

City of Camanche

March 5, 2024

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Farrell and Klahn, online. Councilman Weller arrived at 6:01 p.m. Absent, Councilman Rolston. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current, John Frey 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.

Mayor Pruett read a Mayoral Proclamation recognizing the Camanche High School Girl's Bowling Team as State Champions.

Visitor Brad Johnson, 2116 10th Street addressed Council regarding a variance for Utility Easement. He said he had previously worked with City Administrator Kida to obtain a fence permit. He currently has a chain link fence and wants to install a higher quality fence. He said there is a 10' wide easement on either side of his property, with the only easements being for power and drainage. He said he had the utilities marked and MidAmerican looked at it and had no issues with it. Councilman Bowman shared his thoughts; if we make changes, maybe there are no issues now. If you go to the Board of Adjustments for a variance, it would be a change to the Ordinance for the whole town. He proceeded to say that the photos of Mr. Johnson's easements look like a drainage ditch. Mr. Johnson said it is flat and they do not have drainage issues. He believes the drainage and utility issues are cookie-cutter. City Administrator Kida said that our Ordinance says you may not put a structure in an easement, and we have told Mr. Johnson that; a fence is a structure. Mr. Johnson would like to understand where they came up with the size of the easement as he believes it is a cookie cutter easement and does not apply to everyone. He was told it goes back to the developer, and when property owners bought properties, they bought into it. Mayor Pruett added that we have to make decisions that benefit the City as a whole.

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

Mayor Pruett called for public comments on Agenda topics; there were none.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Bowman to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on February 20, 2024; approve Abstract No. 843 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	2,307.41
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	582.92
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	264.50
CLINTON HERALD	52 WEEK SUBSCRIPTION CITY HALL	215.88
CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	DOOR HANGERS;WATER,SEWER MAPS	242.50
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	11,246.07
DEMCO INC	CUSTOM CD/DVD LABELS-LIBRARY	184.35
MANATTS	WASTE/RUBBLE-WATER MAIN REPAIR	160.00
GALE/CENGAGE	BOOKS/DVDS	27.19
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	PUBLIC WORKS SHOP SUPPLIES	151.53
IOWA ONE CALL	49 ONE CALL LOCATES	44.10
IA ASSOC PROF FIRE CHIEFS	MEMBERSHIP CHIEF SCHUTTE	100.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	881.81
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	618.901G SNOW REM; 42.754G FIRE; 259.739G PD;257.83G PW;45.17G AMB	3,861.78
ELECTRONICS INC	DRIVEWAY ALARM-CH DRIVETHROUGH	425.00
LESLIE ELECTRIC	WELL #5 400 AMP SVC UPGRADE	32,340.32
MASTERCARD	PD,FD TRAINING,SUPPLIES;LIB SUPPL	1,590.02
MASTERCARD	CREDIT BALANCES FOR PROCESSING	100.12
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	5TH AV/2ND ST WATER MAIN BRK	5,170.00

MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00
A. C. MCCARTNEY	BLADES-PARK/REC,CEM MOWERS	301.31
MICROMARKETING LLC	BOOKS/DVDS	283.65
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	4,310.81
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	10,745.26
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	PARTS-BLDG INSPECTOR CAR	350.64
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	778.96
QUILL CORPORATION	PRINTER INK-PWORKS/PAPER-PD,CH	664.93
	LIBRARY PAPER,OFFICE SUPPLIES	
DAVE SCHUTTE	REIMBURSE PHYSICAL	88.36
SEWER EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS,NOZZLE INSERTS-SEWER JET	681.61
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG-3M DRINKING WATER COMPLIAN	33,774.01
AUDITOR OF STATE	ADDT'L AUDIT FILING FEE	200.00
STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA	SPRINGER-APRIL 10, 2024	20.00
STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC	6 POST TESTS	136.00
THE LIBRARY STORE	LIBRARY-PREPRINTED TAPE	121.69
US CELLULAR	PD CELL PHONES/MOBILE 311 DATA	617.57
HAWKINS INC	100 GAL AZONE-WATER DEPARTMENT	449.81
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	WASTE/RUBBLE-WATER MAIN BREAKS	67.34
DARYL YODER	REIMBURSE GLASSES	160.93
QUAD CITY SAFETY	SNOW/ICE TRACTION DEVICES	116.45
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	306.19
PREMIER PARTS INC	PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE SUPPLIES	175.42
CLINTON ENGINEERING	PCC PATCHES-19TH AVE, 23RD AVE	52,728.00
BWC EXCAVATING	WATER MAIN BREAK REPAIR	1,640.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,084.06
ANNA EVANS	REIMB COMPUTERS ON PERSONAL CC	1,509.69
ERIC DAU	REIMBURSE EMS TRAINING	25.00
L-TRON CORPORATION	LE MICROPHONE IMAGING SCANNER	393.75
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	150.55
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-JAN 2024	5,680.23
SPARKLEAN	FEB 24 CLEAN-CHALL,LIB,PW,PD,CCTR	825.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ONLINE WARRANTS OCT-DEC 2023	600.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,390.00
NATHAN CAMPIE	SAFETY BOOTS	42.79
S. J. SMITH CO.	OXYGEN CYLINDER-PUBLIC WORKS	44.46
REPUBLIC SERVICES	FEB CITY COLLECTION,MAR PWORKS	31,093.90
EASTERN IA COMM COLLEGE	BLS/BLS INSTRUCTOR COURSE	42.00
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES	156.25
WISELY TREE CARE, LLC	REMOVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS/BANNERS	350.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	1,434.71
GEMT	STATE SHARE-GEMT MAR 2024	950.68
CINTAS	UNIFORM DEDUCT	44.01
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	LIBRARY-DRAPER THRU 2/18/24	876.61
ALTORFER, INC.	GENERATOR RENTAL-WELL #5	2,575.00
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	JAN 24 AMBULANCE BILLING SERV	1,460.33
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	AMBULANCE-IV SODIUM CHLORIDE	140.54
ELITE TINT STUDIO	TINT 2 INTERIOR WINDOWS-PD	162.82
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	108.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 02/22/2024	112.85
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 03/01/2024	47,908.46
	CLAIMS TOTAL	268,226.13
	GENERAL FUND	73,894.72
	LIBRARY FUND	11,454.38
	PARKS FUND	1,864.64
	CEMETERY FUND	758.19
	ROAD USE FUND	6,949.69
	POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	136.00
	9TH STREET PROJECT FUND	52,728.00
	PFAS FUND	71,130.53

WATER UTILITY FUND	13,361.81
SEWER UTILITY FUND	4,367.88
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	31,580.29

Approve renewal of Class B Retail Alcohol License as submitted by Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Star #632 effective 2/8/24; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on February 26, 2024; Approve payment of MidAmerican Energy Invoice \$183,553.50 for street lights at the Roundabout; Approve proposal from Tom McManus Backhoe for manhole repairs and water main repairs totaling \$23,000.00 On roll call – all Ayes.

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

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Farrell to allow for the reading of a Resolution setting the date for Public Hearing on proposal to enter into General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, by title only. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution setting the date for Public Hearing on proposal to enter into General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$400,000.00. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read a letter of resignation from Councilman Justen Rolston.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to accept the resignation of Councilman Rolston. On roll call – all Ayes.

A discussion followed regarding filling the vacancy created by the resignation, Iowa Code 372.13(2). Council can vote to fill the vacancy by appointment. Or the citizens can petition for a special election with 116 signatures, per the Commissioner of Elections, Eric VanLancker. The cost of a special election is approximately \$7,000.00.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Bowman to fill the Council vacancy by Appointment. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Bowman, Weller, Farrell. Nay – Councilman Klahn.

City Engineer Solchenberger said eleven bids were received for Well #7-Phase 3 Water Main Extension. Shive-Hattery recommends awarding the bid to Offset Construction of Farley, Iowa, who had the lowest bid \$82,742.32. Councilman Farrell asked if this company had done business in Camanche before. Solchenberger said no.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to accept the bid from Offset Construction for Well #7-Phase 3 Water Main Extension \$82,742.32. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Administrator Kida presented the Street Improvement Plan FY2025-FY2029. He gave a detailed proposal and said he is just presenting the plan tonight and will be looking for approval in April. He invited Councilmembers to drive the streets and let him know if there are additions or changes to his proposed plan.

Public Works Director Pewe provided printed water meter options from three companies for Council consideration. Pewe would like to get the water meter committee together to hear presentations from the representatives from all three companies so the committee could present to the full Council. Councilman Bowman commented that ABM proposed to do the same work for \$2.8 million which is an amazing disparity as these proposals are all under \$1 million. Bowman went on to say that this is a lot of information to digest. Pewe said with the new meters, the batteries can be changed out. The Committee will meet next week with company representatives to obtain necessary information to make a decision.

Councilman Bowman led a discussion about Storm Sewer fixes. Kida said the City has not performed storm sewer maintenance. When we have done necessary repairs, we have used Road Use Funds which leaves less money to fix roads. The options for storm sewer repairs are to continue to use Road Use Funds, levy property taxes, borrow against Road Use taxes or create a Storm Water Utility. Councilman Bowman wants to find a reliable way to pay for the \$4.55 million cost of the Storm Water Plan so we are not digging into emergency funds. Bowman commented that ERU takes a long time to do calculations and Kida mentioned the flat rate with Bowman adding we could pick one rate for residential and one for commercial. Councilman Klahn said he is against putting a flat fee on; he doesn't want to fee people to death. We should take a closer look at funds available. Since he was out of town and attending virtually, he had to leave the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Kida led a discussion on Urban Renewal Area and blight designation. In the Urban Renewal Area, we were initially trying to create Blight and Economic Development in the area designated. To successfully do this, you want 2-3 \$200,000-\$300,000 projects. There was not enough interest so now the fall back is to designate the whole area blighted. Council makes the determination and not every property needs to be blighted. Council determines the projects. Kida will have more conversations with John Danos at the direction of Council.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Designate the Urban Renewal Area as Blighted. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Farrell, Weller, Bowman. Absent – Klahn. Nays – None.

Chief Schutte presented the February 2024 Fire Department Report.

City Administrator reported on the Des Moines trip he took with the Grow Clinton Group. They met with basically everyone but the Governor. Public Works Director Pewe reported that Well #5 is now supplying the water for the City. The Well #7 site is leveled and prepped, and equipment is moving in. He also said AccuJet is in town for jetting of main sewer lines on the river side of the tracks.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments. Gregg Maxwell 2127 10th Street, regarding the storm water, is not in favor of additional fees. Enough is enough. For the road plan, maybe it's going to take a little longer. There's ways to figure things out without going into the residents' pockets.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer