

City of Camanche

August 5, 2025

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session August 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Bowman, Edens, Klahn and Weller. Absent: Councilman Farrell. Also present were City Attorneys Current, Frey and Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Schmitz and Schneider.

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

Visitor Kathy Klahn, with the Camanche Hometown Pride Committee, presented a \$500.00 check for the crosswalk signs which was a donation to Hometown Pride from Andrew Kida; Hometown Pride plans to donate to this as well. She also presented a \$3,000.00 check for a drinking fountain at the Splash Pad which was a donation to Hometown Pride from Clinton Rotary. She recognized Andrew Kida, John Frey and Braydon Roberts who are Rotarians. The Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Commission, Casey Green, will be looking for a free-standing fountain that will work well in the area of the Splash Pad and likely be installed next season. She said the benches and possibly the picnic tables, one of which is handicap accessible, are in and it would be nice if they could be installed soon since there is still summer left. She complimented Camanche Kiwanis. They donated money for two of the benches; Stacy Kinkaid in memory of her father, John Glahn and Jeff Everhart family in memory of Kelly Everhart, Karlee Low's sister. We were able to buy more because of these donations. There is also a family who want to donate a shade for the bench and hopefully there will be more.

Visitor Don White with Kline Sewer and Drain provided Council with the findings from running their camera through the sewer mains in the neighborhoods near the Splash Pad. He said the root issues are 95% in the private laterals, where roots are coming in from the Ys where the private sewer lines tap in to the City sewer main. When asked, Mr. White said these root infiltrations are the responsibility of the property owners. He showed portions of the video taken and narrated where the roots were, saying a lot of this can be fixed. The video clearly shows where the roots are coming from. There are 9 taps that need to be dug up and repaired to stop the root intrusion. Hiawatha to 7<sup>th</sup> is not a City issue. Councilman Bowman said we can notify the homeowners so they can make an informed decision. Councilman Klahn asked what the cost to the resident would be if the resident hired Kline to do their lines. Mr. White said their charge is \$375.00 per hour for their jetter and camera and normally takes 45 minutes or an hour and is done from the cleanout in the home's basement. There is also a place in the sewer main that needs to be repaired and he explained how the repair can be done without digging up the street.

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

City Administrator Kida said we need to remove item #8, payment of Pay Application #2 for the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Culvert from the Consent Agenda because the work has not yet been done. Councilman Klahn asked for confirmation about funding for item #7, purchase of Pedestrian Yield signs from Tapco; Kida verified the signs are 80% grant funded plus some donations with the City paying only the balance.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on July 15, 2025; approve Abstract No. 877 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	598.05
UMB BANK NA	ACCT I1305 CAMANCHE GO2022	600.00
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
GROW CLINTON	CRDC INVSTMNT; GROW CLINTON DUES	5,500.00
CLINTON HERALD	11109 LIBRARY 52 WEEK SUBSCRIP	239.99
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	43,063.45
THE DES MOINES REGISTER	SUBSCRIPTION-LIBRARY	0.76
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	CEM-TAPE,STONE,MARKERS,PAINT	317.40
IOWA ONE CALL	147 ONE CALL LOCATES	132.30
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	1 BOOK	43.48
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	3,229.00
INTOXIMETERS	PD-BREATH ALCOHOL TESTER	415.00
IPERS	IPERS	10,995.41
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	529.01G PW; 50.567G CEMETERY; 55.73G FIRE DEPT; 308.46G POLICE DEPT	2,621.37
MASTERCARD	MICROSOFT SUBSCRIPTION-LIBRARY	139.09
MCMANUS CONSTRUCTION SERV	GRAVES-ANDRESEN, WALTERS	1,650.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	706.94
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	6,071.74
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	REPAIR PUMP-7TH AVE LIFT STATION	8,265.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	27,883.36
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,CHALL,LIB,HIST BLDG	238.26
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,426.96
QUILL CORPORATION	LIBRARY-TOWELS,BAGS PAPERPLATE	210.42
KELLI ELLIOTT	REIMB CANDY-CAM DAYS PARADE	54.80
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	6,472.34
US CELLULAR	CROSS LIFT STATION	85.08
HAWKINS INC	100 GAL AZONE-WATER DEPARTMENT	347.35
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	253.01 TONS GRAVEL - ALLEYS	6,085.94
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	WELLNESS,BOOTS,CLOTHING REIMB	693.02
QUAD CITY SAFETY	SAFETY GLASSES LENS CLEANER	33.69
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	1,027.81
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS	1,190.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS INC.	ALTERNATOR BEARNIGS-P/R,CEM	236.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,186.39
EASTERN IOWA EXCAVATING	PAY APP #1 9TH AVE CULVERT	30,125.29
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	22,392.87
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	465.00
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATA BACKUPS-AUG 2025	435.00
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	165.04
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	97.57 G PW;22.21G SJET;14.21G POLICE; 88.15G FIRE; 56.14G AMBULANCE	915.39
SPARKLEAN	JULY25 CLEANING-CHALL,PD,CCTR,PW	918.00

HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	3,790.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	118.96
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERV	IT SUPPORT,NETWORKMON,SPAM FLT	2,877.70
TONI SCHNEIDER	REIMB SPSE EXP IN LIEU OF INSURANCE	2,000.00
NATHAN CAMPIE	WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT	250.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	AUG 25 COLLECTION-PUBLIC WORKS	81.00
FBI-LEEDA	SGT PARKS-CLI CLINTON	795.00
SPARKS SMALL ENGINE	PULLEY,SPINDLES-P/R MOWER	145.65
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES	156.25
CORY SNODGRASS	NASRO CONF MILEAGE,1 NIGHT HOTEL	1,376.42
QUAD CITIES WINWATER	2 FIRE HYDRANTS	10,799.91
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	JULY 25 LEASE PAYMENT	475.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	2,984.70
GEMT	STATE SHARE-GEMT JULY-AUGUST	2,441.58
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	REIMBURSE BOOT ALLOWANCE	139.08
AIRGAS USA, LLC.	CYLINDER RENTAL	13.50
RAINBOW OF THE HEARTLAND	1/2 SPLASH PAD BENCHES-HTP PAID	4,980.51
TEXT MY GOV	100,000 ADDITIONAL MESSAGES	750.00
SHAUNA TEGELER	REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	40.60
RIVERSTONE GROUP, INC	GRAVEL-SPLASH PAD PARKING AREA	160.65
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	JUN 25 AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE	1,142.23
LIBERTY NATIONAL	LIBERTY NAT PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	266.72
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	90.00
VISA	BLDG INSP DRONE;FD,AMB SUPPLIES;	6,061.45
	IACMA-KIDA;CHALL-POSTAGE;PW SUPPL	
T-MOBILE	POLICE DEPARTMENT CELL PHONES	281.68
BIECHLER ELECTRIC, INC.	PAY APP 2 WELL 5 PERM GENERATOR	7,528.85
PLUMBING SERVICES PLUS	WATER VALVE REPLACEMENTS-3 STS	9,400.00
IMON COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	INTERNET-HISTORICAL BUILDING	158.31
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 07/18/2025	52.55
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 07/22/2025	194.36
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 07/24/2025	264.51
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/18/2025	64,456.08
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/21/2025	1,554.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/22/2025	1,554.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/23/2025	3,313.26
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/24/2025	3,313.26
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/25/2025	3,608.39
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/26/2025	3,608.39
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/28/2025	3,608.39
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/29/2025	3,608.39
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/30/2025	3,608.39
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/31/2025	3,608.39
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/01/2025	59,736.93
	CLAIMS TOTAL	427,072.03
	GENERAL FUND	201,482.05
	LIBRARY FUND	15,687.63

PARKS FUND	10,679.57
CEMETERY FUND	7,279.06
ROAD USE FUND	63,858.96
9TH STREET PROJECT FUND	600.00
PFAS FUND	7,528.85
WATER UTILITY FUND	65,486.15
SEWER UTILITY FUND	52,910.33
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	1,559.43

Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meetings on July 14, 2025 and July 28, 2025; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Historical Board meetings on July 14, 2025 and July 21, 2025; Approve payment of Core-Vens Insurance invoice for additional premiums: Work Comp Audit \$6,659.00, General Liability Audit \$669.00; Approve payment of Quad Cities Winwater for two fire hydrants \$10,180.00, less discount of \$101.80; Approve Purchase of Pedestrian Yield signs from Tapco in the amount of \$26,969.30. On roll call - all Ayes.

Under Unfinished Business, Councilman Klahn said he did not know that Chief Schutte was on vacation, but talked with Assistant Chief Moore. He asked about cameras at each of the railroad crossings, going to the Fire Department. Kida said there is a train camera system out of Canada. They will feed it wherever you want, even to the public. It is not cheap to do. Klahn asked Chief Schmitz if this is something the Police Department could use; Schmitz said that any camera could be used. Klahn would like to have more discussion about this with both Chiefs present. Kida added that he will try to find past emails he has regarding cameras that might even detail associated costs.

Discussion of the Camanche Code of Ordinances 6-11-7 Pools continued focusing on retention and detention ponds. Kida said he found no cities on the City Administrator grapevine who are enforcing fences around these ponds, as they dissipate quickly. Councilman Bowman said if we are not enforcing the Ordinance as written, we should rewrite it. When the planned 8' detention pond on the Fareway plan was mentioned, Mayor Pruett asked why we are singling them out and recommended we have a separate conversation with Fareway to express our concerns. Councilman Bowman talked about the depth and Councilman Weller said it will be sloped. Councilman Edens said the slope is an issue for him, if we have a decent slope and it is able to be mowed, he is fine with it. Bowman wants the Ordinance to make it clear we are not requiring fences around retention ponds. Klahn said we need to revisit the Ordinance and rephrase it. Kida clarified that in the drawings, it shows that the ponds are only going to hold 2-1/2 feet of water, tops, and going to drain in 24 hours; that's what all these detention ponds do. When asked, City Attorney Current said the Ordinance is clear on swimming pools. After that it is a little more murky and is open to interpretation. He noted a retention pond in Clinton with steep sides that has no fence around it. Kida asked if the desire of Council is to include in the Ordinance to say temporary detention ponds are not classified as pools; agreement was expressed.

Mayor Pruett tabled the 28E Agreement with Clinton County Communications in anticipation of forthcoming changes from that group. This will be on a future agenda, when the document is rewritten.

After detailed discussion of additions to the proposed Ordinance Amending the Camanche Code of Ordinances 3-10-2 Junk and Abandoned Vehicles and 3-10-12 Subsection 2 Exceptions, it was decided to table the First reading. At the suggestion of Councilman Weller, additions to the amendment will include use of a factory-made car cover (not a tarp) and moving the vehicle within 72 hours. Kida said the whole goal is to eliminate chronic issues.

As discussed in the previous Council meeting, Kida prepared an RFQ document, seeking quotes for a proposed overpass. He summarized points in the RFQ and noted this will be a 10-15-year journey, not an overnight process.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to approve the Request for Quotes for Engineering Services for a proposed Overpass in Camanche.

City Attorney Roberts reported on a Nuisance hearing that took place today for 610 13<sup>th</sup> Place. The court decided the City can abate the nuisance if it has not been cleaned up by August 18<sup>th</sup>. The property owner will get out of jail on August 14<sup>th</sup> so she can get what she wants from the property and we can abate what is left and assess the cost to the property. City Administrator Kida thanked Corporal Snodgrass for helping out with the railroad crossing issues when they reopened the road. Councilman Klahn asked where we stand on the Trail Plan. Kida said they are working on it right now, there are some questions for the DOT, but it will get done on time. Councilman Bowman discussed an anonymous letter that we received at City Hall, making the point that we cannot do anything with the letter, although a serious allegation was made. If the public has a problem, if something is going on, we encourage people to come to the meetings to let us know so they are a part of the public record. Come here and tell us about it so we can address it. Anonymous letters are not effective, please come and talk to us. Chief Schmitz reported that the Friends of the Camanche PD donated \$600 so we could have a few more kids from Camanche participate in the Shop With a Cop event and an anonymous donor gave \$500 for the crosswalk project. The PD is looking at doing an animal licensing event in the springtime to help eliminate issues with unlicensed animals. The purpose of licensing is making sure they are vaccinated. He may seek Council's approval to suspend late fees at the event to encourage licensing during an amnesty day. Regarding animal licensing, some things have come up and with Shauna doing some diligent work at City Hall, the PD has been able to deem dogs vicious if they are involved in an attack or bite of any kind. He would like to require proof of insurance verified annually in those cases at the time of licensing, along with increased fines for unlicensed animals which should be substantially more for vicious dogs. Regarding cameras-Lyondell has offered the PD to apply for a \$5,000 grant. The Friends of the PD also discussed that the cameras have done so well in the City Parks, they would like to see the funds go to upgrade the system with cameras in more locations; intersections, Swan Slough boat ramp, railroad crossings and public buildings plus a DVR system. City Clerk Schneider reported that it is election time and said election paperwork can be submitted at City Hall beginning August 25<sup>th</sup> with a final due date of September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pruett asked for Public Comments. Susan Czer 1611 3<sup>rd</sup> Street talked about infrastructure in this town. It is horrible. We sit here and we talk about how the retention ponds should be and we should talk about the infrastructure, it is crumbling right in front of us and nobody is doing anything about it until there is a crisis. We've got our streets right now, they are like a patchwork quilt over there. There's a section here, there's section there, they're heaved. It's terrible, there's grass growing in them. Nobody seems to care about any of this

kind of stuff. These streets should be resurfaced. We've got holes in them that could swallow up a small child. We send out our City workers and what do they do-the hot patch. If we didn't have hot patch, what would we have in this town? Takes about two storms and the hot patch is out and the crumbs are all over the street and nobody seems to care. We just keep going on and on until we have a complete problem. We apparently don't have money to maintain our streets. We have money for a 6,7,8 million-dollar library to be put on the ballot but we don't have money to take care of our streets. That in and of itself is shameful. This is up to you-you have the ability to do something with our streets, they are terrible. Next, we need to move on to our sidewalks. They are starting to look more like cow paths than sidewalks. Most of our sidewalks go nowhere. Nobody is maintaining our sidewalks, there's roots coming out of them, they're cracked. So, what do people do that use the sidewalks? They're out on these bad streets. She does not understand why we don't have money for the sidewalks, we have money for a 6,7,8 million-dollar library on the ballot but we don't have money for our sidewalks. Next thing is our water. Our water in this town is disgusting. Nobody in this town should say oh yea this water is good and you should be able to drink it. I was told by the City that if I have a problem with my water I should call. I would have you folks on speed dial because it is not a matter if my water is yellow or orange, it is to what degree. Every single day there is this hint of yellow going through my water. I spend more money on the works trying to clean the porcelain in my house than anything else. Most of the people in this town either buy their water in jugs or bottles or put in reverse osmosis systems in their house or have their water delivered. I don't think that is right. I think the people of this town deserve to have good clean water, but we don't have money for that. We have money for a library, we have money for a splash pad, exercise equipment in parks that nobody uses. We don't have money for what it takes to keep the infrastructure going. I think it is shameful that people have to purchase their own water. But, that's what you want. We had this gentleman over here talking about our sewers, again, another horrendous situation. Living in a town and you should have to worry about sewer water coming into your house-I don't think so. This is something that should have been maintained all along. These cameras should have been sent down here all along. But we wait until sewers are backing up into people's basements. And then all of a sudden, we say we are going to contact the homeowners and see what they are going to say about it. She said we pay a lot of money in real estate taxes in this town and got a big increase in real estate taxes a few years back and we get crappy water, crappy streets, crappy sidewalks and now we have bad sewers. Mayor Pruett informed her that her time was up and she said she needed about two more minutes, although the agenda clearly states the time limit. She called out Councilmember Bowman for saying that people should come in and talk to Council. You are going to do what you want, it's obvious. You only do what is good for some of the people, you don't do what is good for all the people. There were no additional 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 7:25 p.m.

Austin Pruett  
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider  
City Clerk/Treasurer