

City of Camanche

March 4, 2025

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Austin Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Edens and Klahn. Absent were Council members Farrell and Weller. Also present were City Attorneys Current and Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Grim, Pewe, Schmitz, Schutte and Schneider.

Mayor Pruett read a Mayoral Proclamation: Honoring Camanche High School Girls' Bowling Team as Back to Back State Champions.

Mayor Pruett read a Mayoral Proclamation: Honoring Troy Alderman for 10 years of Service to the City of Camanche Public Works Department.

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

Mayor Pruett called for public comments on Agenda topics. There were none.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Edens to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on February 18, 2025; approve Abstract No. 867 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	3,702.21
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CAMANCHE SCHOOLS	1/2 CROSSING GUARD 7/24-12/24	953.00
CLINTON HERALD	52 WEEK SUBSCRIPTION CITY HALL	239.99
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	12,381.51
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL LICENSE FEE	35.00
CERTASITE	ANNUAL EXTING INSPEC/REPAIR	1,085.40
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC	1 TIRE PUBLIC WORKS FORD P/U	186.96
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMNT	OFFICER MARTEN ILEA MMPI EVAL	300.00
IMFOA	11802 SCHNEIDER SPRING CONF	175.00
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,162.00
IPERS	IPERS	9,752.53
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE-XMAS LIGHT RET;LIBRARY	98.85
MICROMARKETING LLC	BOOKS/DVDS	32.60
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	4,118.28
JEFFREY MOORE	REIMBURSE PHYSICAL	329.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	12,096.08
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,297.96
QUILL CORPORATION	LIBRARY-OFFC,PROG,CLEAN SUPPLI	618.89
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	3,754.13
US CELLULAR	LIFT STATION	223.67
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	1,828.03
PREMIER PARTS INC	BATTERY-FD SMALL BRUSH TRUCK	154.12
BWC EXCAVATING	WATER MAIN REP-15TH PL/ANTHONY	4,616.42
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,184.21

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	22,773.96
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	465.00
L-TRON CORPORATION	PD-IMAGING SCANNER KIT	414.00
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	165.16
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO.	gWORKS+SOFTWARE ISSUE CHECK	437.00
SPARKLEAN	FEB 25 CLEANING-CHALL,CCTR,PW,PD	814.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,180.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CHALL;UNIF-PEWE	77.00
NATHAN CAMPIE	REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	114.97
REPUBLIC SERVICES	MAR COLLECTION-PUBLIC WORKS	75.00
FBI-LEEDA	CHIEF RICHARD SCHMITZ, JR DUES	50.00
MITCHELL JAHNS	MILEAGE,MEALS-INSTRUCTOR TRNG	315.41
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	1,849.35
GEMT	STATE SHARE-GEMT MAR 2025	801.74
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	LIBRARY-FINN THRU 2/16/25	518.38
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	AMBULANCE OPERATING SUPPLIES	112.62
LIBERTY NATIONAL	LIBERTY NATIONAL PRETAX	266.72
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	90.00
VISA	PD-FD TRAVEL,TRAINING, SUPPLIES; KIDA TRAINING;POSTAGE;BI CONT ED	4,278.57
TONI HOWES	LMI FORGIVEABLE LOAN 714 2ND ST	7,292.70
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 02/27/2025	20.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 02/28/2025	52,309.78
	CLAIMS TOTAL	155,247.20
	GENERAL FUND	102,307.78
	LIBRARY FUND	9,639.73
	PARKS FUND	2,233.85
	CEMETERY FUND	386.17
	ROAD USE FUND	9,130.50
	LOW/MODERATE HOUSING FUND	7,292.70
	WATER UTILITY FUND	17,360.47
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	6,059.51
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	836.49

Approve payment of Change Order #1 (Increase) Gingerich Well & Pump Service, LLC for Well #7 \$40,616.00; Approve payment of Change Order #2 (Decrease) Gingerich Well & Pump Service, LLC for Well #7 -\$175,076.00; Approve payment of Pay Application #3 Gingerich Well & Pump Service, LLC for Well #7 \$412,046.20; Approve proposal from Endline Excavating for tree removal site work at Well #8 site \$12,900.00; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Library Board meeting on February 5, 2025; Receive and place on file the minutes from the Board of Adjustments meeting held on February 25, 2025; Approve Street Sweeping Proposal from Manatt's for 2025, 2 times at \$6,750.00 each for a total of \$13,500.00 - all Ayes.

Sergeant Parks began a presentation regarding Field Training for Police Officers new to the Camanche Police Department by sharing the Mission Statement. Field Training is essential for preparing a new Officer for solo patrol. The first six training sessions, usually night shift, are non-evaluated. The training is fast-paced and includes four phases. Each 10-day phase must be

passed to proceed to the next phase. A Daily Observation Report is completed by the Field Training Officer, with 31 categories on the DOR. Each phase requires more work from the new Officer, with phase 4 being the shadow phase where the FTO is shadowing and only providing resources for the new Officer as needed. During the training, the FTO uses checklists to make sure all areas are covered thoroughly. If an Officer has problems in any areas, there are weekly meetings, remedial training and scenarios with role playing with the FTO and Shift Supervisor to find ways to try and ensure the best outcome. A self-evaluation is also required. Throughout the entire process, communication is extremely important.

City Administrator Kida asked to return to the topic of Establishing a Date and Time for the Property Tax Hearing so he could get logged in to the State system and enter it live. This will be done after the Fire Department February 2025 report near the end of the meeting.

Kida informed Council that an agreement was reached between the City and the Camanche Police and Fire Bargaining Unit for a period of 1 year with a 3% wage increase and members paying 9% of health insurance premiums, up from 8%. Kida reported that it was a good effort and he appreciates Council's effort. City Attorney Current added that he appreciated Councilman Klahn' participation.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn Approve Agreement with Camanche Police and Fire Bargaining Unit for a period of 1 Year. On roll call – all Ayes.

A brief discussion regarding Board of Adjustments attendance was led by Kida. Ashley Foley was appointed two years ago. In that timeframe, we have had four meetings and she has not attended any meetings. Councilman Bowman asked if she had been contacted. Kida said a packet is sent out to all Board members prior to every meeting. City Attorney Current went over the provisions of the City Code relating to Boards and Commissions. It was decided that Mayor Pruett will contact her and talk to her. This item will be on the next agenda for further consideration.

The cell tower lease with American Tower was discussed. Kida noted that there was nothing in the packet about this item but he had provided information to Council via email. Currently, the lease payment is \$925.75 to the City monthly, or about \$12,000.00 annually, and increases 15% every 5 years, due to go up on July 1st. The lease goes until 2045; American Tower wants to extend the lease to 2075 with the current terms, buy it out with a \$550,000.00 lump-sum payment or installment payments over 5 years. Kida recommends the lump-sum payment with a perpetual easement and place it in the General Fund Reserve. Further discussion ensued and it was agreed to accept the lump-sum. Because it is an easement, and longer than three years, State Code requires a public hearing.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to Direct the City Administrator to negotiate the lump-sum payment for the extension of the lease with American Tower. On roll call – all Ayes.

Regarding Fees for Service, City Administrator Kida said he sent Council an email with a booklet that includes most of our fees for service. He noted that some of them need to be updated because we have not implemented the book and it is a work in progress. Kida said Councilman Bowman asked him to put something about fees on the Agenda because we had

someone wanting to block off a street for a party because they did not want to use their backyard and we were not going to allow this. It was suggested to use a park pavilion but the resident said there was no guarantee they would get the pavilion because we do not reserve park facilities. Kida also mentioned a Board of Adjustments fee of \$100 where the cost of the required mailing alone was \$95, then with the publication cost and staff time, it far exceeds the fee. There are a number of fees that need to be looked at and adjusted. Kida will work on the fee schedule. Councilman Klahn does not think Indianola is a good comparison for us; Kida countered with the fact that postage costs are the same and they pay their staff and expenses like we do. We can hash this out. Something will be coming soon for further consideration.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Money Between Funds and Authorizing Certain Funds to be Closed Permanently – Roundabout Fund. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Money Between Funds and Authorizing Certain Funds to be Closed Permanently – American Rescue Plan Fund. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Edens to Authorize Public Works Director up to \$7,500 to purchase 6 replacement water main valves, three 4" units and three 6" units. Installation quotes will be obtained and presented for approval after materials are received. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schutte presented the February 2025 Camanche Fire Department report.

Returning to the topic of Establishing a Date and Time for the Property Tax Hearing, the Hearing will be at 3:00 p.m. on March 31, 2025 at Camanche City Hall. Kida entered it into the State system live as it was decided.

Public Works Director Pewe reported that he is awaiting bids on the 9th Avenue Culvert repair now that we have the easement agreements. There are currently 5 water main valves broken, thus the purchase of valves just approved tonight. He is working on the replacement of the light at the roundabout. Chief Schmitz reported that Officer Davison is halfway through the Academy. Library Director Grim said there will be another public meeting regarding the proposed expansion. Kida added the Splash Pad groundbreaking will be at Platt Park on March 17th at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Mayor Pruett asked for Public Comments. Gregg Maxwell 2127 10th Street sees that the max levy is at \$13.10 up from \$12.45. It is a 5.25% increase, that's a hefty increase. I hope we don't land at the max, I guess is the point I'm trying to make here. We've talked about the rollback money from the state, sliding scale down. At the same time the sliding scale of the benefit to the homeowners. Our taxable values are going to inch up too. Say that's 2 or 3% there will be more tax money collected just by those values inching up. Just one more thing, I know there was logic to it, we did move about \$100 grand, ballpark-ish to the water and sewer funds, which ultimately will come out of the residents' pockets, the property owners' pockets via water bills, so there's more things to consider than the levy rates. I hope we don't end up on that max rate, I really hope we don't, cause that would be painful when we put the whole picture together. So just thoughts to consider, okay?

There were no other Public Comments.

Mayor Pruett asked Council for requests for placement of matters on future agendas. There were none.

Kida said we have nothing additional for the Budget Workshop so Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer