/CITIES	127.27
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/29/2023	61,373.67
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 10/01/2023	2,063.11
	CLAIMS TOTAL	292,370.61
	GENERAL FUND	116,269.47
	LIBRARY FUND	25,600.29
	PARKS FUND	2,841.09
	CEMETERY FUND	5,906.14
	ROAD USE FUND	35,561.72
	PFAS FUND	48,204.95
	WATER UTILITY FUND	21,363.32
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	4,715.50
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	31,908.13

Approve purchase of 2 speed control radar signs for 9<sup>th</sup> Street \$6,850.00; Approve addition of Cyber Insurance to EMC policy; Approve Appointment of Bill Goble to the Library Board, term ending July 2029; Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for Donald J's Poor House Tap effective October 11, 2023; Approve payment of Thompson Truck & Trailer invoice \$6,790.96 repairs on 2019 International truck; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on September 25, 2023. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Engineer Dan Solchenberger gave an update on Well 5 and shared a preliminary schedule review on Wells 7 and 8. The temporary pump is installed at Well 5 and running the City with the permanent pump on order. The new wells will be #7 which will be by the Murphy's addition and #8 which will be where Well 6 is currently located. Well 7 has been submitted to the DNR for permitting. We are hoping for the permit in February 2024 and well drilling to begin in March. Work on Well 8 site plan will begin after Well 7 is operational, hopefully November 2024. There are a lot of moving parts with the DNR and EPA; we have to adjust as we go. 3M has been working with us great. Councilmen Bowman and Weller, who attended the League of Cities Conference with Kida, said that Camanche stands out in handling the PFAS situation; we know who polluted our water and they are cooperating and helping us out. Kida added, with Well 5 running the entire City and the water has been tested at the Well and at the Public Works location and it is negative for PFAS so there is no lingering PFAS in the system. We will have a brief period of time where we need to go back to the shallow wells to install the permanent pump but we will communicate that before it happens.

Councilman Schnoor asked for an update on 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Solchenberger. He said they are working on paving and allowing traffic on the pavement as they are able. The week of October 16<sup>th</sup> there will be some lane closures but the finish line is in sight.

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

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to allow the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60-G Special Ordinances: Non-Utility/Utility Scale Solar – Battery Energy Storage (BESS) by Title Only. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60-G Special Ordinances: Non-Utility/Utility Scale Solar – Battery Energy Storage (BESS) by Title Only.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60-G Special Ordinances: Non-Utility/Utility Scale Solar – Battery Energy Storage (BESS) by Title Only. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Schnoor, Bowman, Weller. Nays – None. Absent – Councilman Varner.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Schnoor to allow the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60.015 General Supplementary Regulations: Accessory Building and Structure Location by Title Only. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60.015 General Supplementary Regulations: Accessory Building and Structure Location by Title Only. Discussion followed regarding Bob Edens' recommendation for a height of 20' to accommodate modern construction and help make shingles last longer. Kida said the accessory building cannot be build higher than the primary structure. It was decided to table this item because there were additional items from Planning and Zoning that were omitted from the amendment submitted. It will be on the next agenda.

Councilman Bowman said he has a problem with the amendments to the Golf Cart Ordinance. They left a loophole for older golf carts without restraints. Councilman Weller said other communities' Ordinances include a clause that without restraints, there is an age

restriction for passengers. Councilman Bowman said we made the recommendation in the workshop and the ordinance we have does not mention older carts. There was also discussion about persons new to town or passing through town, such as the First Responders ride. Chief Schmitz noted these are often opportunities to education people. After further discussion about the age restrictions, Kida made the corrections to the document and Councilmembers agreed that the changes he made were what were recommended in the workshop.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to allow the First Reading, as amended of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Iowa Municipal Code Chapter 3-3-70 Golf Carts and 3-3-66 Off-Road Vehicles by Title Only. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett Read the First Reading, as amended of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Iowa Municipal Code Chapter 3-3-70 Golf Carts and 3-3-66 Off-Road Vehicles by Title Only.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, Second by Councilman Weller to approve the First Reading, as amended of an Ordinance Amending the Camanche Iowa Municipal Code Chapter 3-3-70 Golf Carts and 3-3-66 Off-Road Vehicles. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Weller, Bowman, Schnoor. Nays – None. Absent – Councilman Varner.

Chief Schutte presented the September 2023 Fire Department Report.

Kida said he attended the Iowa League of Cities with Councilmen Weller and Bowman and noted that all of the financial work we are doing is what has been recommended by financial professionals. We are on the right track. Councilman Schnoor said the Park Board will be having their Splash Pad fundraiser on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Central Park. The theme is Pirates in the Park and there will be lots of activities including a dunk tank. Please come out and support their efforts. Councilman Bowman also talked about the League of Cities, the Fiscal Fitness session and how we compare. We do really well by having the Capital Improvement Plan and revisiting it; we are doing a lot of the right things. He encouraged citizens to come to the budget discussions. He also said he is encouraged by the number of citizens who have been attending our meetings, it is what we want; he is pleased to see it. Councilman Weller agreed by saying it is great to see people here. Chief Schutte said the Fire Department Open House is October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with the MedForce helicopter, weather permitting.

Mayor Pruett called for public comments. Jenny Tucker spoke and said she would not want Council's job. She feels like residents in 29 Oaks are not listened to. She would appreciate a meeting with the City. Kida said an Open Forum could be held in the future, we will send a letter to the residents in the neighborhood when it can be scheduled.

Ryan Drew with Operating Engineers Local Union talked about the utility scale solar system and how Nextera supports the local community. He appreciates the support for the project and is excited about the project and the jobs it will bring. He mentioned the career fair on October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton Community College building. Bill Gerhart from Iowa City who worked with the Laborers Union echoed what Mr. Drew said there will be a lot of opportunities and incentives with the infrastructure bill. There will be incentives to use the registered apprenticeship program which is the best way to get the kids taught.

There were no other public comments.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.