

City of Camanche  
August 6, 2024

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Austin Pruetz presiding, and Council members Bowman, Edens (online), Klahn and Weller. Councilman Farrell was absent. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current and John Frey, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Grim, Pewe, Schmitz, Schutte and Schneider.

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

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

Guest Chance Kness, Clinton County Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke and gave a presentation about emergency sirens. Supervisor Erin George accompanied him, distributing handouts to Council and staff members present. Mr. Kness explained that currently, there are two outdoor warning systems in Clinton County. In April 2023, Constellation informed EMA of the intended phase-out of their outdoor warning sirens. There is also a county owned system. He informed Council there have been changes in emergency warnings. In 2008, mass alerting was an emerging technology and was cost prohibitive with smart phone use at only 35%. Now, Alert Iowa has been available at no cost from the state since 2015 and iPAWS alerts began in 2012 with smart phone use now at 92%. With mass alerting instead of outdoor warning systems, there is coverage inside homes and everywhere. He informed everyone that the Emergency Management Commission voted (Supervisor George added that the vote was unanimous) to decline to accept the 16 sirens being offered by Constellation and begin a new process of alerting. The decision goes to the local jurisdiction whether to accept and maintain the sirens. Maintenance is about \$720 per year per siren with damage repairs being additional. The sirens are currently 15-18 years old and they have a 20-year lifespan and have a replacement cost of \$24,000. Camanche has one centrally located siren. He recommended doing a sound study before making a decision to accept the siren and pointed out that there are additional costs related to the activation of the siren. Councilman Bowman asked, if we do not want the siren, who pays for removal. Mr. Kness said that Constellation will be responsible for the full cost of decommissioning. He went over NWS weather radios, iPAWS, Alert Iowa, texting and NOAA Weather radios as alternatives to keeping the sirens. Council will consider the options and this topic will be on a future agenda for discussion.

Mayor Pruetz called for public comments on Agenda topics. Kimberly Dickey with NextEra Energy updated Council about the Solar Project. She and her team met with Kida regarding the Development Agreement and made good progress. She said she is excited to continue working together with the City. Nothing has changed with the schedule; mobilization for construction is expected to begin in the spring. On August 19<sup>th</sup>, surveyors will begin their preconstruction road evaluations.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meetings held on July 16, 2024 and July 23, 2024; approve Abstract No. 853 which includes the following:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	TIRE FOAM, PROTECTANT-FIRE DPT	48.97
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	505.94
CAMANCHE DAYS	DONATION-2024CAMANCHE DAYS INS	3,000.00
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CAMANCHE SCHOOLS	1/2 CROSSING GUARD 1/24-6/24	1,056.73
CLINTON HERALD	11109 LIBRARY 52 WEEK SUBSCRIP	239.99
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	27,805.65
MANATTS	HMA PATCHING-9TH ST/CEDAR HTS	2,300.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	YELLOW PAINT FOR STREETS	870.20
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MAYOR ASSOC DUES-PRUETT	30.00
IOWA ONE CALL	92 ONE CALL LOCATES	82.80
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,874.00
IPERS	IPERS	10,705.59
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	515.866G PWORKS;74.287G CEM 27.133G FD;270.93G PD;39.082G AMB	2,885.21
LECTRONICS INC	ALARM SERVICE-CITY HALL	30.00
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	SUMMER READING PROG PIZZA PARTY	103.16
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	723.42
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	6,186.21
ACCESS SYSTEMS	CITY HALL COPIER LEASE	293.95
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	24,392.50
GREG NELSON	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	84.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	HYD FILTER-MASSEY TRACTOR	56.64
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,CHALL,LIB,HIST BLDG	224.78
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE	1,238.03
DAVE SCHUTTE	REIMB-CHIEF'S CONF TRAVEL EXP	607.32
STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA	CAT EXPRESS SUBSCRIPTION FEES	112.50
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	6,176.43
US CELLULAR	PD/PW CELL PHONES	599.07
HAWKINS INC	130 GAL AZONE-WATER DEPARTMENT	469.95
BRIAN WERNICK	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
JORDAN MOORE	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	305.68
PREMIER PARTS INC	WHEEL LUG NUT COVERS-FD	318.02
BWC EXCAVATING	VAC & JET 9TH ST LIFT STATION	3,537.01
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,086.94
JAMES SOWLE	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	154.08
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	COUPLING-SEWAGE PUMP	7.38
ERIC DAU	JULY 24 PAID ON CALL	340.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	20,914.54
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	465.00
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATA BACKUPS-AUG 2024	400.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	100.23 G FIRE DEPT; 42.42 G POLICE 10.66G AMBULANCE;19.78G BLDG INS	576.57
SPARKLEAN	JULY 24 CLEAN-CHALL,LIB,CCTR,PW	1,432.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	2,530.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	104.15

PLATINUM INFORMATION SVC	ITSUPPORT,NETWORK MON,SPAM FLT	2,436.05
BRENT BRIGHTMAN	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
DANNY WELLER	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	156.00
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	PD ANNUAL LICENSE SQUAD CARS	8,043.39
REPUBLIC SERVICES	JULY 2024 CITY COLLECTION	32,489.50
NEW LIFE COMPUTERS	LIBRARY-CREATE NEW ACCTS	150.00
KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY	AMMUNITION-PD	315.00
CORY SNODGRASS	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
CHRISTIAN MARSH	JULY 24 PAID ON CALL	140.00
JESSIE BAUGHMAN	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
JENNIFER BIELEMA	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	192.00
JEFFREY HACKNEY	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
MICHELLE SOWLE	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	144.00
JOHN LUND	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	25.00
MICHAEL BURMAHL	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	96.00
TONY BLOMME	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	JULY 2024 LEASE PAYMENT	475.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	1,459.98
GEMT	STATE SHARE-GEMT AUG 2024	1,271.75
KYLE DEWITT	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
RILEY SOWLE	JULY 24 PAID ON CALL	260.00
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC.	CYLINDER RENTAL	12.00
RAINBOW OF THE HEARTLAND	CURBING-ANTHONY PARK MULCH	3,035.04
ALTORFER, INC.	GENERATOR-WELL #5	5,047.00
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	JUNE 24 AMBULANCE BILLING SVC	1,677.88
JEREMIAH JACOBSEN	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	80.00
LIBERTY NATIONAL	LIBERTY NAT PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	266.72
ARIAN STOWE	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	40.00
JOE SNODGRASS	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	10.00
VISA	KIDA IMMI;PD,FD TRAINING; SUPPLIES	5,981.55
OFFSET CONSTRUCTION LLC	PAY APP 2 WELL 7-RETAINAGE	4,976.96
DAVISSON TILING, LLC	PAY APP 1,CO 1 ACC/GCC WATER SVC	45,371.73
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES-WELL #8	220.00
GUARDIAN ALLIANCE TECHNOL	PD-APPLICANT TRACKING/BACKGRND	500.00
ARMOR EQUIPMENT	PARTS-SEWER JET TRAILER	388.63
LEWIS & JULIE TODTZ	WATER LINE EXTENSION ACC/GCC	20,000.00
SAM HAGENSON	JULY 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 07/30/2024	566.56
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/19/2024	56,622.75
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/01/2024	3,383.79
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/02/2024	55,567.20
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/03/2024	1,647.22
	CLAIMS TOTAL	378,772.11
	GENERAL FUND	194,315.90
	LIBRARY FUND	12,139.33

PARKS FUND	6,682.21
CEMETERY FUND	6,248.95
ROAD USE FUND	14,159.39
POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	47.95
ACC/GCC WATER LINE EXTENS FUND	65,371.73
PFAS FUND	5,047.00
WELL 7 FUND	4,976.96
WELL 8 FUND	220.00
WATER UTILITY FUND	20,156.52
SEWER UTILITY FUND	15,513.88
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	33,892.29

Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes file draft minutes from the Library Board meeting on July 3, 2024; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation meeting on July 22, 2024; Approve Grow Clinton Annual Elite Member Investor Level \$5,500.00; Approve Change Order No. 2 Davisson Tiling, LLC \$3,400.00 for W 9<sup>th</sup> Street-Todtz Water Service; Approve Pay Application No. 2 (Final, Retainage) Davisson Tiling, LLC \$2,387.99 for W 9<sup>th</sup> Street-Todtz Water Service. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Administrator Kida asked to table the Urban Renewal and Approval of the Development Agreement with Rock Creek Solar, LLC for Utility Scale Solar project, both under Unfinished Business.

Mayor Pruett read a Resolution Setting New Water Meter Charges on Quarterly Water Bills. Councilman Klahn asked if it is legal to pass a Resolution on August 6, 2024 with an effective date of July 17, 2024. Kida said it is fine to do that.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution Setting New Water Meter Charges on Quarterly Water Bills. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schutte presented the July 2024 Camanche Fire Department Report.

City Administrator Kida complimented Pewe and Public Works for doing their job mowing at the roundabout in preparation for the newscasts. Mayor Pruett thanked Chief Schutte, Chief Schmitz, Pewe and their staffs for their work on Camanche Days. Councilman Klahn asked about the columbarium-is there anything going with that yet. Kida said not yet but the contract for platting the cremation garden is signed. Councilman Bowman said the Skyline Backyard BBQ is Friday and the Mayor will be in the dunk tank. It is a great event that everyone should attend. He also asked the City Attorneys about the helmet Ordinance. They said Braydon has given a draft to them and they will review it. Councilman Weller informed everyone about an event coming up in September, a Foundation in his wife's name, raising money for the program at the University of Iowa for children. Pewe said there is movement on the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue culvert issue; well 7 is moving along; sewer repairs on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue will start tomorrow. He is trying to set a date for the 9<sup>th</sup> Street lift station repairs. The boat ramps are all open but the docks are not in at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He is still looking for property for yard waste.

Mayor Pruett asked for Public Comments. There were none.

A brief recess was taken at 6:54 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Bowman to go to Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)a to discuss confidential matters. On roll call – all Ayes.

Reconvened in Open session at 7:23 p.m. for the second Goal Setting Session where Administrator Kida read the summary he prepared from input given by Councilmembers and staff at the first Goal Setting Session held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Participants shared their ideas of Capital Projects they would like to see added to the Capital Improvement Plan. Kida took these ideas and put them on individual sheets of paper on the walls in the Council chamber. Each participant was given numbers 1-7 and ranked each project as they saw fit. After everyone posted their numbers on the projects, there was a detailed discussion to narrow the number of projects down to six. For the next Goal Setting Session, in September, Kida will have some estimated costs for these projects. Councilman Klahn would also like to have timing on the projects. Kida will include that as well as costs as it makes a difference for the tax levy.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Austin Pruett  
Mayor

Toni Schneider  
City Clerk/Treasurer