

City of Camanche
September 2, 2025

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session September 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pro Tem Bowman presiding, and Council members Edens, Farrell, Klahn and Weller. Absent: Mayor Pruett. Also present were City Attorneys Current, Frey and Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Grim (online), Pewe, Schmitz, Schutte and Schneider.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman called for public comments on Agenda topics. There were none.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Weller to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on August 19, 2025; approve Abstract No. 879 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	549.89
CAMANCHE DAYS	DONATION 2025 CAMANCHE DAYS INS	3,000.00
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CAMANCHE SCHOOLS	1/2 CROSSING GUARD 1/25-6/25	1,132.11
CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	PLASTIC LIBRARY CARDS	650.00
DEMCO INC	BOOK TAPE,COLOR CODED PAPER-LIB	114.32
THE DES MOINES REGISTER	9/1-9/30/25 SUBSCRIPTION-LIB	15.00
GRAINGER	FUSES-SWAN SLOUGH LIFT STATION	157.20
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	SPLASH BLOCKS,TAPE,DIESEL CAN-CEM	164.83
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	69.38
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,754.00
IPERS	IPERS	15,951.49
MCMANUS CONSTRUCTION SERV	MULTIPLE WATER MAIN STR REPAIRS	13,665.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET-SCADA SYSTEM	281.94
MICROMARKETING LLC	DVDS/BLU RAY	129.59
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	6,220.81
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES	4-SPRING LOWER ASSY-DUMP TRKS	610.64
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	13,409.72
GREG NELSON	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SPARK PLUG-CEMETERY MOWER	12.94
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	238.26
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,303.24
QUILL CORPORATION	TABS,BATTERIES,FOLDERS-CHALL	97.86
RK AUTOGRAPHICS	PRINT/CUT DECALS-POLICE DEPT	108.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	ROLLERS-RAILROAD CROSSINGS	14.25
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENG-WELLS,SPLASHPAD,CULVERT,MTG	22,277.50
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAX	6,229.59
US CELLULAR	CROSS LIFT STATION	85.08
PAUL VARNER	MILEAGE-CCASWA MTGS MAY-JULY25	94.50
HAWKINS INC	65 GAL LPC-WATER DEPARTMENT	2,090.74

BRIAN WERNICK	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
JORDAN MOORE	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	40.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	1,027.81
NAPA AUTO PARTS INC.	BATTERY-2011 SQUAD CAR	295.23
BWC EXCAVATING	2ND STREET WATER MAIN LEAK	3,722.27
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	121.94
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING	FO2 JACOB VANZUIDEN	50.00
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	SHIP WATER SAMPLES	14.25
CLERK OF COURT	CIVIL FILING FEE	95.00
ERIC DAU	JULY 25 PAID ON CALL	700.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	20,263.63
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	672.66
PLATINUM SMART INC.	MS365 BACKUPS-LIBRARY	35.00
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	171.22
SLOAN IMPLEMENT CO.	PULLEY-CEMETERY MOWER	46.67
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,085.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	78.58
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERV	IT SUPPORT SVCS-LIBRARY	438.20
CLINTON ROTARY CLUB	QUARTERLY DUES-KIDA	211.00
DANNY WELLER	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
NATHAN CAMPIE	REIMBURSE GLASSES ALLOWANCE	187.25
REPUBLIC SERVICES	PW+EXTRA DUNN RD RECYCLING P/U	161.00
SPARKS SMALL ENGINE	POLE SAW-CEMETERY	840.00
SERVPRO	NUISANCE PROP CLEANUP 610 13PL	689.98
JENNIFER BIELEMA	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00
KEVIN DECKER	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	48.00
JEFFREY HACKNEY	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	48.00
STRYKER MEDICAL	HARD SHELL CARRYING CASE-AMB	513.34
JOHN LUND	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	25.00
QUAD CITIES WINWATER	CHLORINE,TEST KITS-WATER DEPT	1,170.24
MICHAEL BURMAHL	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	84.00
TONY BLOMME	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	525.17
MITCH'S AUTOMOTIVE	2010 AMBULANCE TURBO REPAIRS	2,918.27
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
HI-VIZ SAFETY	STOP AHEAD SIGNS-STREET DEPT	205.00
COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS	250 CONFETTI BEACH BALLS-LIBRARY	223.76
SHAUNA TEGELER	REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	147.20
SPOT FREE PROPERTY MAINT	WASH INT/EXT LIBRARY WINDOWS	300.00
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	JULY 25 AMBULANCE BILLING SVC	1,002.13
JEREMIAH JACOBSEN	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
LIBERTY NATIONAL	LIBERTY NAT PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	400.08
ARIAN STOWE	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	25.00
JOE SNODGRASS	JULY 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	40.00
KANOPY, INC.	VIDEO BOOKS-LIBRARY	29.00
ROEDER BROTHERS	KIT SEAL-PW BOBCAT	74.10

BIECHLER ELECTRIC, INC.	PAY APP 3-RETAINAGE-PERM GENERAT	7,924.60
IRD CONSULTING, LLC	LIB-YOGA ON THE DOCK-JULY,AUG	150.00
IMON COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	INTERNET-HISTORICAL BUILDING	124.98
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	14,248.32
MICHAEL WIRTH	REIMBURSE BOOT ALLOWANCE	180.07
STEVEN AND SUSAN RECKMAN	LAND PURCHASE-WELL #8 3M	52,571.91
RIVER VALLEY LAWN CARE	LIME FOR BASEBALL FIELDS	1,712.00
THERESA HACKNEY ESTATE	AMB CLAIM-PT PD+INSURANCE PD	164.44
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 08/20/2025	233.28
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/29/2025	59,521.48
	CLAIMS TOTAL	266,803.94
	GENERAL FUND	114,332.73
	LIBRARY FUND	12,423.33
	PARKS FUND	5,155.63
	CEMETERY FUND	4,751.88
	ROAD USE FUND	12,366.23
	3M WATER LINE CONNECTION FUND	445.50
	PFAS FUND	9,709.60
	SPLASH PAD PROJECT FUND	5,697.10
	WELL 7 FUND	255.00
	WELL 8 FUND	61,264.15
	WATER UTILITY FUND	32,668.42
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	6,738.24
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	996.13

Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on August 25, 2025; Approve payment of Pay Application #5 Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete for the Splash Pad \$59,134.17. On roll call - all Ayes.

Under Unfinished Business, Mayor Pro Tem Bowman said Mayor Pruett asked for the 28E Agreement with Clinton County Communications to be Tabled until the next meeting.

Also under Unfinished Business, Mayor Pro Tem Bowman read the Second Reading of An Ordinance Amending the Camanche Code of Ordinances 3-10-2 Junk and Abandoned Vehicles and 3-10-12 Subsection 2 Exceptions, by Title Only.

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

Members of the Council decided to not Waive the Third Reading of or Adopt An Ordinance Amending the Camanche Code of Ordinances 3-10-2 Junk and Abandoned Vehicles and 3-10-12 Subsection 2 Exceptions at this meeting. These items will be on the September 16, 2025 Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman read the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6-11-8 Subsection 4 – Swimming Pools, of the Camanche Code of Ordinances.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Weller to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6-11-8 Subsection 4 – Swimming Pools, of the Camanche Code of Ordinances. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmembers Bowman, Edens, Farrell, Weller, Klahn. Nays – none.

City Administrator Kida led a discussion about the Civic Plus website upgrade proposal. He showed examples of websites they have done and asked if Council had an opportunity to look at LeClaire's website, which they had. With this upgrade, our website would have internal search features that are not available with our current website. People can also sign up for alerts that go out when the website is updated allowing for more citizen engagement. Civic Plus is a national company and they do a lot of municipal work. Councilman Bowman asked what the difference is between the standard and premium proposals; Kida recommends the standard, saying that we do not need the premium. Councilman Klahn said he studied the extra add-on fees and asked if we would be into these on top of the cost and Kida said we would not. Chief Schutte asked if this would be just for City Hall and Kida explained that it would be for all City departments. Councilman Bowman said he would like to see our website improved.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to approve the Civic Plus Website upgrade. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmembers Farrell, Bowman, Weller. Nays – Councilmembers Edens, Klahn.

Regarding the quote from Specialized Sealcoating for storm drain intakes and manhole surrounds in Murphy's subdivision, Public Works Director Pewe said he selected the 10 worst areas. The quote is \$500 each for a total of \$5,000.00. Councilman Edens asked if they have a written warranty. Pewe is not sure but is waiting for another quote from them and will have them provide what they have.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Weller to Approve crack sealing quote from Specialized Sealcoating for storm drain intakes and manhole surrounds-Murphy's subdivision 10 @ \$500 each for a total of \$5,000.00. On roll call – all Ayes.

The approval of a quote from Specialized Sealcoating for sealcoating the parking area by the Splash Pad was tabled because the amount was not received in time for the meeting.

City Administrator Kida gave an End of Year Fund Balance presentation. He detailed the balances over several years for the General Fund, Road Use Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund and the Insurance Fund. He emphasized that the Fund Balance requirements set forth in our Fund Balance Policy are minimum balances, we need to treat them as floors. Council needs to focus on how we can achieve the General Fund Reserve and how we attain the Water Fund and Insurance Fund balances and how we can make the Sewer Fund positive again as we enter the budget planning time. Increased Water and Sewer rates have been discussed. There will be more detailed discussions about each of these departments in future meetings.

Councilman Bowman mentioned lightning monitors in the parks. Chief Schmitz reported that he met with Per Mar and Lectronics regarding the camera project. He said the 501c3 was

approved for the \$5,000 Lyondell grant plus an additional \$500 grant for community engagement. Schneider reminded everyone that election paperwork can be picked up at City Hall or obtained online at the Iowa Secretary of State website. Papers are due at City Hall by 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman asked for Public Comments. Susan Czer 1611 3rd Street spoke “to the Council, Mr. Kida and the good folks of Camanche about this bond referendum towards the new Library. People need to understand this is not an up or down vote on the Library. Rather, you are voting for the referendum that will, in fact, partially pay for a Library. A referendum on the bond that we are talking about is a \$4.2 million bond and that would go towards a \$6, 7, 8 million Library which we don’t know how much it is at this point in time. So we don’t actually know the cost and want us to vote for a \$4.2 million+ bond and if that will fund a \$6, 7, 8 million Library partially. Mr. Kida says that he will apply for grants. We don’t know if we would get them. We don’t know how much they would be for. So that’s kind of up in the air at the same time. So, in review, we vote for a \$4.2 million bond for a Library that we don’t know how much it’s going to cost, bringing in grants that we don’t know if they will be received or how much they are for. So, we are actually saying that we need to vote for the bill before we know what’s in the bill. And this is something like Nancy Pelosi-land. This is craziness. Uh, nobody in their right mind would or should vote for something like this. It’s as if all common sense has left the room to even put this on the ballot”. She said she has personally tried to talk to Mr. Kida, talk to you folks but can’t take you on by herself, she can’t do it by herself. She wants everyone to vote no. She said when we vote no, “we will put a stake in the heart of this Library project once and for all and send an incredible message to Mr. Kida and this Council”. When Mayor Pro Tem Bowman noted her three minutes were up, she made a comment about having to listen to everyone else but only getting three minutes, despite this being clearly stated on every agenda. City Administrator Kida corrected her on the pronunciation of his name, as she has been saying it wrong each time she speaks at meetings. He also clarified that the referendum is for the permission from voters to borrow the money, not necessarily to do it. It is whether or not we have permission to borrow if all the other things fall into place. If the other things do not fall into place, we do not borrow the money.

Mark Forney 1439 18th Avenue said for 17th and 18th there needs to be some serious look at the road for some drainage. Kida encouraged him to talk to Gaylon about this. He asked what the junk vehicle ordinance is and mentioned a car next to him that has been on the grass and not moved for 9 months. Kida said he would talk to Mr. Forney after the meeting. Then Mr. Forney asked who takes care of the grass coming into Camanche. After some clarification, it was noted that the DOT mows it. He would like to see it cleaned up.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman asked Council for requests for placement of matters on future agendas. There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.