

City of Camanche  
September 17, 2024

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Austin Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Edens, Farrell, Klahn and Weller. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current, 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 Pruett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Pruett opened a Public Hearing regarding Emergency Warning Sirens at 6:01 p.m. City Administrator Kida began with a presentation from Emergency Management on behalf of Chance Kness, explaining the history, use and operation of the siren currently in Camanche. EMS has voted to decline to accept the sirens offered by Constellation and cities now have the option to keep the sirens or decline the offer. There are multiple other options by which citizens can receive warnings, including IPAWS, Alert Iowa, television, radio and weather radio. Council currently has the options to accept the system and upgrade it, decline and choose to use an alternative system or decline and purchase our own system. Mayor Pruett added that all county owned sirens will be done on December 31, 2024, but Constellation has not given a firm date for their sirens, like the one in Camanche. In the absence of Public Comments, Mayor Pruett closed the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Mayor Pruett called for public comments on Agenda topics. Bill Gillespie, Council Member from McCausland, Iowa commented on the Helmet Ordinance Agenda item. He said Council is trying to use statistics for helmets. He stated that the answer is first for the rider and driver to avoid the accident in the first place. He talked about education and the parents. He said it is the government's job to govern and not encroach on the parents' right to parent. He told Council they should oppose the Ordinance and vote no.

Gregg Maxwell 2127 10<sup>th</sup> Street commented on the Helmet Ordinance Agenda item. He said he still opposes this Ordinance and said we don't need big brother here in a small town. This puts police in a bad position. The state and federal government don't have a helmet law. He said he spoke with numerous residents, all opposed. None are here, none emailed. He said anything we can do to educate, he fully supports.

Mike Krebs from Blue Grass commented on the Helmet Ordinance Agenda item. He said he would rather see Council come up with an educational program for moped riders. In Blue Grass, if the police department sees a problem, the police go to the parents. He does not think we need an Ordinance.

Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Bowman asked, regarding the minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission, about Peck Park. Public Works Director Pewe said he has

permission from Chairperson Green to remove the damaged fencing so the Commission and volunteers can install the new fence. Councilman Klahn asked about the invoice from Core-Vens for Work Comp Insurance. Schneider will ask Joe Vens to attend the next meeting to provide additional information.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to approve the Consent Agenda, with Item #6, Core-Vens invoice being tabled, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on September 3, 2024; approve Abstract No. 856 which includes the following:

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| CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT    | MONTHLY MAINTENANCE               | 634.82    |
| CAMANCHE WATER WORKS      | 3RD QTR 2024 WATER/SEWER BILLS    | 596.46    |
| CLINTON HERALD            | LEGAL PUBLICATIONS                | 243.93    |
| CLINTON HUMANE SOCIETY    | 1 DOG 4 DAYS; 1 CAT 3 DAYS        | 175.00    |
| CITY OF CLINTON           | 28E SEWER CONTRACT                | 24,000.00 |
| CLINTON NATIONAL BANK     | FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING          | 13,304.67 |
| CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE    | YARD WASTE                        | 196.68    |
| CULLIGAN                  | WATER, DISP RENT-CITY HALL        | 38.20     |
| MANATTS                   | PAY APP 6/CO 5 + RETAINAGE        | 98,659.93 |
| EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC     | 4 TIRES FIRE DEPT 2016 TRUCK      | 1,738.96  |
| EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER  | SECURITY LIGHT-ANAMOSA,9TH ST     | 73.89     |
| GALLS INCORPORATED        | SERGEANT BADGES                   | 407.59    |
| HARTZ LOCK COMPANY        | RE-KEY LIBRARY LOCKS              | 224.25    |
| HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE | AIR CONDITIONER-DOG PEN           | 243.92    |
| IOWA ONE CALL             | 107 ONE CALL LOCATES              | 96.30     |
| IMPERIAL LANES            | STAFF TRAINING LUNCHEON           | 122.00    |
| INGRAM BOOK COMPANY       | BOOKS/DVDS                        | 2,036.69  |
| J & C ENTERPRISES         | AUG 24 COLLECTION                 | 95.68     |
| KARL CHEVROLET            | UP FIT FOR PD 2024 SILVERADO      | 20,726.04 |
| ELECTRONICS INC           | ALARM SERVICE-CITY HALL           | 30.00     |
| STOREY KENWORTHY          | BOOKS-COUNCIL MINUTES 20-24       | 823.06    |
| MEDIACOM                  | INTERNET                          | 605.72    |
| A. C. MCCARTNEY           | PARTS-REPAIR DITCH MOWER          | 1,298.28  |
| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO     | STREET LIGHTING                   | 2,676.02  |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS            | COPIES-POLICE DEPARTMENT          | 94.38     |
| MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE   | MUNICIPAL PENSION                 | 13,676.91 |
| GREG NELSON               | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND          | 84.00     |
| POSTMASTER                | MAIL 3RD QTR WATER/SEWER BILLS    | 926.90    |
| QUILL CORPORATION         | CHAIR,FOOTREST-ADM ASST-WATER     | 123.45    |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA   | AUGUST 24 SALES, WATER EXCISE TAX | 441.40    |
| BRIAN WERNICK             | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND          | 36.00     |
| PETERSEN SANITARY INC     | PORTABLE TOILETS                  | 1,020.00  |
| CENTURYLINK               | TELEPHONE EXPENSE                 | 332.87    |
| STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY | SAMPLE ANALYSIS                   | 137.50    |
| WHOLE ENERGY & HARDWARE   | 24 SMOKE DETECTORS                | 350.16    |

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| ERIC DAU                  | AUG 24 PAID ON CALL             | 540.00   |
| PLATINUM SMART INC.       | DATA BACKUPS-OCT 2024           | 400.00   |
| TROY ALDERMAN             | MEALS-STREETS CONFERENCE        | 65.73    |
| TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO.     | REPLACE FLASHCARD-POWER OUTAGE  | 625.47   |
| SPARKLEAN                 | AUG 24 CLEANING-CITY HALL       | 1,022.00 |
| HSA ACCOUNTS              | HSA- EMPLOYEES                  | 4,165.00 |
| IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY     | SCHNEIDER-CLERK SCHOOL 11802    | 64.00    |
| ANDREW KIDA               | REIMBURSE GLASSES               | 157.93   |
| VESTIS                    | RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE     | 72.76    |
| PLATINUM INFORMATION SVC  | IT SUPPORT,NETWORK MON,SPAMFLT  | 2,326.00 |
| BRENT BRIGHTMAN           | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 10.00    |
| DANNY WELLER              | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 36.00    |
| TONI SCHNEIDER            | CLOTHING ALLOWANCE              | 113.92   |
| NEW LIFE COMPUTERS        | INTERNET CONNECT,DIRECTOR ACCE  | 150.00   |
| CLINTON COUNTY AUDITOR    | PEANUT BUTTER + ANNUAL PROG FEE | 567.14   |
| CHRISTIAN MARSH           | AUG 24 PAID ON CALL             | 140.00   |
| JESSIE BAUGHMAN           | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 36.00    |
| BRANDON SMITH             | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 12.00    |
| JENNIFER BIELEMA          | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 84.00    |
| KEVIN DECKER              | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 24.00    |
| JEFFREY HACKNEY           | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 12.00    |
| THOMAS FRANKLIN           | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 132.00   |
| JOHN LUND                 | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 40.00    |
| MICHAEL BURMAHL           | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 48.00    |
| TONY BLOMME               | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 132.00   |
| PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES | SEPT 2024 LEASE PAYMENT         | 475.00   |
| MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS    | WEEKLY CLAIMS                   | 506.46   |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING    | CITY HALL COPIER LEASE          | 503.86   |
| KYLE DEWITT               | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 24.00    |
| FELD FIRE                 | CET MANIFOLD-FIRE DEPARTMENT    | 975.00   |
| BANKER PAINTING & DRYWALL | DEPOT DRYWALL REPAIR,PAINTING   | 940.00   |
| RILEY SOWLE               | AUG 24 PAID ON CALL             | 400.00   |
| TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC | LIBRARY-DOHSE THRU 9/1/24       | 319.00   |
| HAROLD TEAGARDEN          | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 36.00    |
| AIRGAS USA, LLC.          | CYLINDER RENTAL                 | 12.40    |
| JEREMIAH JACOBSEN         | AUG 24 PAID ON CALL             | 600.00   |
| BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC   | AMBULANCE SUPPLIES              | 167.96   |
| ARIAN STOWE               | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 50.00    |
| CLINTON REG WATER RECL    | SAMPLE ANALYSIS                 | 90.00    |
| JOE SNODGRASS             | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 15.00    |
| LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.        | LEGAL SERVICES-WELL #8          | 902.50   |
| GUARDIAN ALLIANCE TECHNOL | PD-APPLICANT TRACKING/BACKGRND  | 65.00    |
| SAM HAGENSON              | AUG 24 AMBULANCE STIPEND        | 36.00    |
| KANOPY, INC.              | VIDEO BOOKS-LIBRARY             | 4.00     |

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| KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL | 24-25 SUPPORT-HOMETOWN PRIDE | 2,500.00   |
| KNOX COMPANY        | KNOX BOX-LIBRARY BUILDING    | 521.00     |
| PAYROLL CHECKS      | PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/13/2024 | 55,820.20  |
|                     | CLAIMS TOTAL                 | 262,210.99 |
|                     | GENERAL FUND                 | 105,732.25 |
|                     | LIBRARY FUND                 | 8,029.46   |
|                     | PARKS FUND                   | 2,248.72   |
|                     | CEMETERY FUND                | 2,420.70   |
|                     | ROAD USE FUND                | 8,015.79   |
|                     | 9TH STREET PROJECT FUND      | 98,659.93  |
|                     | TRAIN DEPOT PROJECT FUND     | 940.00     |
|                     | WELL 8 FUND                  | 902.50     |
|                     | WATER UTILITY FUND           | 7,565.78   |
|                     | SEWER UTILITY FUND           | 26,968.01  |
|                     | LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND        | 727.85     |

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's August 2024 Report including Revenues: General Fund \$327,026.78, Library Fund \$22,116.31, Parks \$6,564.75, Cemetery \$4,686.75, Road Use \$47,994.91, Employee Benefit \$266.18, Police & Fire Pension \$516.71, Cross TIF \$1,087.05, Low/Moderate Housing-Cross \$666.26, P. C. & R. Howson Trust \$2.44, Debt Service \$1,278.46, Water Utility Fund \$5,970.80, Sewer Utility Fund \$10,713.69, Landfill/Garbage \$3,389.00; Authorize City Clerk to pay Ferguson invoices received to date \$676,846.38 for the Water Meter Project; Adopt a Resolution Amending the Delinquent Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Lien for: 1040 15<sup>th</sup> Place, Camanche, Iowa; Approve exterior cleaning of water tower #2 Hwy 67 & 9<sup>th</sup> Street, National Wash Authority \$7,800.00; Approve estimate from Tom McManus Backhoe for street patch-700 block 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue water main break \$4,100.00; Approve estimate from Tom McManus Backhoe for street patch-100 block 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue sewer collapse \$5,850.00; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on September 9, 2024; Approve payment of BWC invoice for repair of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue sewer main break \$25,070.60. On roll call—all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read the Second Reading of An Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Amending Title III, Chapter 3 of the Camanche Code of Ordinances (Safety Helmets). Councilman Bowman reported the fact that 40% of moped accidents are 14-15 years of age. 47 other states require helmets; Iowa is one of only 3 states not requiring helmets. Councilman Klahn said he is really on the fence with this one. We are taking all parenting away with this one-where do we stop-bicycles? We can't govern the world to safety. We need to put responsibility on the person riding and the person in charge of the person riding. Bowman added that he can hear the car behind him on a bicycle but not on a moped. The government has to tell people to put their kids in car seats. Councilman Edens agrees that kids don't always exercise the best judgement but there are minors riding motorcycles without helmets. He is not against people wearing helmets, he is just against us enforcing it. Kida added that we have a giant book of Ordinances that are not State or Federal law and reminded Council that is what Home Rule is; you have the authority to do this. It is up to you as a Council. Councilman Weller added that he raised 4 boys who had mopeds. He requested they all wear helmets but knows

they probably violated it. Chief Schmitz said he is indifferent either way. Normally with mopeds, they are violating other laws. He would hate to see the parents being fined.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Farrell to Approve the Second Reading of An Ordinance Amending the Camanche Municipal Code by Amending Title III, Chapter 3 of the Camanche Code of Ordinances (Safety Helmets). On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Farrell and Bowman. Nays – Councilmen Weller, Klahn and Edens. The Second Reading was Not Approved.

Under New Business was a Resolution of Acceptance of Outdoor Warning Sirens from Constellation. Councilman Bowman brought his weather radio to show how portable some models are. They are battery powered if the power goes out they still work, and it is loud. His concern is we have one siren and it may not be audible in all parts of Camanche. The Alert Iowa system is great. His thoughts are to let the siren go. Mayor Pruett read the Resolution. City Attorney Frey said, from a legal standpoint, most emergency management systems include in their spectrum a siren because the siren is designed to alert people who are outside. He noted that Iowa Code has a provision that a City is exempt from liability if there is a claim arising out of an act or omission in connection with an emergency response, including or not limited to acts or omissions in connection with emergency response communication services. One could interpret that to mean that not having a siren available falls within that failure, that communication of an emergency response and therefore if we don't have a siren, we are exempt. The danger is this section is designed to protect if we have a siren and it malfunctions or we don't have someone to flip the switch; he is confident about that. He is not as confident about a City without a siren. He said he just threw that out for consideration so Council has all the information with which to make a decision.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Bowman to decline the Outdoor Warning Siren from Constellation. On roll call – all Ayes.

Public Works Director Pewe led a discussion regarding the need for repair of freeze cracks on Washington Boulevard. The quote from Barga is for mastic on each crack; a 12"-14" wide patch that goes along the crack on both sides. We have used this on other roads and are happy with the results. Kida added that we used this on 1<sup>st</sup> Street about 7 years ago. Councilman Bowman expressed his concern with the repairs Barga did on the Library parking lot for \$11,000. Kida and Pewe explained that the previous Library Director did not relay to Barga what the expected outcome was. Bowman said they had to be called back because they left some cracks but filled others. He could understand \$5,000-\$6,000 but not \$11,000. Pewe said the material used on the streets is a different material and invited Council to look at the other streets Barga has done before making their decision. Councilman Klahn wants to make sure they clean up their mess when the work is done.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Weller to Approve the quote from Barga Inc for gap mastic maintenance repair to Washington Blvd in the amount of \$24,478.00. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Farrell, Klahn, Edens, Weller. Nay – Councilman Bowman.

Chief Schmitz explained there are currently 5 people on the Civil Service Certified List for Police Officer. Assistant Chief and Sergeant are completing background checks on all 5 and in-person follow-ups so they will have it narrowed down to 2 candidates. The Academy does not start until January 6<sup>th</sup> with ILEA physical testing on December 9<sup>th</sup> so hiring should be around November 1<sup>st</sup>. If we hire 2 off this list, we will be at full staff.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Farrell to Authorize Chief Schmitz to extend conditional offers of employment to up to two individuals on the Certified List for Police Officer. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schutte presented the Camanche Fire Department August 2024 report.

City Attorney Braydon Roberts updated Council on the City's court case. In January, the resident was cited but by the day of the court case, it was cleaned it up so the case was dismissed. Then in July, it was discovered the junk was along the garage again and in the back yard so they were cited again for a municipal infraction. They did not show up so the court entered a default judgement and gave the resident 10 days to clean it up and fined them \$6,500. Kida added that it is still in progress because it is still not cleaned up. Kida reported that he, Library Liaison Bowman and Library Director Grim had a workshop today to work on a presentation for the Library project; a presentation for the public. It was a good brainstorming session. He is going to ICMA from Friday through Tuesday. Councilman Edens commended Mayor Pruett on the AP Bike Bash and their donation to ROC. Councilman Farrell asked about education for moped riders. Councilman Edens said he mentioned it to our SRO. Farrell wants to make sure it doesn't just drop.

Pewe reported the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue railroad crossing will be permanently closed on Thursday. 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave sewer repairs are done and the water main leak on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue was quickly repaired by BWC. More testing is being done on Well #7. He is working on getting salt and the meter replacement project is at 84% complete. Chief Schmitz reported the new squad is ready to go. Officers Hall and VandeVoorde are entering Phase 2 of Field Training and should be on their own in early November.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments; there were none.

Mayor Pruett would like to have the overall cost of emergency warning sirens on the next agenda. Councilmen Bowman and Klahn would like to have meetings for Quiet Zones on the next agenda. Kida said we just need to schedule times for open forums so it is not so formal.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Austin Pruett  
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider  
City Clerk/Treasurer