

City of Camanche

July 15, 2025

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session July 15, 2025, 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 Current, Frey and Roberts, City Administrator 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.

Visitor Brenda Larkey informed Council that this year's Camanche Days theme is Bingo, it's Camanche Days. The Grand Marshall is Marty Schnoor and King and Queen are Frank and Pat Greve. She listed multiple activities that will take place before and during the annual celebration. She thanked Mayor Pruett, City Council and City Hall staff for their continued support, Councilman Bowman for helping Teen Board, Gaylon and the Public Works crew for set-up and tear-down, Chief Schmitz and the Camanche PD and Chief Schutte and said the Fire Department's value is priceless to Camanche Days. She also gave a rundown of the events and entertainment and expressed gratitude for the support of the Community.

Rock Creek Solar and Nextera made a donation of \$3,900.00 to the Camanche Fire Department Pancake Breakfast which is a fund raiser for Muscular Dystrophy. Kimberly Dickey presented Chief Schutte with a check, adding that this is the fourth year Rock Creek Solar has supported Camanche Days and specifically, the pancake breakfast.

Visitor Karlee Low along with Kathy Klahn, from the Hometown Pride Committee, thanked everyone for the splash pad and said it is rewarding to see the town have this vision, have it completed and see families enjoying it. She said Camanche Hometown Pride raised \$15,000 for extras. Kiwanis and other people are contacting her about purchasing extra benches and sponsoring shades for the benches. There will also be two picnic tables, one being ADA compliant, and a bike rack and they would like to have the City purchase the items, and then donate the money to the City to save the sales tax. They would like to order these items now so they can be installed for use this summer. Kida recommends making sure the Park and Recreation Commission is okay with everything. Mrs. Low said they have been working together. The Mayor said there is an agenda item tonight to authorize the purchase.

Mayor Pruett called for public comments on Agenda topics. Gary Hill 620 3rd Street spoke to revisit the Nuisance Ordinance. He said if the City would have kept up 9 months ago, when he complained about this nuisance, instead of through the lengthy process, it wouldn't be there today. It's not a hidden secret that the City is, well, they like it because he cleans the City up, takes the junk home and dumps it. He can tell the City has made contact with him because he stopped hauling junk in now, and the junk laying in front of the garage door, is on City property, got covered up with a tarp so nobody can see it. 9 months ago, he cleaned it up,

cleaned part of it up, so then he started hanging tarps up to make walls to nobody could see the stuff. And yet the City put out there that a tarp isn't made for a roof, yet across from my house, I have tarps hanging all over the place to cover junk up, but yet, that's alright. If the City would have stayed with it, we wouldn't have the situation today. Thank you.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Bowman to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on July 1, 2025; approve Abstract No. 876 which includes the following:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	WIPER BLADES-FD VEHICLES	76.70
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	1,017.84
CLINTON HUMANE SOCIETY	5 KITTENS, 3 DAYS EACH	375.00
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	17,977.88
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE	259.60
CULLIGAN	WATER,DISP RENT-CITY HALL	38.50
DAYMARK SOLUTIONS	LAW ENFORCEMENT ID BADGES	53.05
IOWA DNR	2322066 WATER SUPPLY FEE 25-26	496.84
E C I A	MEMBERSHIP DUES FY26 1ST INST	1,782.30
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHT-9TH ST,ANAMOSA RD	110.63
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	KEYS-CEM;KEY TAGS/RACK-PWORKS	27.29
IOWA ONE CALL	202 ONE CALL LOCATES	181.80
IMFOA	APPLICATION FEE-IA CMC	300.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	159.44
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,212.00
J & C ENTERPRISES	JUNE 25 COLLECTION	153.68
ELECTRONICS INC	ALARM SERVICE-CITY HALL	60.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	883.22
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	2,658.18
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR	QUARTERLY AIR TEST	203.75
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	19,270.82
GREG NELSON	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	238.26
DAVE SCHUTTE	REIMBURSE WORK PHYSICAL	42.13
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	JUNE 25 SALES,WATER EXCISE TAX	2,634.65
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	STOCK PARTS,3RD ST WATER MAIN	537.16
HAWKINS INC	130 GAL AZONE, 90 GAL LPC	3,024.76
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	388.43 TONS GRAVEL FOR ALLEYS	3,373.72
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	REIMB CLOTHING,SAFETY BOOT ALLW	324.96
DARYL YODER	REIMB CLOTHING, BOOT, GLASSES	545.11
JORDAN MOORE	JUNE 25 PAID ON CALL	100.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS INC.	HOSE FITTINGS,OIL DRY-PW SHOP	83.40
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	562.04
OVERDRIVE	FY2026 BRIDGES EBOOK CONTENT	1,396.80
ERIC DAU	JUNE 25 PAID ON CALL	740.00

UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERV	COLLECTIONS-LIBRARY	11.65
TUMBLEWEED PRESS INC.	SUBSCRIPTION-TUMBLEBOOK	499.00
PLATINUM SMART INC.	LIBRARY-MICROSOFT 365 BACKUP	35.00
AMAZON	LIBRARY BOOKS,SUPPL,OFFC SUPPL	184.15
FREY, HAUF & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-JUNE 25	7,234.11
SPARKLEAN	JUNE25 CLEANING-CCTR,CHALL,PW,PD	1,230.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	2,105.00
PLATINUM INFORMATION SVC	LIB-COMPUTER+SUPPORT/MS OFFICE	4,422.38
DANNY WELLER	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	84.00
BRIGHTLY SOFTWARE INC	MOBILE 311 ANNUAL SUPPORT	6,448.84
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	PD ANNUAL LICENSE	12,757.66
NATIONAL TACTICAL OFF ASC	OFFC VANDEVOORDE 25-457	857.00
S. J. SMITH CO.	ACETYLENE-P WORKS TORCH	128.38
REPUBLIC SERVICES	JUNE 25 CITY COLLECTION	33,562.00
SPARKS SMALL ENGINE	CLUTCH ASSY/BELT-PARKS MOWER	378.75
CORY SNODGRASS	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
CHRISTIAN MARSH	JUNE 25 PAID ON CALL	140.00
JESSIE BAUGHMAN	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
JENNIFER BIELEMA	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	96.00
KEVIN DECKER	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	48.00
JEFFREY HACKNEY	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
MICHELLE SOWLE	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	48.00
JOHN LUND	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
QUAD CITIES WINWATER	PARTS-3 VALVE REPLACEMENTS	3,856.45
MICHAEL BURMAHL	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	84.00
TONY BLOMME	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	279.52
O.T.R. TIRE	TIRES-PARK/REC MOWER	300.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	JULY 25 CITY HALL COPIER LEASE	686.64
RILEY SOWLE	JUNE 25 PAID ON CALL	340.00
TEMP ASSOCIATES-IOWA, INC	LIBRARY-FINN THRU 4/20/25	143.55
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	201.08
AWESOME CAR WASH	APR-JUNE PD FLEET WASHES	180.00
JEREMIAH JACOBSEN	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
ARIAN STOWE	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
JOE SNODGRASS	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	25.00
PUTNAM MUSEUM	FUN BUNDLE MEMBERSHIP	234.00
SAM HAGENSON	JUNE 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
KANOPY, INC.	VIDEO BOOKS-LIBRARY	26.00
T-MOBILE	PD CELL PHONES	281.68
BIECHLER ELECTRIC, INC.	PAY APP 1 WELL 5 PERM GENERATO	143,038.65
R & R HOME IMPROVEMENT	GUTTERS-PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING	3,828.50
IRD CONSULTING, LLC	LIB-YOGA ON THE DOCK	50.00

KLINE SEWER & DRAIN	CAMERA,VAC SEWER-HIAWATHA 14TH	6,850.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 07/03/2025	331.14
	PAYROLL CHECKS PAID ON 07/02/2025	6,889.93
	PAYROLL CHECKS PAID ON 07/03/2025	63,219.46
	PAYROLL CHECKS PAID ON 07/04/2025	9,442.38
	PAYROLL CHECKS PAID ON 07/05/2025	3,447.62
	CLAIMS TOTAL	399,167.03
	GENERAL FUND	139,952.21
	LIBRARY FUND	12,559.36
	PARKS FUND	1,980.56
	CEMETERY FUND	2,180.95
	ROAD USE FUND	13,210.92
	PFAS FUND	143,038.65
	WATER UTILITY FUND	17,625.18
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	34,190.79
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	34,428.41

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's June 2025 Report including Revenues: General Fund \$87,921.82, Library Fund \$7,386.55, Parks \$8,262.67, Cemetery \$4,570.11, Road Use \$71,470.67, Employee Benefit \$754.59, Police & Fire Pension \$1,464.80, P.C.&R Howson Trust \$101.57, Debt Service \$3,220.09, Water Utility Fund \$41,913.16, Sewer Utility Fund \$67,861.28, Landfill/Garbage \$51,148.06; Approve renewal of Special Class C Retail Alcohol 5 Day License as submitted by Camanche Bowling Association for Camanche Days effective July 24, 2025; Approve renewal of Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor permit as submitted by Camanche Food Pride, 908 7th Ave. for the period 7/1/25-9/30/25; Approve payment of Pay Application #2 for Permanent Generator at Well #5 Biechler Electric, Inc. \$7,528.85; Approve Grow Clinton Invoice-Chamber Dues \$500.00, CRDC Investment \$5,000.00; Approve payment Quad Cities Winwater invoice-valve replacement parts \$3,895.40; Approve payment of Mississippi Valley Pump, Inc. invoice for pump repairs at 7th Avenue Lift Station \$8,265.00; Approve payment of Plumbing Services Plus invoice-water main repair 1432 Anthony Place \$3,200.00; Approve payment of Plumbing Services Plus invoice-water main repair 305 13th Ave. \$3,200.00; Approve payment of Plumbing Services Plus invoice-water main repair; Approve payment of Plumbing Services Plus invoice-water main repair 1428 3rd Street \$3,000.00; Approve Pay App #1 for 9th Avenue Culvert repair from Eastern Iowa Excavating \$30,125.29; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Library Board meeting on July 9, 2025. On roll call – all Ayes.

Under Unfinished Business was an Ordinance vacating a 20' strip of City Property, in Chicago Street Park, adjacent to 821 1st Street to allow for the sale of the property to the owners of that property. Mayor Pruett read the Second Reading, By Title Only, of An Ordinance Vacating 20' of City Property approximately 1,200 square feet of what is more commonly known as Chicago Street Park dedicating it to become part of 821 1st Street.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Approve the Second Reading, By Title Only, of An Ordinance Vacating 20' of City Property approximately 1,200 square feet of what is more commonly known as Chicago Street Park dedicating it to becomes

part of 821 1st Street. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmembers Edens, Klahn, Farrell, Bowman, Weller. Nays – None.

Moved by Councilman Edens second by Councilman Klahn to Waive the Third Reading of An Ordinance Vacating 20' of City Property approximately 1,200 square feet of what is more commonly known as Chicago Street Park dedicating it to becomes part of 821 1st Street. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmembers Bowman, Klahn, Edens, Farrell, Weller. Nays – None.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt An Ordinance Vacating 20' of City Property approximately 1,200 square feet of what is more commonly known as Chicago Street Park dedicating it to becomes part of 821 1st Street. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmembers Klahn, Edens, Weller, Bowman, Farrell. Nays – None.

Also under Unfinished Business was a continuation of the discussion of CPKC Railroad and EMS Services. Councilman Klahn turned it over to Chief Schutte, who said he got an email back from the railroad explaining the mechanisms they have in place to minimize the blockage of our crossings. They also reiterated to call the phone number on the signs placed at each crossing when people experience blocked crossings. Schutte said they did recently call that number and the response was good. Councilman Bowman then continued the discussion, saying that he did some digging into the costs of an overpass. He said Dubuque installed one for \$38.7 million in the middle of town, getting a \$25 million grant. Davenport installed one for \$9.7 million that was out away from residential or businesses, getting a \$7.8 million grant. He added that we don't know if we don't look and recommends that we put it out for bid. When we find out, then we put it out for a vote. Regarding grants, we cannot get grants on a dream. City Engineer Solchenberger added more details about the type of overpass and the potential property acquisition needed for options. Further discussion ensued.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Edens to direct staff to put out an RFP for engineering for an overpass. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Attorney Roberts shared details about the legal process for addressing nuisances. He explained that the process is often a lengthy one due to a number of reasons, including the timing of when these cases are heard by the court. Councilman Bowman said it is good to know that the City is not just sitting on these.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Farrell to Authorize the Purchase of benches, picnic table and bench shades for the Splash Pad, up to \$15,000 to be reimbursed to Hometown Pride. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Klahn to Approve Payment Request to Camanche Days \$3,000.00 for Insurance. On roll call – all Ayes.

A detailed discussion on Camanche Code of Ordinances 6-11-7 Pools focused on definitions and the requirement for fences, specifically detention and retention ponds. Kida asked City Attorney Current to speak on the topic. Current said that a retention pond always

has water and it is more of a safety issue and you want to discuss these. A detention pond is usually a nice grassy area and 99.9% of the time it does not have water in it. Then, what about farm ponds; there is a certain amount of discretion. The requirement for a fence is a legislative decision. Councilman Bowman brought up the planned Fareway retention pond at 8' in depth and said we should do something preventative. Councilman Klahn agrees with Bowman, pointing out that we changed the golf cart ordinance after we lost a child; that was bad. Now we have an Ordinance we can enforce. City Attorney Frey said it is really a matter of educating ourselves and making a decision. Swimming pools attract kids. He suggested first, looking at how other cities deal with this, and second, what do safety people have to say; that is a good measure when making a decision. As Councilman Klahn said, we have a policy we are not enforcing. He asked if it would hurt to form a group to look at it and come back with recommendation. All agreed. Further consideration will be on the next agenda.

A detailed discussion regarding Transportation Alternative Set Aside Funds began with Councilman Edens asking where the City's \$120,000 match would come from. Kida said it could come from the Road Use Fund or the General Fund. He said he talked with Mrs. Low who said Hometown Pride could get behind this; bring young families to town and we should do anything we can to make our town more inviting. Kida added that there are a lot of other grants Hometown Pride could apply for. These funds need to be spent by the end of FY2027 and the application deadline is August 12th. Councilman Bowman said he doesn't want to rush into this, we need to think it through. Councilman Weller said that's why we have the Trail Plan, Capital Improvement Plan and Street Improvement Plan too. The Camanche Schools Superintendent is very excited about the project for the safety of the children walking to and from school.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller To Adopt a Resolution authorizing the applications for Transportation Alternative Set Aside Funds through the Regional Planning Authority not to exceed \$500,000. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Weller, Bowman, Farrell. Nays – Councilmen Klahn, Edens.

Chief Schutte presented the June 2025 Camanche Fire Department report and Chief Schmitz presented the June 2025 Camanche Police Department report.

Kida recognized Dave Schutte for 19 years of service as Fire Chief and 34 years with the Fire Department. He also thanked the staff and Councilman Bowman for showing up to the VOYA presentation today. Mayor Pruett congratulated Chief Schutte. Councilman Farrell would like to see Chief Schutte get to 20 years as Chief. Councilman Bowman said he got a call from the child of a deceased resident who did not pay their water bill on time and got a late fee. Councilman Weller thanked Chief Schutte for all his time. Chief Schmitz informed Council that he has extended a conditional offer to the 9th Officer. She will begin in December after finishing her Law Enforcement degree. City Engineer Solchenberger looked up and gave the drainage rates of the soil during a 100-year storm at Fareway's ponds in inches per hour, a very quick rate.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments. Gary Hill 620 3rd Street said as far as the City coming back, he knows when the City comes back because he cleans the property up. In

between, it's been a junk hole. It's not only cleaning the property up. Hill can show videos of people backed up. Last Friday night. Last Saturday afternoon he backed up somebody else's vehicle and they're directing him in there and they dumped the junk. And the day that Mr. Bowman was there, somebody dumped off a hot water heater, somebody drops off a wash machine. Over the weekend, there was two refrigerators a wash machine and two hot water heaters being dropped off there. So, it's not just cleaning the property up, it's stopping people from dumping their junk there. So, we have two instances. Cleaning the property up is one thing but what are you going to do to stop people from dumping their junk there? He continued to reiterate the same points.

Kimberly Dickey introduced Luke, the Solar Project Site Supervisor, who gave an overview of construction to date. He said 50% of the gravel is done with 7 of 10 of the permanent entrances done and 20% of solar grading. Ms. Dickey added details of vegetation management that has been done at the site as well as clover and the oats that have been harvested and offered to the landowners free of charge.

There were no additional public comments.

Mayor Pruett asked for requests from Councilmembers for items for future Agendas. There were no requests at this time.

A brief recess was taken at 8:00 p.m. Reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Farrell to go to Closed Session. On roll call – all Ayes.

Reconvened in Open Session at 9:39 p.m. at which time Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer