

City of Camanche
November 7, 2023

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session November 7, 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 Elliott for 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.

Visitor Randy Schoon with ImOn spoke about bringing fiber optics to the City of Camanche. ImOn provides cable, internet and phone and is a direct competitor of Mediacom and Centurylink. He said they work with cities tightly; every city building will have a hookup. Councilman Schnoor asked if there is a certain number of households that will make this worthwhile for them. Mr. Schoon said his board and sales team will look at that. Kida said a take rate of 20% is a standard market number. When asked what he needs from the City, he said just the property the City designated, which is the former Burlingame property, and right-of-way for the cabinets, and they want to tie the land in for 25 years.

Under Public Comments on Agenda Topics, Tom Klahn, 1310 23rd Avenue, would like to see the attached garages separated from accessory buildings in the Ordinance 18.60.015 Amendment. He is concerned about the specific reference to automobile storage in garages.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Schnoor to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on October 17, 2023; approve Abstract No. 835 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	612.60
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CLINTON HUMANE SOCIETY	9 KITTENS, 1 CAT, 1 DOG	850.00
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	11,938.37
MANATTS	PAY APP #4 9TH ST RECONSTRUCTION	296,342.68
DAN'S OVERHEAD DOORS	FIRE STATION GARAGE DOOR SERVICE	257.87
IOWA ONE CALL	77 ONE CALL LOCATES	69.30
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,814.00
IPERS	IPERS	10,106.40
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	353.08G PW; 67.15G CEM; 64.973G FD; 274.493G PD; 47.539G AMBULANCE	2,928.98
LECTRONICS INC	ALARM SERVICE-CITY HALL	30.00
LESLIE ELECTRIC	WIRE GENERATOR-WELLHOUSE #5	1,022.95
MASTERCARD	KIDA,WELLER,BOWMAN-LEAGUECITIES; FIRE DEPT,POLICE DEPT TRAINING	3,932.30
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	AUG/SEPT PHARMACEUTICALS	57.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE-WELL 5	3,661.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	11,538.53
POSTMASTER	PO BOX 77 RENT;1ST CLASS PRESORT	493.00
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	204.34
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE	1,187.06
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	125.00
QUILL CORPORATION	CITY HALL KITCHEN,OFFICE SUPPLIES	126.07
DAVE SCHUTTE	MILEAGE-CHIEF'S CONFERENCE	193.88
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX WITHHOLDING	4,898.27
US CELLULAR	PD CELL PHONES,MOBILE 311 DATA	613.10
HAWKINS INC	230 GAL AZONE, 80 GAL LPC	3,158.97
WINKELPARKER & FOSTER	PROGRESS BILLING FY23 AUDIT	11,425.00

WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	306.20
DEPENDABLE DRAIN & PLUMB	INSTALL 6" RISER-7TH AVE ALLEY	1,000.01
PREMIER PARTS INC	HYDR HOSE,FITTINGS-SEWER JET	894.44
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,084.08
ANNA EVANS	MILEAGE-IA LIBRARY CONFERENCE	91.57
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	SHIP WATER SAMPLES	27.77
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	21,471.81
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	465.00
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	150.53
TROY ALDERMAN	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	56.69
RHA SERVICE INC.	SERVICE OFFICE HEATER-PUBL WRK	92.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	65.66 G POLICE; 49.52 G FIRE; 16.89 G BLDG INSP; 14.63 G AMB	562.80
SPARKLEAN	SEPT 2023 CLEAN-CHALL,LIB,PW,PD	1,730.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,550.00
TONI SCHNEIDER	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	167.76
REPUBLIC SERVICES	OCT 23 CITY COLLECTION	31,093.90
EASTERN IA COMM COLLEGE	K DEWITT PARAMEDIC COURSES	681.00
QUAD CITIES WINWATER	50 3/4" METER COUPLINGS	220.37
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	OCTOBER,NOVEMBER LEASE PMTS	222.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	1,816.29
GEMT	STATE SHARE-GEMT NOV 2023	1,599.29
CINTAS	TOWELS,RUGS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	72.55
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	LIBRARY-SPRINGER/SAMORA 10/29	993.13
BRITTNEY PARKS	GLASSES REIMBURSEMENT	140.00
MID-IOWA SOLID WASTE EQUIP	PARTS FOR SEWER JET	1,013.43
SPOT FREE PROPERTY MAINT	WASH INTERIOR/EXTERIOR WINDOWS	300.00
MULGREW OIL & PROPANE CO.	FUEL TANK RENT-WELL #5	100.00
ALTORFER, INC.	GENERATOR RENTAL-WELL #5	2,575.00
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	SEPT 23 AMB BILLING SERVICE	1,290.96
FENTON RYCROFT	REFUND-INSURANCE PD AMB CALL	832.00
GABE FLYNN	22 BOOKS-PURCHASED AT ILA	110.00
BLAKE HARDISON	REFUND IPERS DED < 6 MO WORKER	355.68
RICK EUGENE BRAMMER	LIBRARY-PUPPETS FROM CONFERENCE	207.66
PATRICK JONES	BAND-PIRATE PARTY IN THE PARK	500.00
POSITIVE PROMOTIONS, INC	PD CUSTOM SHIELD STICKERS-ROLL	330.95
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 10/18/2023	446.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 10/27/2023	49,730.46
	CLAIMS TOTAL	516,818.00
	GENERAL FUND	114,313.80
	LIBRARY FUND	8,200.44
	PARKS FUND	2,517.50
	CEMETERY FUND	3,165.74
	ROAD USE FUND	8,306.36
	9TH STREET PROJECT FUND	296,342.68
	PFAS FUND	6,670.25
	WATER UTILITY FUND	14,437.70
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	31,064.93
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	31,798.60

Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on October 23, 2023; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Library meeting on October 4, 3034; Approve payment of Edens Construction invoice #1764 for work on the Depot \$14,500.00; Approve FYE2023 Urban Renewal Report; Accept proposal for PCC Patches, 1100 Block 19th Avenue and 900 Block 23rd Avenue Clinton Engineering \$52,728.00; Accept proposal for fencing at 9th Avenue Pump Station Wilson Fence Co. \$11,491.00. Councilman Bowman said he did not object to the last two items but asked about placing the proposals on the Agenda rather than the Consent Agenda for transparency. There were two quotes obtained for each of the items and they were included with the packet. Neither item was required to go through the formal bidding process. 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. Councilman Bowman asked for clarification; for an attached garage, there is not a size limit. City Attorney Current said that is correct, except for setbacks. Bowman then mentioned the speaker who was concerned about the automobile storage reference. Kida clarified that the intent is to ensure it is not used as living space. Current added that we are being consistent, defining private garage, making it cleaner, taking out inconsistency, not trying to change any intent.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.60.015 General Supplementary Regulations: Accessory Building and Structure Location. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Schnoor, Bowman, Weller. Nays – None. Absent – Councilman Varner.

Mayor Pruett read the Third 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. Kida said we have received the general plans. Planning and Zoning will meet on November 14th to set a Public Hearing date for November 28th.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Schnoor to Approve the Third 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). On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Bowman, Weller, Schnoor. Nays – None. Absent – Councilman Varner.

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

Mayor Pruett read a Resolution to Destroy Certain City Records. City Clerk Schneider explained that this is a routine process, in accordance with the document destruction policy recommended by the Iowa League of Cities. It is a Resolution that is presented to Council every one to two years.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution to Destroy Certain City Records. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schutte presented the October 2023 Fire Department Report.

Corporal Elliott informed Council that testing and interview for Police Officer were held on Saturday, November 4, 2023. One candidate showed up for physical testing but did not pass and one Certified Officer was interviewed resulting in a Civil Service Certified List of one candidate. There are currently two openings.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Accept the Civil Service Certified List for Police Officer. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Authorize Chief Schmitz to extend a conditional offer of employment for one Police Officer. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schutte informed Council that testing for Paramedic/Firefighter was also held on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Two candidates went through physical and written testing and passed. There were also four certified applicants, resulting in a Civil Service Certified List of six candidates. There are currently no openings.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Accept the Civil Service List for Paramedic/Firefighter. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution Acknowledging Urban Revitalization Plan Endorsement for Merrill Steel Project. On roll call – all Ayes.

Kida noted November anniversaries; 7 years for himself and 6 years for Schneider. Councilman Schnoor thanked everyone who participated in Pirate Party in the Park, especially Mayor Pruett, Chief Schmitz and Officer Snodgrass who, along with himself, got in the dunk tank on such a cold day to help raise money for the splash pad. Councilman Bowman asked when we will start enforcing the junk car Ordinance. Kida said it will happen this week. Councilman Weller said he hoped everyone voted and wished the candidates luck.

Public Works Director Pewe reported the 9th Street walk through will be on Wednesday. He said the delivery of the pump for Well #5 has been delayed until January. The docks are all out. Road salt has been delivered and two of the plows are ready to go. November 13th will be the last yard waste date. Councilman Schnoor asked about the roundabout lighting; Pewe said he has not been given a date. City Engineer Solchenberger said that the Well #7 access road has been laid out off Edens Avenue and the DNR has okayed the location.

Mayor Pruett called for public comments; there were none.

A brief recess was taken at 6:56 p.m. Reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to go to Closed Session to discuss Bargaining per Iowa Code 21.5 Subsection 1, Subsection C. On roll call – all Ayes.

Reconvened in Open Session at 7:20 p.m. at which time Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer