

City of Camanche

August 19, 2025

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session August 19, 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 (online), Pewe, Schmitz, Schutte and Schneider.

A moment of silent prayer was observed. Mayor Pruett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Visitor Richard Jones with Civic Plus joined the meeting online to show what Civic Plus could do to improve the City's website. Features they make available include multiple pathways to the same information, searches and resident subscriptions with notifications to foster resident engagement. Civic Plus has been developing websites for over 20 years and has 10,000 municipal clients. He said it would take 10-12 weeks to build. Councilman Bowman asked about the cost. Mr. Jones said the standard design fee is \$850 plus \$4,660 annually; the premium design fee is \$1,700 plus \$5,772 annually.

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

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on August 5, 2025; approve Abstract No. 878 which includes the following:

CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	1,700.80
CLINTON HUMANE SOCIETY	4 KITTENS, 3 CATS; 3 DAYS EACH	450.00
CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	SUMMER 25 NEWSLETTER	390.00
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE	185.68
CORE-VENS & COMPANY	GEN LIABILITY/WORK COMP AUDIT	7,971.00
CULLIGAN	WATER, DISP RENT-CITY HALL	38.50
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHT-9TH ST,ANAMOSA RD	107.44
HARTZ LOCK COMPANY	LIBRARY-SVC CALL-HANDICAP BUTTON	225.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	RATCHET,DIESEL CAN,CHAIN OIL	69.46
ILEA	ONLINE TRAINING-POLICE DEPT	50.00
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,754.00
J & C ENTERPRISES	JULY 25 COLLECTION	95.68
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	454.631G PD; 396.731G PUBL WORKS	2,515.96
	31.894G FIRE DEPT; 45.886G CEM	
ELECTRONICS INC	ALARM SERVICE-LIBRARY, CITY HALL	60.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	176.15
PARALLEL AG	PARTS-DITCH MOWER	115.13
MICROMARKETING LLC	BOOKS/DVDS	392.43
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	2,662.48

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	REPAIR 10TH ST LIFT STATION PUMP	5,967.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	13,431.10
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	PARTS-FIRE DEPT BOAT	51.01
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC	UNIFORMS-ERIC DAU	470.29
ALLEN SCHUTTE	REPAIR SPEED TRAILER	120.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	PAINT FOR CROSSWALKS	1,150.26
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	JULY 2025 SALES,WATER EXCISE TAX	3,071.42
HAWKINS INC	120 GAL AZONE-WATER DEPARTMENT	416.82
CHRISTY SCHUTTE	REIMB CLOTHING, WELLNESS	105.37
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS	1,190.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,470.74
JAMES SOWLE	REIMBURSE BOOT ALLOWANCE	192.59
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATA BACKUPS-SEPT 2025	400.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	111.33 GAL FD; 35.53 GAL CEMETERY	731.41
	10.95G AMBULANCE; 92.58G PWORKS	
FREY, HAUF & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-JULY 25	12,265.77
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,585.00
ANDREW KIDA	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	161.73
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	116.78
PLATINUM INFORMATION SVC	ITSUPPORT,NETWORK MON,SPAM FLT	2,383.00
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	AXON VR FULL ACCESS	1,080.00
TONI SCHNEIDER	REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	69.09
REPUBLIC SERVICES	JULY CITY COLLECTION	33,562.00
KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY	AMMUNITION-POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,019.89
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES	156.25
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	AUGUST 25 LEASE PAYMENT	475.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS,MNTHLY SERVICE FEE	3,834.51
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	AUG CITY HALL,LIBRARY COPIER LEASE	686.64
IRV'S REPAIR, INC	ADV CHUTE SYSTEM-P&R MOWER	552.42
AL4U MECHANICAL	REPAIR FIRE STATION HVAC	75.00
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	REIMBURSE BLDG INSP FUEL EXP	56.85
AIRGAS USA, LLC.	CYLINDER RENTAL	13.95
RAINBOW OF THE HEARTLAND	BALANCE-BENCHES/TABLES SPL PAD	4,980.51
FLOCK SAFETY GROUP INC	LPR CAMERA SYSTEM-FLOCK RENEW	23,500.00
SHAUNA TEGELER	REIMBURSE WELLNESS,CLOTHING	112.88
ALTORFER, INC.	GENERATOR WELL #5	7,127.96
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	244.18
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	90.00
VISA	SNODGRASS SRO TRAINING EXPENSE	7,920.67
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES-WELL #8	607.50
GUARDIAN ALLIANCE TECHNOL	ANNUAL PLATFORM-APPLICANT TRKN	500.00
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMIS	MAC MEETING-KIDA	17.64
SBM	BUSINESS CARDS-CS,TS,ST	133.70
RYAN PAGET	REFUND BUILDING PERMIT FEE	50.00

EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	13,873.61
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 08/07/2025	286.54
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 08/12/2025	95.68
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/14/2025	1,347.12
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/15/2025	58,277.83
	CLAIMS TOTAL	224,987.42
	GENERAL FUND	134,436.84
	LIBRARY FUND	6,054.08
	PARKS FUND	9,822.22
	CEMETERY FUND	2,341.90
	ROAD USE FUND	9,369.48
	PFAS FUND	7,127.96
	WELL 8 FUND	607.50
	WATER UTILITY FUND	11,918.12
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	8,982.23
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	34,327.09

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's July 2025 Report including Revenues: General Fund \$169,750.25, Library Fund \$16,165.99, Parks \$14,813.68, Cemetery \$6,326.25, Road Use \$49,924.70, Employee Benefit \$629.01, Police & Fire Pension \$1,221.01, P.C.&R Howson Trust \$1.60, Debt Service \$2,684.18, Splash Pad Project \$25,000.00, Water Utility Fund \$50,143.93, Sewer Utility Fund \$75,117.84, Landfill/Garbage \$49,034.73; Approve payment of Mississippi Valley Pump invoice for repairs to 10th Street Lift pump \$5,967.00; Approve automatic renewal of Class E Retail Alcohol License (LE) effective October 1, 2025 as submitted by Casey's Marketing Company; Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Hides Inn effective 9/10/2025; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on August 11, 2025; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Historical Board meeting on August 11, 2025; Approve payment of Pay Application #3, Final, Retainage to Biechler Electric, Inc, for Well #5 permanent generator \$7,924.60; Approve Payment to Manatt's for the City's portion of repaving 12th Place and associated park land in the amount of \$15,619.50; Approve payment of BWC invoice for street repairs after water main leak \$3,772.27; Approve payment of McManus Constructions Services invoices for street repairs after water main breaks: 3rd St & 15th Ave \$2,000.00; 1011 15th Place \$3,400.00; 714 2nd Street \$4,500.00; 630 3rd Ave \$2,865.00. On roll call – all Ayes.

Under Unfinished Business, the discussion of the CPKC Railroad and EMS Services continued. Councilman Klahn said it was mentioned last week about cameras which will be discussed by Chief Schmitz later in the meeting. He asked Chief Schutte to speak who said he had reached out to the railroad about cameras, letting them know that was one of the solutions we are trying to come up with so that we can help minimize the delays at the crossings and also asked if there was funding available for that. They basically said they have already funded two projects and this is not a project they would help fund. Councilman Klahn said unless we have any more ideas, with the overpass in the works, he would like to remove this topic from future agendas and let the two Chiefs work on the camera project.

Regarding the 28E Agreement with Clinton County Communications, Mayor Pruett said they met last Tuesday and are still working on a final draft and it should be ready for the next meeting. He apologized for the delay.

Mayor Pruett read the First Reading of An Ordinance Amending the Camanche Code of Ordinances 3-10-2 Junk and Abandoned Vehicles and 3-10-12 Subsection 2 Exceptions.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Farrell to Adopt the First Reading of An Ordinance Amending the Camanche Code of Ordinances 3-10-2 Junk and Abandoned Vehicles and 3-10-12 Subsection 2 Exceptions. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmembers Bowman, Klahn, Edens, Farrell, Weller. Nays – None.

Kida led a discussion regarding Fee Schedule Recommendations by noting the document included in the Public Packet available on the City's website. Councilman Bowman, Councilman Klahn and Kida have met as a Committee to review and discuss the changes as proposed. Chief Schutte provided examples from the fee structure information provided annually by the Iowa Fire Service regarding HazMat response. Regarding lift assists, he agrees with the commercial fees but would like to see allowance for Chief's discretion for the residential lift assists. Kida said changes to the ambulance fees would require amending the Resolution for ambulance fees, then incorporate the fees into a full fee schedule. Some of the fees in the Fee Schedule will require changes to Ordinances, some will be changes to Resolutions. The discussion continued to water rates, with an increase in base, to \$30.00 and a 2% annual increase. Commercial base will increase to \$40.00 with the same annual increase. Sewer and garbage rate changes were not recommended. Kida mentioned giving small businesses the option to have our garbage but Councilman Edens does not want the City to be in competition with the local contractor. Kida continued on with the addition of a \$25 fee for each water turn on and off for snowbirds and maintenance. Community Center non-resident rate would increase \$50.00, amusement license, drain layer and tree license increases have been recommended as well as other miscellaneous fees that were discussed. There were changes to cremation burials with vaults due to additional labor involved. When park pavilion rental was discussed, Councilman Klahn said if we are going to charge people, it needs to be in good condition, clean and garbage emptied. Discussion took place regarding emptying trash on weekends which could realistically take place during normal rounds for no additional expense to the City. Event parking, mobile food vendor fees and Planning and Zoning fees were discussed as well.

Under New Business was a Resolution Correcting the Level of Compensation for the two Part Time Cemetery Workers in the City of Camanche for FY 2026. City Clerk Schneider said that an error was discovered in the hourly rate for these two employees. Their rate should be \$15.44 per hour which is a 3% increase from the previous fiscal year's rate of \$14.99. Back pay to correct this error will be calculated and the rate will be corrected moving forward.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution Correcting the Level of Compensation for Two Part Time Cemetery Workers in the City of Camanche for FY 2026. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read a Resolution calling for an election on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement and borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,200,000. Councilman Weller asked Kida to explain this more, asking if this the Washington Boulevard debt. Yes, it is replacing that debt and the rest will be covered by grants and fundraising. Councilman Bowman added that the Committee is working very hard to raise the money. This is saying we are not going to borrow any more than \$4.2 million. Councilman Klahn said there could be a change in interest rates and also asked about the timeframe. Kida said it is fiscal year 2028 and we will not take on debt until then. This resolution does not authorize the debt; there will be a vote for issuing the bond. This resolution allows the debt to be placed on the ballot for the voters to consider. The library expansion is already on the Capital Improvement Plan. If approved by the voters, there is a whole separate process that Council will consider when it is time to issue the debt. That is when the timing of issuing the debt and repayment of the debt is determined. Councilman Edens expressed concern about the \$5.4 million number being in the resolution and a lengthy discussion ensued. The Resolution was created by the City's bonding attorney, John Danos, of Dorsey & Whitney. City Attorney Current emphasized that it is basically a maximum authorization for the bond. This is a highly specialized area of law and any changes to the document have to go through Mr. Danos. Edens wants to be transparent. Current added that the final vote will still come to the Council. Kida said without this, we do not have a project.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution calling for an election on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement and borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,200,000. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schmitz presented a Vicious Animal Ordinance Proposal to Council. We currently require a resident to carry \$100,000 insurance to keep a vicious animal. He is asking to modify the definition of a vicious animal to include any that has been deemed vicious by another jurisdiction so when people move in they must maintain the same standards. Also, proof of insurance must be provided annually upon licensing and adding increased penalties for not registering vicious animals or not maintaining required insurance. Schmitz noted that City Attorney Roberts suggested making it the owners' responsibility to transport the animal to the Humane Society for the safety of City staff. An unprovoked attack on a person or animal, a bite, is what deems an animal vicious. Chief Schmitz is looking for direction of Council to pass this on to legal; they all agreed.

Chief Schmitz gave an update on the Camera Project by distributing handouts to Councilmembers. There are currently 11 cameras. He reviewed current locations of cameras and said they have been instrumental in department investigations. He then discussed locations he would like to add cameras, including UP and CPKC railroad crossings, additional locations at city parks, Swan Slough boat ramp, City Hall for the 9th Street and 7th Avenue intersection and Public Works. He also talked about data storage options. He has just submitted to Lyondell for a \$5,000 grant to use for this project.

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

Kida said he is working on setting a candidate forum for October 20th at City Hall. Mayor Pruett said it is election season and if anyone is interested in running, they need to pick up paperwork at City Hall and turn it in by September 18th. Councilman Klahn asked about engineering on the Trail Plan; Kida said it was submitted and Council was copied. Klahn asked if the engineering was done on 9th Street. Kida said that they worked with the school district and explained how they will paint off a portion of the street to make the plan work. Councilman Bowman encouraged people to look at the back of their property tax bills to see that a majority of the property tax they pay goes to their school district. He also mentioned the member of the public, who is also in attendance tonight, commented on her water quality. He encouraged her to provide samples of her water to Gaylon. Public Works Director Pewe reported their summer intern is in his last week. He will be getting salt prices. The DOT will finally be doing repairs to the roundabout. Trees are coming down in preparation for the drilling of Well #8 and there is some movement for the residential hook-ups by 3M.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments. Sue Czer 1611 3rd Street spoke. She said last time she was here, Councilman Bowman said people should come to meetings and express their comments; she agrees with him. But in their defense, people are working, they don't have time. They voted for you to be representative of them with their money, they want you to take care of all of us for all things, not just special projects. She understands that it's more fun to waive around shiny objects. She listed what she calls shiny objects. She said it was brought to her attention that Mr. Kida went to Park Vista, which she referred to as "the old people's home" to tell them about the proposed Library expansion. She proceeded to say "as far as that is concerned, no disrespect to the senior citizens, but many of 'em don't know what day it is, don't care what day it is, and to them everything sounds like a good idea. But the bottom line is these people do not pay taxes. So, to me, it appears when you go to some place like this all you are doing is shopping for votes and I find that offensive and somewhat shameful behavior." (Clerk's notes: Park Vista is an independent, assisted living and memory care facility and not an "old people's home" and landlords use a portion of the rent or lease payments to pay property taxes) She proceeded with asking what percentage of our population use the shiny objects versus what percentage uses our streets, sidewalks, water. Mayor Pruett informed her that she is at her 3 minute limit which is clearly stated on the agenda. She continued on to say that lastly, we have the sewers. She said her answer to Councilman Bowman is that it sort of says what the people are thinking. "It's not that you guys are doing a bad job. It's that possibly you're not doing your job that many people are looking forward to. And that's all I have to say." 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 7:57 p.m. Reconvened at 8:06 p.m. at which time a Work Session began for the City Administrator Goal Setting. There was a lot of discussion about ideas from Councilmembers for goals and how to then quantify the results. The main items discussed

were roundtable discussions with business owners, town hall meetings with residents, state of the City addresses, which were determined to be a Mayoral function and not that of the City Administrator, having the budget presented prior to November 1st-a quicker start and have it approved before the deadline with no errors, grants and ways to save money-more information so Council can make better decisions and regular Department Head meetings. Kida requested an establishment of goals for the Proprietary Funds also.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer