

City of Camanche

July 2, 2024

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pro Tem Bowman presiding, and Council members Edens, Farrell, Klahn and Weller. Mayor Pruett was absent. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current, John Frey and Braydon Roberts, City Engineer Dan Solchenberger, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Grim, Schmitz, Schutte and Schneider.

A moment of silent prayer was observed. Mayor Pro Tem Bowman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman administered the Oath of Office to newly promoted Corporal Cory Snodgrass of the Camanche Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman called for public comments on Agenda topics; there were none.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Farrell to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on June 18, 2024; approve Abstract No. 851 which includes the following:

CROSSROADS LAND DEVELOP	TIF PAYMENT-EAST RIVER COURT	6,479.13
RJ EDENS RENTAL PROPERTIES	TIF PMT-3RD ST,4TH ADD,9 TH -9 TH	44,868.25
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	569.74
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	523.56
CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	2 SIDED EMS FORMS	480.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	14,304.96
MANATTS	HMA PATCH,OVERLAY 1600 8TH ST	29,953.00
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC	TIRES-PUBL WORKS PICK UP	357.64
E C I A	MEMBERSHIP DUES FY25 1ST INST	1,736.60
FOLEY TREE CARE	TREE REMOVAL-10TH PLACE	2,950.00
DAN'S OVERHEAD DOORS	DOOR REPAIR-FIRE STATION	107.88
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	BLINDS-COMMUNITY CENTER	833.54
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEMBER DUES 7/1/24-6/30/25	2,885.00
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,864.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	PCORI FEE-FORM 720	82.91
IPERS	IPERS	10,344.87
LESLIE ELECTRIC	NEW STARTER-SWAN SL LIFT	1,337.69
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	GRAVE-JOHNSON	550.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET-SCADA SYSTEM	156.95
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	5,094.48
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR	QUARTERLY AIR TEST	199.75
SWANK MOVIE LICENSING	LICENSE197034001 6/24-5/25-LIBR	130.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	12,616.20

PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PESTCTRL-CCTR,CHALL,LIB,HIST BLD	224.78
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,193.52
QUILL CORPORATION	EASELS-LIB;SUPPLIES-CITY HALL	167.13
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	YELLOW PAINT FOR STREETS	879.07
STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC	POST TEST-POLICE DEPARTMENT	46.50
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	5,342.02
UNIFORM DEN	UNIFORMS-OFFICER VANDEVOORDE	144.02
US CELLULAR	PD/PW CELL PHONES	529.18
HAWKINS INC	90 GAL AZONE, 95 GAL LPC	3,090.17
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	304.12
PREMIER PARTS INC	BATTERY-PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK #3	134.61
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	764.81
XOP NETWORKS	FIREBAR SERVICE 7/1/24-9/30/24	779.00
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	GENERATOR REPAIR-SWAN SL LIFT	605.81
DELUXE FOR BUSINESS	DEPOSIT SLIPS-CITY HALL	221.77
CLINTON CO IT DEPARTMENT	365 LICENSING FY 24-25	4,050.86
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	21,541.96
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	465.00
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	165.06
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO.	TELEPHONE SYS MAINT AGREEMENT	1,866.00
SPARKLEAN	JUNE 24 CLEAN-CCTR,CH,LIB,PW,PD	1,446.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,265.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW;UNIF-PEWE	69.95
REPUBLIC SERVICES	JUNE 24 CITY COLLECTION	36,783.82
SANDHOLT CONCRETE INC.	REPAIR BACK PARKING LOT-PD	24,999.00
QUAD CITIES WINWATER	50 WATER METER ANNTENNAE	5,168.50
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	1,538.92
GEMT	STATE SHARE-GEMT JULY 2024	1,271.75
BRITTNEY PARKS	REIMBURSE BOOT ALLOWANCE	196.83
AWESOME CAR WASH	APR-MAY PD FLEET WASHES	180.00
FORMAX	12 MONTH SVC AGRMNT-FOLDER	804.00
ALTORFER, INC.	GENERATOR-WELL #5	5,047.00
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	APR 24 AMUBLANCE BILLING	1,977.43
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	271.38
LIBERTY NATIONAL	LIBERTY NATIONAL PRETAX DEDUCT	266.72
VISA	PD,FD,LIB- TRAVEL,TRAINING,SUPPL	2,672.21
STRAKA JOHNSON ARCHITECTS	ARCHITECTURAL SVCS-LIBRARY	5,775.00
HAILEY HALL	REIMBURSE WELLNESS	148.68
OFFSET CONSTRUCTION LLC	CH ORDER #1-H2O CONNECT WELL 7	14,651.00
ROCK RIVER ELECTRIC, INC	LIGHTING-FLAG AT CITY HALL	3,459.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 06/20/2024	748.84
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 06/21/2024	56,864.54
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/01/2024	6,183.64
	CLAIMS TOTAL	352,730.75
	GENERAL FUND	156,855.65
	LIBRARY FUND	14,248.36
	PARKS FUND	2,395.77

CEMETERY FUND	4,925.23
ROAD USE FUND	38,280.65
POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	46.50
PFAS FUND	5,047.00
WELL 7 FUND	14,651.00
WATER UTILITY FUND	21,226.44
SEWER UTILITY FUND	6,555.93
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	37,150.84
EDENS TIF	44,868.25
CROSS TIF	6,479.13

Approve payment of Sandholt Concrete, Inc. invoice for replacement of concrete-Police Station back parking lot \$24,999.00; Approve payment of Straka Johnson Architects, P.C. invoice for Library architectural services \$5,775.00; Approve Change Order #7 for the Roundabout Hawkeye Paving Corp. \$10,184.48; Approve Pay Application #8, Final (Retainage) for the Roundabout Hawkeye Paving Corp \$32,743.34; Approve appointment of Cindi Lind to the Camanche Historical Board, term ending July 2025; Approve appointment of Thomas Christoffersen to the Civil Service Commission, term ending April 2029. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Administrator Kida led a detailed discussion regarding the Water Meter project debt. Multiple options for repayment of the \$500,000 debt were considered while discussing a document he previously sent to the Council. These options included adding a debt service fee from \$4.40 (to partially fund) to \$8.80 (to fully fund) the approximately \$60,000 annual debt payments or increasing the current quarterly meter charge by two times, two and one-half times or three times. Any portion of the debt not funded by additional meter charge or debt service fee would need to be paid from the Water Fund. Kida noted there are different sized meters with different quarterly charges, but most households currently pay \$2.00 per quarter. Each member of the Council shared ideas and concerns. The discussion was briefly interrupted at 6:32 p.m. when the meeting was paused due to the storm siren and everyone taking shelter in a safe area of the building. The meeting reconvened and discussion resumed at 6:39 p.m.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Farrell to direct staff to draft a Resolution to raise the Meter Charge 2-1/2 times the current rate and use the Water Fund to pay the remaining \$20,000 required to repay the Water meter debt annually. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Attorney Braydon Roberts led a discussion about helmets for moped riders. There are three states with no helmet laws; Iowa, Illinois and New Hampshire. He found at least 3 cities with helmet Ordinances. After hearing the information presented, Councilman Bowman said, “what I am hearing is we would be likely to survive a challenge” if we do adopt an ordinance. Councilman Weller asked about the other cities’ requirements; if they included bicycles, motorcycles and what ages were included. They focused on individuals under 18. Councilman Edens asked Police Chief Schmitz if the age requirement would cause a challenge for enforcement. Chief Schmitz said there are challenges regarding the validity of the stops. Councilman Bowman stated that his concern is the kids.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to direct staff to draft an ordinance requiring helmets for moped riders under the age of 18. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing to be held on July 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall to enter into a License Agreement with ImOn Communications, LLC. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Engineer Dan Solchenberger led a discussion about the 9th Street Lift Station. He informed Council that a piece of concrete was found inside the suction pipe in the pump on Monday morning. This lift station services a large portion of town in the Murphy's subdivision area. Councilman Bowman noted that pump was just serviced in April; the invoice was in the bills he just approved. Kida gave kudos to the Public Works staff. Solchenberger said they did an awesome job. Councilman Bowman said we dodged a bullet on this. He said he has been on Council for four years and we need to have a plan; staff has been talking about this the whole time he has been here. When we do budget talks again, we need to keep this in mind. Councilman Klahn asked if the second pump was working and if the alarms went off. Solchenberger said it was not working and Kida said we are looking into it. Councilman Klahn said he is glad we got it fixed; it is not a nice environment to work in and he appreciates the staff who have been working on this; the members of the Council agreed. He also asked if anyone thought of a vac truck instead of pumping into a ditch. Solchenberger said yes, but the backup was so large that it would have taken many, many trucks and with usage continuing while the trucks pumped, it would not have worked effectively. Pumping into the ditch was approved by the proper authorities before the pumping began.

Solchenberger also led a discussion about the Splash Pad. A drawing was displayed showing a block building containing two 8' x 10' family restrooms with a mechanical room in between. He said this is set up as the alternative with an additional cost of \$100,000 to \$130,000 and the Park and Recreation Commission is looking to raise the extra money. Kida said two bids will go out; one for the Splash Pad with the control panel and one for the Splash Pad with the control panel and restrooms.

City Administrator Kida said he will be at IaCMA Wednesday through Friday. Councilman Klahn said he hates acronyms and we use them way too much. Newly hired Library Director Gail Grim thanked Council for the opportunity and said she is thrilled, honored, excited and overwhelmed to serve.

Mayor Pro Tem called for Public Comments. Jesse Paul 1924 14th Street spoke on behalf of his daughter. He said the Splash Pad is a nice thing. The sewer on Hiawatha is a problem; the City blasts it but it is always a problem. Now we are going to put a Splash Pad there, that's where it ties in. He said there is standing water when it rains, you can't get out; cars die. The City may be able to flush that out. Another cautionary tale-the Library, if you decide to put it where it is. The railroad, they built it up. He talked about the increased possibility of derailment, say if it happened in March. There is nowhere for people to go, you can't put a boat in. Maybe put it somewhere else.

Council requests for Agenda Items: Earlier in the meeting, Councilman Bowman requested a Quiet Zone discussion to be placed on the next Agenda. Councilman Weller again requested code violations be placed on the next Agenda.

A brief recess was taken at 7:32 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Farrell to go to Closed Session Iowa Code 21.5 Bargaining. On roll call – all Ayes.

Reconvened in Open session at 7:44 p.m. at which time Mayor Pro Tem Bowman adjourned the meeting.

Dave Bowman
Mayor Pro Tem

Toni Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer