

City of Camanche  
January 2, 2024

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session January 5, 2024, at 6:03 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Council members Bowman, Klahn and Weller. Absent: Mayor Pruett and Council members Farrell and Rolston. Also present were City Engineer Dan Solchenberger (online), City Attorneys Randy Current and Braydon Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida and Department Heads Pewe, Schmitz, Schutte and Schneider.

A moment of silent prayer was observed. Councilman Bowman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councilman Klahn second by Councilman Weller, to approve the agenda, as amended to move the consideration of the Committee and Commission Appointments to the beginning of the meeting so the newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem can preside over the meeting. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Weller to approve the Mayor’s Committee and Commission Appointments. On roll call – all Ayes.

The meeting continued with Mayor Pro Tem Bowman presiding.

Visitor Dan VanOverbeke with Mueller Systems addressed the Council regarding the replacement of water meters in the City. He informed everyone that Mueller was started in Decatur in 1857. It is an international company that does nothing but water. Mueller has a long relationship with the City. He explained multiple options Mueller can offer the City for replacing and upgrading water meters. He also answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman called for Public Comments on Agenda Topics; there were none.

Regarding the Consent Agenda, Councilman Klahn asked about Item #3, Library Board minutes from March 1, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Bowman, Liaison for the Library Board noted these minutes were previously not entered into the permanent record and were on the agenda tonight for that purpose. Kida added that all minutes received at City Hall have been added to Council Agendas.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Weller to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on December 19, 2023; approve Abstract No. 839 which includes the following:

ALEXIS FIRE EQUIP CO INC	REPLACE SIREN-FIRE TRUCK	2,636.83
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	1,925.26
UMB BANK NA	SVC FEE-WASHBLV,ANAMOS,SEWER	750.00
CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	DELINQUENT NOTICES	370.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	12,591.90
GALE/CENGAGE	BOOKS/DVDS	180.74
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	TOOLS,TIES,TAPE MEASURE-PWORKS	83.29
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,814.00
IPERS	IPERS	9,316.65
J & C ENTERPRISES	NOV 23 COLLECTION	95.68
LECTRONICS INC	ALARM SERVICE-CITY HALL	30.00
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	EXCAV WATER MAIN-5TH ST/4TH AV	1,187.50
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS/DVDS	91.77
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,858.81
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	13,180.24
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,238.94
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	125.00
QUILL CORPORATION	PRINTER INK-PWORKS,OFF SUPPL CH	241.92
RK AUTOGRAPHICS	NO DUMPING SIGNS-DUNN RD SITE	590.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG TEMP POWER OPTIONS-WELL 5	37,245.72

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	5,223.41
US CELLULAR	PD CELL PHONES,MOBILE 311 DATA	613.10
HAWKINS INC	140 GAL AZONE, 95 GAL LPC	3,269.16
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	306.20
PREMIER PARTS INC	HYDR HOSE,FITTINGS-BARSCREEN	510.64
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,196.64
XOP NETWORKS	FIRE BAR SERVICE 1/1-3/31/24	779.00
RJ EDENS RENTAL PROPERT	TIF PMT-3RD ST,9TH TO 9TH, 4TH AD	53,930.13
MUELLER CO	ANNL MOBILE TRANSCEIVER MAINT	2,068.08
ERIC DAU	NOV 20 AMB STIPEND REISSUE	40.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	21,327.71
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	465.00
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	150.53
J.P. COOKE COMPANY	DOG, CAT TAGS	163.55
SPARKLEAN	DEC CLEANING-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,PW	985.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	2,850.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	DEC 23 CITY COLLECT,FALL LG ITEM	37,449.34
FBI-LEEDA	CHIEF RICHARD SCHMITZ JR DUES	50.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	557.89
GEMT	STATE SHARE-GEMT-JAN 2024	914.64
CROSS ROADS LAND DEVELOPM	TIF PAYMENT-EAST RIVER COURT	13,959.88
CINTAS	UNIFORM DEDUCT	44.01
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	LIBRARY-SPRINGER/ZAMORA 12/17	1,135.51
PARTS AUTHORITY LLC	ELEMENT-#33 AMBULANCE	128.81
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHE	WASP & HORNET KILLER-PUBLWORKS	172.31
MICHAEL FREDERICK	BOOKS 7 & 8 FIRE OF GRACE	50.00
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	NOV 23 AMB BILLING SERVICE	1,681.13
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12/22/2023	48,145.10
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/01/2024	6,180.16
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/02/2024	2,893.06
	CLAIMS TOTAL	294,794.24
	GENERAL FUND	106,712.30
	LIBRARY FUND	7,317.78
	PARKS FUND	2,090.92
	CEMETERY FUND	1,229.57
	ROAD USE FUND	44,316.98
	EDENS - TIF FUND	53,930.13
	CROSS TIF FUND	13,959.88
	DEBT SERVICE FUND	750.00
	PFAS FUND	40,090.29
	WATER UTILITY FUND	16,815.58
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	6,088.21
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	1,492.60

Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Library Board meeting on March 1, 2023; Approve reappointment of Casey Green to the Planning and Zoning Commission, term ending January 2029. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman read the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 3 Chapter 3 Section 10: Changing State Speed Limits in Certain Zones in Order To Increase the Speed Limit on 9<sup>th</sup> Street Between 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Highway 67. Chief Schmitz has recommended raising the limit to 30 miles per hour.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Klahn to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 3 Chapter 3 Section 10: Changing State Speed Limits in Certain Zones in Order To Increase the Speed Limit on 9<sup>th</sup> Street Between 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Highway 67. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Bowman, Weller, Klahn. Nays – None. Absent – Councilmen Farrell and Rolston.

A Question and Answer with Dan Lawlor and Dan Choi from ABM was held. They said they appreciate Mueller's presentation and said they do not represent any particular product.

Councilman Bowman said he would appreciate a more detailed breakdown of what we would be paying for when looking at the cost presented at the last Council meeting. Kida said the expenditure to purchase water meters from a proprietary fund such as the water fund does not require a referendum. Kida also briefly discussed the solar options and financing and said the City's bonding attorney will provide information and guidance in those area. Councilman Weller asked if the buildings where solar will be installed will require reinforcement. Lawlor said the solar at the Fire Station and Historical Building will be roof-mounted: they are steel buildings and are sound. The rest are ground mounted panels and are fine. Weller also asked about the Public Works building and Kida said depending on the cost it may require a referendum, as it is a vertical project. Councilman Klahn asked about their savings calculation at the Historical Building since the building is only open 3 hours a week; they used 8 hours per day. This led to discussion about the amount of energy produced and banking energy. Klahn also asked about cleaning the solar panels. Regarding the statistics presented at the last Council meeting for the water meters, Councilman Klahn asked for the results and said he does not see what they are saying. City Attorney Current expressed concerns about the Planned Services Agreement, saying there are a lot of risks and would like something more specific to review. ABM agreed to provide the information requested of them.

Councilman Bowman, liaison for the Library Board, led a discussion regarding the Library Board, stating it is unique. He has concerns about the Board. Being autonomous, the City gives them money and what they do with it is their business. They are looking to expand the Library. He feels the Board is not functioning as it should; there is discord. At the last meeting, a member resigned mid-meeting due to a disagreement with the Director, another member had to leave for work. They made no progress on their budget. They previously voted to not pay for insurance and for parking lot repair for \$11,000. We cannot have a building without insurance. Kida added that the Library cannot shop for their own insurance. The cost is an allocation of the City's insurance package. City Attorney Current said he does not believe the City can take money back from the Library once allocated. Therefore, reducing the Library budget for the amount of the two bills they voted to not pay is not an option making New Business Agenda Item #3, Budget Amendment to pay Library Insurance and Parking Lot invoices not approved by Library Board unnecessary. He added that we can, however, reduce the next year budget to reflect the amount not spent on these bills.

City Administrator Kida thanked Mayor Pro Tem Bowman for stepping in and welcomed Councilman Klahn. Councilman Klahn asked about 9<sup>th</sup> Street, work on the sewers and said there is still clean up to be done. He said the work on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue was not a good job, there is a wave in it and mentioned 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Public Works Director Pewe said he would speak to that. Mayor Pro Tem Bowman welcomed Councilman Klahn. Councilman Weller asked about more reseeding on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. City Engineer Solchenberger said it will be addressed in the spring when they see what grass comes up. Chief Schutte said he has concerns about solar panels. As a department head he has problems with people evaluating this; we have people capable of doing this, the same with the water meters. Pewe said 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue is done except for clean-up. We are waiting on Clinton Engineering due to some missing storm intake structures. He added that KD Flatwork will repair what they damaged along 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Solchenberger updated Council on the Well #7 bidding process; bids are due on January 10<sup>th</sup> for the access road for Council consideration on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Bids are due for well digging on January 24<sup>th</sup> for Council consideration on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman called for public comments. Jim Griswold 2004 14<sup>th</sup> Street Camanche, said he disagrees with Liaison Bowman. He said the Library Board never said they will not pay the insurance. He questioned how the building could be valued at \$500,000 and within 24 hours be \$1,500,000 and asked that it be checked out with Mr. Vens. For the pavement, he said the Board did not act on the \$14,700 bid from Barga; they did not feel it was justifiable to spend. They next they knew, it was done. There was no direction from the trustees to the City that it was to be done. Pewe added that Director Evans said it was okay to do so he assumed it was approved. There were no additional public comments.

A recess was taken at 7:24 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining. Kida said this was not necessary to be on the agenda.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 8:18 p.m. for a Budget FYE 2025 Work Session. Chief Schmitz presented the Police Department Budget request. He discussed details of staffing, increased vehicle costs, long term building maintenance, firearms range & training facility and equipment reserve. He is looking at getting a gray, crew cab, split cage Silverado for the next Police Department vehicle purchase.

Public Works Director Pewe said his budget requests will be ready for the next meeting.

The next Budget Work Session on January 16<sup>th</sup> will include Fire Department, Roads, Water Sewer and Debt Service.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Dave Bowman  
Mayor Pro Tem

Toni Schneider  
City Clerk/Treasurer