

City of Camanche
August 20, 2024

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pro Tem Bowman presiding, and Council members Edens, Farrell and Klahn. Absent: Mayor Pruett and Council member Weller. Also present were City Attorneys John Frey and Braydon Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Grim, Pewe, 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 Klahn to approve the Agenda. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman called for public comments on Agenda topics. Bill Gillespie, Council Member from McCausland, Iowa commented on the Helmet Ordinance Review Agenda item. In McCausland, they use the County Sheriff, as they do not have their own Police Department. He said the pathway is communication with the parents, with an officer going to the door. He added that helmets are DOT approved in the back but not in the front and often cut off peripheral vision. The main goal is to stop the accidents from happening. There is a 6-hour moped safety class offered by EICCD, but it is not often enough. There is another organization offering classes as well. There is no magic bullet but the best method is communication.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Farrell to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on August 6, 2024; approve Abstract No. 854 which includes the following:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	BRAKE LIGHT SWITCH-SQUAD CAR	17.54
GROW CLINTON	CHAMBER DUES CRDC INVESTMENT	5,500.00
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	477.97
CLINTON HUMANE SOCIETY	2 CATS, 3 DAYS	150.00
CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	POLICE DEPT-FRIENDS STICKERS	165.00
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FD,PD, AMB,PWORKS,CH,SICK LV CD	800,972.06
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE	292.60
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENT-CITY HALL	10.00
DAYMARK SOLUTIONS	LAW ENFORCEMENT ID BADGES	57.85
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHT-9TH ST,ANAMOSA RD	107.01
FOLEY TREE CARE	TREE R-O-W 3RD ST/7TH AVE	2,550.00
DAN'S OVERHEAD DOORS	SERVICE FIRE STATION DOOR	107.88
GRAINGER	TIMING BELT-TEMP PUMP 7TH AVE	205.89
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	GRASS SEED,GLOVES,SUPPL-CEMETE	136.66
J & C ENTERPRISES	JULY 24 COLLECTION	95.68
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	535.31 G PW; 292.39G PD; 53.877G FD	4,602.67
	79.58G CEM;397.593 SEWER;45.2AMB	

TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	GRAVE-NELSON	400.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	155.72
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	MAY/JUNE/JULY PHARMACEUTICALS	63.00
MICROMARKETING LLC	1 CD	24.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	8,807.28
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIES-POLICE DEPARTMENT	111.70
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	13,423.66
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	224.78
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING-WELLS 5, 7, 8	15,967.14
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	JULY 24 SALES,WATER EXCISE TAX	2,669.68
PAUL VARNER	MILEAGE-CCASWA MTGS-JULY-AUG	55.34
CHRISTY SCHUTTE	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	45.27
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS	1,020.00
PREMIER PARTS INC	FLUID FILTER-SEWER PUMP 7TH AV	5.83
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,324.93
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	SHIP WATER SAMPLES	14.02
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATA BACKUPS-SEPT 2024	400.00
AMAZON	LIBRARY BOOKS,SUPPLIES,CLEANIN	19.01
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	158.24
TROY ALDERMAN	REIMBURSE BOOT ALLOWANCE	39.99
CLINTON LAWN & POWER	PRIMER BULB	3.75
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-JULY 2024	7,141.20
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	2,015.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	124.59
PLATINUM INFORMATION SVC	IT SUPPORT,NETWORK MON,SPAMFLT	2,326.00
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	VR CONTROLLER KIT DYN BUNDLE	2,614.00
DAN'S TREE SERVICE, LLC	REMOVE 2 TREES-TAX EXEMPT	3,000.00
FRARY LUMBER	COUNTERTOP-POLICE STATION	2,442.30
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES	156.25
STRYKER MEDICAL	DCI-ADT SENSOR AMBULANCE	1,460.30
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	AUG 2024 LEASE PAYMENT	475.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS, MNTHLY SERVICE FEE	302.91
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	LIBRARY COPIER LEASE	209.91
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHE	CEMETERY WEED CONTROL	668.57
SHAUNA TEGELER	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	140.55
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	AMBULANCE OPERATING SUPPLIES	111.84
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	90.00
DAVISSON TILING, LLC	PAY APP 2,CO 2 ACC/GCC WATER SVC	5,787.99
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES-WELL #8	327.50
MARLENE HAGEN	COMM CTR FEE REFUND	200.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/16/2024	53,885.50
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/19/2024	2,854.15
	WATER DEPOSIT,CREDIT BAL REFUNDS	46.90
	CLAIMS TOTAL	970,762.61

GENERAL FUND	890,877.73
LIBRARY FUND	5,118.28
PARKS FUND	2,899.66
CEMETERY FUND	7,109.43
ROAD USE FUND	6,123.54
ACC/GCC WATER LINE EXTENS FUND	8,512.52
PFAS FUND	381.80
WELL 7 FUND	9,143.43
WELL 8 FUND	1,066.70
WATER UTILITY FUND	10,641.89
SEWER UTILITY FUND	28,030.22
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	857.41

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's July 2024 Report including Revenues: General Fund \$138,165.74, Library Fund \$22,650.61, Parks \$6,564.75, Cemetery \$4,671.73, Road Use \$51,999.37, Employee Benefit \$399.98, Police & Fire Pension \$776.44, P. C. & R. Howson Trust \$2.67, Debt Service \$1,607.98, Water Meter Project Loan \$500,000.00, Water Utility Fund \$48,275.61, Sewer Utility Fund \$66,761.33, Landfill/Garbage \$46,925.36; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Library Board meeting on August 7, 2024; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Historical Board meeting on August 12, 2024; Approve Civil Service Certified List for Police Officer; Adopt a Resolution Amending the Delinquent Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Lien for: 618 7th Ave, Camanche, Iowa; Adopt a Resolution Amending the Delinquent Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Lien for: 1009 Hwy 67, Camanche, Iowa; Adopt a Resolution Amending the Delinquent Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Lien for: 2705 Dunn Road, Camanche, Iowa; Approve 9th Avenue Storm Drain repairs – BWC \$14,176.74. On roll call—all Ayes.

Kida led a discussion about Urban Renewal. He had a meeting with John Danos, the City's bonding attorney who has advised to not do anything until we have a project or two to kick off the TIF or we lose the ability to capture all of the revenue. We do have a couple of proposals but have learned that seated Council members are not eligible to participate in new TIF projects. Kida is looking for direction from Council; do we continue to wait for a project or projects to start the TIF or to we start it anyway and have slower growth and possibly attract projects because the TIF has been started. Councilman Bowman's opinion is that we should proceed forward; getting it in place will be good. Councilman Klahn said he tends to agree with Bowman as does Councilman Edens, who went on to say he doesn't know how we spur people. Councilman Farrell said if we don't have projects now, how will we get them; having the TIF started could help. Kida said he has the directive he needs.

The Development Agreement with Rock Creek Solar, LLC for Utility Scale Solar project was tabled.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman read a Resolution setting a Public Hearing on the use of Eminent Domain. The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 1, 2024 at Camanche

City Hall at the beginning of the Council Meeting regarding land necessary for Well 8. The Resolution can be found in the Public Packet for the August 20, 2024 Council Meeting.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Farrell to Adopt a Resolution setting a Public Hearing on the use of Eminent Domain. On roll call – all Ayes.

Approval of the purchase of a Grasshopper mower for the Cemetery was tabled.

Public Works Director Pewe requested Council approval for hiring a Temporary High School M.O.C on the job training student for Public Works, 12-14 hours per week. He said the maximum cost would be \$7,200. Councilman Klahn asked what their duties would be. Pewe said they would be available for the Library one day per week, possibly a day at City Hall if needed and also for general Public Works duties.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Klahn to Approve hiring of a Temporary High School M.O.C. Student for Public Works. On roll call – all Ayes.

A discussion regarding Trick-or-Treat in Camanche resulted in the decision to remain consistent with it being designated as October 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Edens to set Trick-or-Treat in Camanche as October 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Attorney Braydon Roberts briefly discussed the proposed Helmet Ordinance. Councilman Bowman said this was his idea; he wants to prevent a tragedy if we can. Roberts said for the age, it is often under 18 and the fine, for one community is \$10 and for the helmet, a DOT approved helmet would be easiest to enforce, but we could set an even higher standard if we choose. Councilman Bowman said we can set the fine at any amount. Chief Schmitz said associated court costs would be an additional \$85. Kida recommended a \$50 fine and waive it if they come in with a receipt for the purchase of a helmet; treat it like a warning. Other fine amounts were discussed as well as various ages. They agreed upon a fine of \$25 and the age restriction to be under 16 years of age.

City Administrator Kida gave a presentation on Quiet Zones that covered specific locations and options for quiet railroad crossing options in the City. He showed each crossing and discussed the options available at both Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific crossings throughout town, noting that the 4-gate option is the most expensive at approximately \$300,000 per crossing. Due to the width of the roads and the location of cross streets and driveways, many of our crossings will require the 4-gate option. Councilman Bowman asked if Council is still interested in having public meetings to inform the public of the costs and options. Kida will send out an email to Councilmembers to get a date set for a public forum, not a public hearing, to share information about quiet zones.

A discussion about Emergency Warning Sirens was led by City Administrator Kida. The siren is there because of the nuclear plant; it is a side benefit for us to use them for storms. For

us to take over the siren, there will be a lot of expense. Technology has changed significantly since the siren was installed so even maintaining the siren will be expensive and may be challenging. With other methods of notification being readily available, and more cost effective, the decision regarding the siren was tabled until the next meeting so Council has time to consider other notification methods.

Chief Schmitz presented the Camanche Police Department July 2024 report.

Kida informed Councilmembers that they need to let him know if they are going to the League of Cities. Also, please go to Facebook and Like and share our roundabout project for the Iowa League of Cities People's Choice Award. He also thanked the Cemetery staff for doing a great job taking care of the City Hall grounds and the Public Works temps for repainting the parking lots. Councilman Edens said the inside of the Train Depot at the Library is done and the caboose still needs to be painted. Councilman Klahn asked when the splash pad bids are due; Kida said he does not have that information but the City Engineer does. Klahn also asked if we want to continue the columbarium.

Chief Schmitz reported on Civil Service testing over the weekend. It went well; Sergeant Parks did a lot of work with the candidates prior to the testing date and we ended up with 5 individuals on the Certified list. He also recognized Officer Hall and Officer VandeVoorde, who graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on August 16th with 636 hours of training. Public Works Director Pewe reported the 7th Avenue sewer collapse has been repaired. The issue with the 9th Street lift station has been identified; it was a float. The meter installation project is 51% complete. He is getting quotes for Tower 2 washing and Tower 1 interior cleaning. Councilman Klahn asked Pewe if the sewer breakdown occurred because of age or high water; Pewe said it was both.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Dave Bowman
Mayor Pro Tem

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer