

City of Camanche

April 2, 2024

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session April 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Klahn, and Weller. Absent, Councilman Farrell. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current, John Frey and Braydon Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Pewe, Schmitz and Schneider.

A moment of silent prayer was observed. Mayor Pruett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Bowman requested that the Resolutions and Oaths of Office for the two new Police Officers could be moved on the Agenda, to directly after the Public Hearing and Oath of Office for Mr. Edens.

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

Mayor Pruett opened a Public Hearing regarding the Appointment of Robert J. Edens to fill a vacancy on the Camanche City Council at 6:01 p.m. In the absence of public comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Pruett administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Robert J. Edens.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Bowman to Adopt a Resolution to Approve Hiring Police Officer 3rd Class Hall for the Police Department of the City of Camanche, Iowa. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett administered the Oath of Office to Officer 3rd Class Hailey Hall.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to Adopt a Resolution to Approve Hiring Police Officer 3rd Class VandeVoorde for the Police Department of the City of Camanche, Iowa. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett administered the Oath of Office to Officer 3rd Class Cole VandeVoorde.

Visitor Joe Vens with Core-Vens Insurance joined the meeting online. He went over the City’s insurance renewal, giving a high-level overview of what is changing from last year to this year. He explained that Core-Vens are the insurance agents of the City of Camanche and said there are two insurers, EMC and ICAP. He said one is not better than the other, but they are very different. His agency has clients in both and is confident that EMC is the proper home for the City of Camanche. He recommends taking on a higher all-peril deductible to save money, stating that property coverage is very difficult in Iowa; we are in a hard insurance market with wind and hail exposure being the number one loss. His recommendation is to increase the all peril deductible from \$2,500 to \$25,000 and to add IAMU \$1 million cyber coverage. The total of this year’s policy is \$251,000, up 11.34% from last year or a 6.5% if we increase the deductible as he recommends.

Mayor Pruett read a Mayoral Proclamation observing Junior Achievement Day on April 4, 2024, in the City of Camanche.

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 March 19, 2024; approve Abstract No. 845 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	1,798.45
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	542.96
CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	WELL OUTAGE LETTER, POSTAGE	1,242.52
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	12,413.85
IA ASSOC OF MUN UTILITIES	2024 IAMU WATER MEMBER DUES	1,029.00

IOWA ONE CALL	49 ONE CALL LOCATES	44.10
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	2,796.00
IPERS	IPERS	15,176.72
MASTERCARD	EMS-MEDICARE ENROLL,TRVL,TRNING; FD,PD,PW TRAVEL,TRAINING;SUPPLIES	4,502.37
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	WATER MAIN BREAK REPAIRS	16,850.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	DEC-FEB PHARMACEUTICALS-AMBULAN	256.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	3 PHASE TRANSFORMER-WELL #5	17,190.55
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	11,477.36
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	BATTERY TENDER-PD SQUAD CAR	69.99
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	224.78
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,233.21
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAX	7,102.80
US CELLULAR	PD/PW CELL PHONES	529.61
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	305.88
PREMIER PARTS INC	BATTERY-2021 SQUAD CAR	215.19
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	115.96
MABAS DIV 30	2024 MABAS DUES, EQUIPMENT FUND	471.00
PROQUEST LLC	HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE	997.56
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	21,422.54
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	697.50
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	150.55
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,390.00
PLATINUM INFORMATION SVC	COMMUNITY CENTER TECHNOLOGY	1,759.71
REPUBLIC SERVICES	MAR CITY COLLECTION	31,093.90
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	424.57
FLOW MSP INC	ANNUAL FIRE APP LICENSE FEE	900.00
CINTAS	TOWELS,RUGS-CH.PW;UNIF-PEWE	101.53
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	DRAPER/SPRINGER/ZAMORA 2/4/24	1,479.43
CAHOY PUMP SERVICE, INC.	NEW PUMP-WELL #5	207,905.00
CLINTON COUNTY IZAAK WALT	MEMBERSHIPS-RANGE FOR PD	600.00
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	FEB 24 AMBULANCE BILLING SVC	1,258.36
LIBERTY NATIONAL	LIBERTY NATIONAL PREMIUM DEDUCT	653.34
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS-WATER MAIN BRK	260.00
LEGACY FIRE APPARATUS-SH	LADDER TRUCK REPAIRS	401.30
FIRE ARMS REPAIR & GUN	PD-SITES ON TWO GLOCKS	40.00
BIG BILLET	ALUMINUM WELD-SWANSLOUGH DOCK	100.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 03/20/2024	49.66
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 03/28/2024	51,067.82
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 04/01/2024	1,777.73
	CLAIMS TOTAL	420,118.80
	GENERAL FUND	102,200.39
	LIBRARY FUND	11,915.71
	PARKS FUND	2,456.58
	CEMETERY FUND	3,881.74
	ROAD USE FUND	7,506.70
	POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	21.75
	PFAS FUND	223,314.00
	WATER UTILITY FUND	31,376.97
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	5,380.28
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	32,064.68

Approve reappointment of Tammy Johnson to the Civil Service Commission, term ending April 2028; Approve reappointment of Linda Foster to the Library Board, term ending July 2030; Approve reappointment of Casey Green to the Planning & Zoning Commission, term ending January 2029; Approve renewal of Class C Retail Alcohol License (LC) with Outdoor Service Privileges for Clyde's Tavern effective 4/6/25; Approve payment of Well #7 Pay Application 1 from Gingerich Well & Pump Services, LLC. \$234,384.00; Approve purchase of items quoted by Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equipment for Sewer Jet repairs \$6,331.36 plus freight; Approve

appointment of Amanda Hoerschelmann to the Library Board, term ending July 2030. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Administrator Kida asked for the Storm Water Funding Presentation to be tabled until the next meeting.

Public Works Director Pewe led a discussion regarding the Water Meter Recommendation. He provided written results to the Council, stating the quotes from three companies were within 14%. The group concluded Ferguson Waterworks, utilizing Neptune meters is the best fit for Camanche. It will take 3-4 months for the installation and will include the federally mandated lead & copper inventory for the City. There is a 10-year warranty on the meters plus a 10-year pro-rated warranty. We have some of the funds in CDs, some will come from the Water Fund and some will be financed and repaid using an increased water meter charge on the quarterly water bills.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to approve the recommendation of Ferguson Water Meters. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Engineer Solchenberger gave information regarding the Splashpad Concept and Estimate. It will cover 2,500 square feet, have 14 features and be located in Platt Park near the current location of the horseshoe pits. The cost estimate is \$398,000 with a \$36,000 contingency. The 6" water line comes off 9th Avenue and 8" sewer line comes off Hiawatha which is expected to also address ongoing sewer issues in that neighborhood. He said bids will be due at the end of April and opened on May 15th for Council consideration at the May 21st meeting. Work is expected to begin in June and it will be operational for next year. Councilman Edens mentioned reaching out to the Camanche Days Committee regarding construction during the festival. Councilman Klahn suggested we budget for cameras as this will be a target for vandalism. Chief Schmitz said we already have cameras in the park and have discussed moving them as needed to cover the Splashpad area. Klahn also asked about the location for the controls. Solchenberger said it will be a metal cabinet in the area and mentioned the need for winterization. Edens asked if the system can be changed from pump and dump to filtered. It can but it may not be the best option.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Bowman to accept the Splashpad Project Concept and Estimate. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Edens to Approve Liability Insurance Plan Coverage with All Peril Deductible at \$25,000. On roll call – all Ayes.

A Resolution calling for a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 18 Zoning of the Camanche Code of Ordinances was tabled. Planning and Zoning will be meeting next week.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing for the FYE2025 Budget. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Administrator Kida encouraged Councilmembers to speak to their legislators regarding HF718 and the impacts to TIF and Urban Renewal as a result of his IMMI Conference. Councilman Edens thanked everyone for entrusting him. Councilman Klahn asked about golf carts; what is the \$50 every year. Is it one of those fees the City likes? Kida explained there is a cost for the permits and recordkeeping. There is also ongoing enforcement of the Ordinance. Councilman Weller welcomed Councilman Edens.

Public Works Director Pewe reported the sewer jetter went down last week and the cost to fix it and extend the life 3-5 years will be approximately \$6,000. The City of Clinton and BWC have covered for us while our machine is down. Councilman Bowman asked about the cost of a new machine; it is \$65,000-\$115,000. Pewe said Well 7 is going pretty good. Chief Schmitz reported the Civil Service Commission will meet again on April 20th and we will also have promotional testing on that date. The two new officers will go to ILEA starting on April 29th. He said our Axon contract is coming due and he is looking at options for getting better pricing.

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Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments. There were none.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer