

City of Camanche
April 1, 2025

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session April 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Austin Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Farrell, Klahn and Weller. Absent was Councilman Edens. Also present were City Attorneys Current, Frey and Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Grim, Schmitz and Schneider.

Councilman Bowman asked to have the Agenda amended to move New Business Items #2-Adopt a Resolution to Approve Hiring Police Officer 3rd Class Marten for the Police Department of the City of Camanche, Iowa and #3 Oath of Office for Officer Carter Marten, to the beginning of the meeting.

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

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Bowman to Adopt a Resolution to Approve Hiring Police Officer 3rd Class Marten for the Police Department of the City of Camanche, Iowa. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett administered the Oath of Office to Officer 3rd Class Carter Marten.

Mayor Pruett opened a Public Hearing: Discuss Ashley Foley’s attendance at Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings at 6:08 p.m. Mayor Pruett stated that he has tried to reach Ms. Foley and she has not answered or returned his calls or voice mail. In the absence of public comments, Mayor Pruett closed the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Pruett read a Mayoral Proclamation proclaiming April 3, 2025 Junior Achievement Day in the City of Camanche.

Guest Joe Vens with Core-Vens Insurance addressed the Council virtually regarding the 2025-2026 Insurance renewal. He gave a high level overview of the renewal which was a decrease in cost of over \$19,000 due primarily to a favorable worker’s comp experience mod. He explained options for increasing deductibles for the Linebacker and Law Enforcement and increased limits in coverage in areas which would take the cost reduction to approximately \$16,000. He also mentioned the \$44,000 dividend that the City received from IAMU this year. Mayor Pruett and the Council thanked Mr. Vens for attending.

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

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Klahn to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on March 18, 2025; approve Abstract No. 869 which includes the following:

CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT, STREETLIGHT	25,075.61
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	12,305.68
HARTZ LOCK COMPANY	GRADE 1 LOCKSET-PUBLIC WORKS	195.00
IOWA ONE CALL	67 ONE CALL LOCATES	60.30

VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,162.00
IPERS	IPERS	9,677.93
MCMANUS CONSTRUCTION SERV	GRAVE-ROWE;REMV TREE ROOT BALL	700.00
PARALLEL AG	OIL SEALS-CEMETERY TRACTOR	173.90
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,751.32
JEFFREY MOORE	REIMBURSE GLASSES ALLOWANCE	200.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	12,137.39
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	ATO FUSES-PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE	10.58
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-LIB,CHALL,CCTR,HIST BLDG	238.26
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,297.96
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	36.00
MACQUEEN	OXYGEN CYLINDER-FIRE DEPT	649.93
RICHARD SCHMITZ JR	WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT	250.00
KELLI ELLIOTT	MILEAGE-MTTU POLICE DPT TRAINING	196.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES, EXCISE, WITHHOLDING TAXES	3,707.04
US CELLULAR	CROSS LIFT STATION	42.54
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	1,828.03
CHRISTY SCHUTTE	REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	20.81
PREMIER PARTS INC	BEARINGS-PARK/REC MOWERS	51.10
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,103.48
XOP NETWORKS	FIREBAR SERVICE 4/1-6/30/25	779.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING	INSTR2 TRAINING-MITCH JAHNS	50.00
JAMES SOWLE	REIMBURSE BOOT ALLOWANCE	45.92
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	TAPE BOX FOR SHIPPING	2.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	22,244.30
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	465.00
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	165.16
TROY ALDERMAN	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	14.89
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO.	FIRMWARE UPGRADE	294.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,430.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH; UNIF-PEWE	77.00
TONI SCHNEIDER	MILEAGE TO/FROM gWORKS MTG	277.62
REPUBLIC SERVICES	APR COLLECTION-PUBLIC WORKS	75.00
CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE	OFFICER MARTEN PREEMPLOYMENT	100.00
SPARKS SMALL ENGINE	TOGGLE SWITCH-P/R MOWER	27.20
CORY SNODGRASS	REIMBURSE BOOT ALLOWANCE	196.36
QUAD CITIES WINWATER	GATE VALVES-WATER MAIN REPAIRS	7,061.77
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	235.60
GEMT	STATE SHARE-GEMT APR 2025	1,648.96
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	CHALL,PD,LIB MAR25 COPIER LEASES	686.64
D & W MONUMENTS	REMOVE & REPAIR CEM MONUMENT	400.00
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	LIBRARY-FINN THRU 03/23/25	789.53
BRITTNEY PARKS	REIMBURSE WELLNESS	360.00
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	104.51
AIRGAS USA, LLC.	OXYGEN-AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	63.64
COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS	LIBRARY 2" CUSTOM STICKERS	202.58
JEREMIAH JACOBSEN	REIMBURSE EMS TRAINING	44.08

BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	348.72
LIBERTY NATIONAL	PRETAX LIFE INSURANCE	266.72
GINGERICH WELL & PUMP SER	PAY APP #4-FINAL RETAINAGE	121,334.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	FLANGE KITS-SPLASH PAD	523.57
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 03/28/2025	52,867.26
	CLAIMS TOTAL	288,551.89
	GENERAL FUND	94,450.33
	LIBRARY FUND	8,772.92
	PARKS FUND	2,288.85
	CEMETERY FUND	3,381.88
	ROAD USE FUND	8,193.21
	PFAS FUND	150.00
	SPLASH PAD PROJECT FUND	523.57
	WELL 7 FUND	121,334.00
	WATER UTILITY FUND	19,597.67
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	29,077.61
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	781.85

Approve invoice from BWC for Water Main Break repair 620 3rd Avenue \$3,381.01; Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service Privileges for Clyde's Tavern effective 4/6/2025 - all Ayes.

City Administrator Kida asked that Unfinished Business item, Amendment to proposed Cell Tower Lease with American Tower, be tabled until the next Council meeting, as American Tower has changed their proposal.

Under New Business, a request from R3 Roofing to overturn administrative revocation of permit to solicit was considered. Kida said that the Clerk first encountered R3 soliciting door to door in town and asked for a permit. They told her they had a permit but did not. She instructed them to go to City Hall and get a permit, which they did. When Kida returned from conference, he heard there were calls to City Hall from residents that R3 Roofing employees were telling residents they were partnering with the City of Camanche. Councilman Edens provided a recording from his doorbell camera as proof this has happened. Matt Mathews with R3 Roofing addressed the Council. He thanked the Council and apologized for needing to be here. He said the pitch was never a directive or authorization. He apologized for this happening and said it has been corrected. Councilman Bowman asked if Matt is out of the Davenport office and said he read Yelp reviews of the company. Out of 5, the highest rating was a 2. Matt asked if he had looked a Google; he had not. Councilman Bowman said that quality of work was an issue and Matt countered by saying the reviews were old and you can't make everyone happy. Additional discussion followed, including Councilman Bowman saying he has a problem with a company coming to our residents misrepresenting themselves. Mayor Pruettt asked why they did not go to City Hall before starting to go door to door; Matt said it was bad planning. Councilman Weller said he has no problem with our residents calling R3, but there are too many problems with the solicitation itself. The City Attorneys added that the Manager said it was a new employee; that is not enough. It is hard to believe the employee came up with this on their own. The Attorneys believe suspension is in order. They added that this permit only regulates door to door. R3 can still mail and people can still call R3.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to approve the Competitive Quote from Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, LLC \$31,057.50 for the 9th Avenue Culvert Replacement. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution Establishing the Maximum Property Tax Levy at \$13.10 for Fiscal Year Ending 2026. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution to establish a date for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Proposal Public Hearing; April 29, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. On roll call – all Ayes.

Kida said that Planning and Zoning will be meeting regarding the construction of a water tower by Iowa American Water for the Rail Park and Low Moor. This is not a permitted use for that land, so Planning and Zoning needs to consider a special use permit. Then it goes to Board of Adjustment. This will also allow us to ensure that they will not be servicing Camanche customers.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing to Amend the Camanche Zoning Ordinance 18.20.020 AG-1 Agricultural Rural District On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution to remove Ashley Foley from the Planning and Zoning Commission. On roll call – all Ayes

Kida reported that he attended IMMI in Iowa City. There were good discussions about the Iowa Legislature. He learned tools for discussion of long-term vision for our water and sewer systems; we will have a workshop in the near future. Councilman Bowman would like to have the stop sign configuration at the 5th Avenue railroad crossing changed so would like to have that on a future agenda. He would also like to have a No Shoulder sign on Dunn Road near the culvert at the intersection of Oakwood Trail. Chief Schmitz noted the stop sign configuration change will mean an Ordinance amendment. He added that Officer Davison will graduate the Academy on April 25th.

Mayor Pruett asked for Public Comments. Debbie McCormick 2815 Oakwood Trail said that R3 Roofing did her son's roof after the derecho. They automatically put a lien on the property before starting. She said the work was not done properly and it was sloppy. They gave him a bill for re-doing the work which he did not feel he should have to pay. When he went to sell his property, the lien was there for that bill. In her opinion they are not an ethical company.

Gary Hill 620 3rd Street mentioned that in Iowa, contractor liens may need to be filed before work begins. He then said, as far as the dock fees for the boats, he thought we were supposed to be trying to bring people to town, not chase them away. You start pulling dock fees, you are going to be chasing them away. And then also it was brought up the Community Center is being rented out all the time. According to the paper, there's more going out than coming in to the Community Center, yet you want to spend \$7 million on the Library to have some place to rent out. And if you want dock fees and stuff, if you're that scared of the money

coming in here, then why are we throwing a million dollars to Fareway and \$5-\$7 million to the Library. If we're that short of money, do we need to do that? That's all I got.

Dave Willis 1433 3rd Street in regard to the proposed future use of these, it seems that the City of Camanche is rummaging under the couch seat cushions and in the back of the truck glove box looking for spare change to make up for poor financial choices within the City budget. And I don't think our current City Council is responsible for all those poor choices. The boat ramps are mainly used by local City taxpayers who, on their way to launch their boat stop at local businesses to buy items, so why should we be penalized with ramp fees when we already pay for services to ramps through taxes. And we also support the local businesses before we even get to the ramp to pay them. Also, I believe our much-appreciated City employees need access to the Swan Slough pumping station so the access road must be maintained, which is also access to the main ramp that we have in town. Speaking of our City employees, I hope these folks won't be charged for parking on City property while at work, as he had pay to park at work while working in Iowa City. What about the Splash Pad? Will anyone or everyone be charged fees? There will be more maintenance on the pumps and nozzles at the Splash Pad, including winterizing and reactivating it in the spring. Does the City need to carry extra liability insurance on the pad and participants? Do people have to sign waivers just to go into this pad? He hopes most of the water will be recycled, but there will still be water usage. With the 2% water rate increase, what is the cost of the water for the pad? Where does it get paid from? The RV dump site has a yearly fee of approximately \$500 if people use it or not. Is this going to break the budget? Much like the boaters, they most likely made purchases in town before they went camping. Full time staff person at Rosehill, is that a thing or is that, I don't know, I wasn't sure about that one. If so, is it justified. It's going to be more money, more benefits. I agree with charging snowbirds, like stopping and starting their water services, I can see that because it is just individuals. Please, let's stay the small town that appreciates its taxpayers instead of holding us hostage to more fees. So all acts of kindness and common sense will go a long way to all of us working together. Thanks for all your help

There were no other Public Comments.

Mayor Pruett asked Council for requests for placement of matters on future agendas. There were no additional items.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer