

City of Camanche
November 21, 2023

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session November 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Schnoor and Varner. Absent: Councilman Weller. 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 Pruett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Pruett administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Justen Rolston who was elected to fill the vacant seat.

Visitor Jake VanZuiden presented the Bargaining Unit request to open the contract for wages. He said they looked at several comparable cities and said their request is to keep up with the ever-increasing cost of living and keep employees in a living wage. He also mentioned the need to attract candidates for the Police Department. He distributed copies to the Council but did not read the request. City Administrator Kida stated, for the record, the Bargaining Unit is asking for an 11% increase which is 8% in addition to the 3% that is already in the contract.

Visitor Jean Morgan asked to be placed on the agenda to discuss Economic Development. She said there is something that should concern everyone: the huge excavation being done on prime farmland west of town. She brought up her concerns to the Board of Health. The asphalt roofing company, Atlas, is building 3 miles west of Camanche. She said there is going to be odor and she is asking Council to be watchful of what is going on there, although she knows it is a Clinton thing. She said prevailing west winds will bring odor to Camanche and east winds will take odor to Low Moor. She said they can do things. She also added that she thinks it would be a nice thing to pave 49th Street all the way to Highway 30. Councilman Varner said the DNR oversees air quality, and he knows the DNR very well; he will express Mrs. Morgan’s concern to them.

Visitor Lindsay Sauer with the Girl Scouts, along with Liz Lambert and Jamie DePue and members of Troup 3803 were in attendance as part of their Democracy badge. She asked for support with the Girls Scout Cookie Sale coming up. She talked about their biweekly meetings and the many activities they do, including field trips, museums, STEM, crafts, and more. She also asked everyone to keep them in mind when cleaning out items the Scouts might be able to use; they appreciate donations as well as expertise. The girls recited the Girl Scout Promise and shared their favorite activities with the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Pruett called for public comments on Agenda topics. Tom Klahn spoke about his concerns with the wording in the Ordinance Amendment on the Agenda. He said the wording needs to change; the word automobile needs to be removed.

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 November 7, 2023; approve Abstract No. 836 which includes the following:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	HEADLIGHT-SQUAD CAR	9.22
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIP CO INC	ISO PUMP TEST,SVC PUMP-FD	2,040.00
CAMANCHE SCHOOLS	WRESTLING-TRASH BAGS	150.00
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	734.97
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	12,260.37
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE	209.88
CNA SURETY	SURETY BOND-CLERK/EMPLOYEES	708.55
CULLIGAN	WATER,DISP RENT-CITY HALL,LIBRARY	47.45
GWORCS	ANNUAL LICENSE,PRODUCT SUPPORT	14,110.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHT-ANAMOSA RD,9TH ST	118.73
J & C ENTERPRISES	OCT 23 COLLECTION	95.68

LESLIE ELECTRIC	WELLHOUSE #5 UPGRADE TO 400AMP	28,250.00
MASTERCARD	PD POST,SUPPL;VEHICLE;CEM SUPPLIES	9,081.59
	FD TRAINING,SUPPL;BILLING ENVELOPES	
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	HAUL SALT FR ADM TO PUBL WORKS	500.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	135.56
A. C. MCCARTNEY	GEAR, PINION-DITCH MOWER	227.59
MICROMARKETING LLC	DVDS	327.02
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	2,528.77
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIES-POLICE DEPARTMENT	96.10
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	11,528.53
GREG NELSON	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	120.00
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	204.34
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	PFAS SAMPLE ANALYSIS	424.00
SCHIMBERG CO	MARKING PAINT, FLAGS	434.72
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG-9TH ST,PFAS,MEETINGS,W 3RD	50,130.60
TASTE OF HOME BOOKS	LIBRARY-TASTE OF HOME ANNUAL	38.98
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	OCT 23 SALES,WATER EXCISE TAX	3,341.62
PAUL VARNER	MILEAGE-CCASWA MEETINGS SEP-NOV	108.08
BRIAN WERNICK	REIMBURSE FIREFIGHTER TRAINING	328.91
EDENS CONSTRUCTION	TRAIN DEPOT REPAIR WORK	14,500.00
CHRISTY SCHUTTE	WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT	128.38
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS	990.00
PREMIER PARTS INC	CART FOR SHOP	161.35
BWC EXCAVATING	REMOVE/REPLACE MANHOLE/INTAKES	23,181.50
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,135.80
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	WELL 5 SAMPLE ANALYSIS	21.00
ERIC DAU	OCT 23 PAID ON CALL	460.00
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATA BACKUPS-NOV 2023	400.00
AMAZON	LIB BOOKS,DVDS,SUPPLIES	1,627.89
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES+PFAS-OCT 2023	9,121.25
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ONLINE WARRANTS JUL-SEP 2023	300.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,550.00
PLATINUM INFORMATION SVC	IT SUPPORT,NETWORK MON,SPAMFLT	2,509.00
BRENT BRIGHTMAN	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
DANNY WELLER	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	156.00
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	PD ANNUAL LICENSE-SQUAD CARS	21,303.36
KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY	PD-GLOCK HOLSTER	146.37
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	MEDICAL DIRECTOR-AMBULANCE	156.25
CORY SNODGRASS	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
CHRISTIAN MARSH	OCT 23 PAID ON CALL	220.00
JESSIE BAUGHMAN	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
BRANDON SMITH	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
JENNIFER BIELEMA	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	180.00
JEFFREY HACKNEY	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
TODD POWERS	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
MICHELLE SOWLE	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	180.00
JOHN LUND	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
MICHAEL BURMAHL	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
TONY BLOMME	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	132.00
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	DECEMBER 23 LEASE PAYMENTS	475.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	1,314.17
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	CITY HALL COPIER LEASE	472.86
RILEY SOWLE	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	80.00
CINTAS	TOWELS,RUGS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	136.57
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	LIBRARY-SPRINGER/ZAMORA 11/05	1,267.44
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	REIMB SAFETY GLASSES, AMB STIPEND	240.00
MORGAN BUTT	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
SKYLINE SALT SOLUTIONS	99.51 TONS WINTER ROAD SALT	10,647.57
SHAUNA TEGELER	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE (BALANCE)	59.48

SHALAYA AUSTIN	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00
JEREMIAH JACOBSEN	OCT 23 AMBULANCE STIPEND	80.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 11/09/2023	743.51
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 11/10/2023	49,906.29
	CLAIMS TOTAL	282,587.30
	GENERAL FUND	111,764.72
	LIBRARY FUND	7,112.88
	PARKS FUND	2,152.26
	CEMETERY FUND	2,472.35
	ROAD USE FUND	40,958.70
	9TH STREET PROJECT FUND	30,195.87
	ACC/GCC WATER LINE EXTENS FUND	2,175.00
	PFAS FUND	46,671.06
	TRAIN DEPOT PROJECT FUND	14,500.00
	WATER UTILITY FUND	17,384.00
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	6,456.80
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	743.66

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's Report for October 2023 which includes receipts: General \$849,829.58, Library \$22,032.50, Parks \$8,162.50, Cemetery \$8,241.55, Road Use \$51,307.72, Employee Benefit \$55,365.26, Police & Fire Pension \$107,473.72, Edens – TIF \$46,599.14, Cross – TIF \$7,098.20, Low/Moderate Housing-Edens \$26,482.21, Low/Moderate Housing-Cross \$4,350.51 P. C. & R. Howson Trust \$103.20, Debt Service \$229,579.22, Water Utility Fund \$58,644.66, Sewer Utility \$85,302.85, Landfill/Garbage \$49,552.38; Approve and accept FY2023 Annual Financial Report; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Historical Board meeting on November 14, 2023. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read the Second 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. Councilman Bowman brought up the point of structures on easements. City Attorney Current said in the state of Iowa, regarding easements, the other party's rights are restricted to what the easement says; you can put it there, but it can be removed, and you will not be compensated for your loss, as you took that risk. In an emergency, the structure can be taken down immediately, if not, a 30 day notice is required to move or remove it. Current said that is the existing law in the state of Iowa; we need to be careful to not grant the property owners any right in the easement. Easements are not only with the City; they are also with Alliant or MidAmerican or others as well as drainage. There are current landowners who may not know of easements on their properties, but they are there and are enforceable. Bowman asked if we could notify property owners. Kida agreed, especially in Murphy's. There was also additional discussion regarding the definition of private garage and the change of wording to 'generally for the purpose of housing automobiles' not allowing a private detached garage to be converted to living space. Kida changed the wording on the Ordinance Amendment as per the discussion.

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

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

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

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Schnoor to Adopt a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing to Amend Zoning Ordinance for Utility Scale Overlay District. On roll call – all Ayes.

Schneider informed the Council that the City Street Financial Report is submitted annually by December 1st to the DOT showing where the City spent Road Use and other Funds.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Rolston to Adopt a Resolution Approving the City Street Financial Report. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schmitz presented the October 2023 Police Department Report.

City Administrator Kida reported that the wood light poles have been removed at the roundabout and the permanent lighting has been installed. Also, 9th Street has been cleaned up with the reinsertion of signs still to be done. Mayor Pruett congratulated Councilman Rolston. Councilman Bowman, Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission, would like a discussion about P & Z attendance on the next agenda. Councilmembers Bowman, Varner and Schnoor congratulated Councilman Rolston. Councilman Rolston expressed his appreciation and said he looks forward to serving the citizens of Camanche. Chief Schmitz said the Civil Service List was exhausted with the extension of a conditional offer to the candidate on the list so we will be accepting applications and participating in a Job Fair on Monday. He would like to have the speed limit on 9th Street on the next agenda.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments. Tom Klahn asked when work will begin on 19th and 23rd. Public Works Director Pewe said it is expected to start on Monday. Bob Edens commented, regarding the easement discussion, that older subdivisions may have had different arrangements.

A brief recess was taken at 7:07 p.m. at which time Councilman Schnoor had to leave. The meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

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

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:34 p.m. to Provide response position to Camanche Police and Fire Bargaining Unit and direct City Administrator to begin negotiations.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Varner to Direct the City Administrator to reject the proposed wage increase from the Bargaining Unit and to hold firm at the 3% wage increase as provided in the current collective bargaining agreement. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer