

City of Camanche

October 7, 2025

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session October 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Edens, Klahn and Weller. Absent: Council members Bowman and Farrell. Also present were City Attorneys Current, Frey and Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Grim (online), Pewe, Schmitz, Schutte, Sowle and Schneider.

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

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

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Weller to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on September 16, 2025; approve Abstract No. 881 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	582.01
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CAMANCHE WATER WORKS	3RD QTR 2025 WATER/SEWER BILLS	724.98
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE	217.80
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	305.64
CERTASITE	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS-POLICE DEPT	273.95
DES MOINES REGISTER	SUBSCRIPTION-LIBRARY	56.35
IOWA DNR	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE #2933	115.00
FOLEY TREE CARE	2HACKBERRYTREES-CEM;1TREE R-O-W	2,750.00
HARTZ LOCK COMPANY	KEYS, TAGS-PUBLIC WORKS	10.50
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	LUMBER-PLATT PARK BENCHES	304.03
IOWA ONE CALL	201 ONE CALL LOCATES	180.90
ILEA	ONLINE CLASSES-PD STAFF	225.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOK	44.07
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,975.00
IPERS	IPERS	10,430.24
J & C ENTERPRISES	SEPT 25 COLLECTION	95.68
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	411.722G PWORKS;46.223G CEM	2,385.23
	32.598G FIRE; 379.019G POLICE	
ELECTRONICS INC	ALARM SERVICE-CITY HALL, LIBRARY	60.00
LESLIE ELECTRIC	REPAIR LIGHTS-HWY67 WATERTOWER	398.64
MCMANUS CONSTRUCTION SERV	STREET REPAIR-WATERMAIN-ANTHON	10,560.10
MEDIACOM	INTERNET-SCADA SYSTEM,INTERNET	706.94
MICROMARKETING LLC	BOOKS/DVDS	50.39
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	5,591.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	13,611.58
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	BATTERY BOX-PUBLIC WORKS	19.59
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,CHALL,LIB,HIST BLDG	238.26
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,472.60
QUILL CORPORATION	PW-PRINTER INK; CHALL PAPER	204.50

SCHIMBERG CO	PARTS-FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT	785.64
RICHARD SCHMITZ JR	WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT	144.45
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	4,168.09
US CELLULAR	CROSS LIFT STATION	85.08
HAWKINS INC	170 GAL AZONE-WATER DEPARTMENT	590.49
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	ROCK-FIRE HYDRANT INSTALL	134.70
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	1,027.81
NAPA AUTO PARTS INC.	BATTERY-#33 AMBULANCE	687.94
BWC EXCAVATING	1011 15TH PL WATER MAIN REPAIR	2,766.34
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,592.98
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	NUTS/BOLTS-PW SHOP	8.82
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	21,058.12
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	448.44
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATA BACKUPS-OCT 25	435.00
MODERN MARKETING	AMERICA 250 WALL CALENDARS LIB	218.26
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	161.37
TROY ALDERMAN	REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	55.58
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO.	REPLACE/REPAIR PWORKS PHONE EQP	419.50
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	93.29 GAL AMB; 47.45 GAL PUBL	669.14
	9.92 GAL CEMETERY; 56.25 GAL FIRE	
FREY, HAUF & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-AUG 25, SEPT 25	11,989.63
SPARKLEAN	SEPT 25 CLEAN-CHALL,CCTR,PD,PW	814.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ONLINE WARRANTS JULY-SEP 2025	300.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,761.67
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	118.96
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERV	IT SUPPORT,NETWORKMON,SPAMFLT	3,869.72
TONI SCHNEIDER	REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	75.48
NATIONAL TACTICAL OFF ASC	REGISTRATION-ELLIOTT,LODGE	638.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	DUNN RD DUMP CONTAMINATION	328.00
FBI-LEEDA	ELI-CLINTON 10/20/25 PARKS	795.00
EASTERN IOWA COMM COLLEGE	ACLS RENEWAL #3127 D SCHUTTE	10.00
SPARKS SMALL ENGINE	NUTS,BOLTS,BRACKET-P&R MOWERS	248.29
TAPCO	FLASHING CROSSWALK SIGNS	27,505.05
CLINTON COUNTY AUDITOR	PEANUT BUTTER ANNUAL FEE	327.14
MITCHELL JAHNS	REIMBURSE IAAI FIT APPLICATION	256.00
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	SEPTEMBER 25 LEASE PAYMENT	475.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS,MONTHLY SVC FEE	2,472.81
GEMT	STATE SHARE-GEMT SEPT-OCT 2025	2,377.57
O.T.R. TIRE	TIRES-FORD F250,CASE LOADER	936.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC.	CYLINDER RENTAL	13.95
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHE	WEED CONTROL	539.98
SHAUNA TEGELER	GLASSES REIMBURSEMENT	89.80
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	AUG 25 AMBULANCE BILLING SERV	678.67
NOLAN CAMPIE	REIMBURSE BOOT ALLOWANCE	254.14
PATRICK JONES	DJ-HOMECOMING PARTY INTHE PARK	300.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	43.30
LIBERTY NATIONAL	LIBERTY NAT PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	266.72

ENDLINE EXCAVATING	TREE REMOVAL - WELL #8 SITE	12,900.00
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.	WELL 8 LEGAL EXPENSES	954.70
T-MOBILE	POLICE DEPARTMENT CELL PHONES	281.68
ROEDER BROTHERS	CYLINDER FOR BOBCAT	1,137.35
IRD CONSULTING, LLC	YOGA ON THE DOCK 9/17,9/24	35.00
IMON COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	INTERNET-HISTORICAL BUILDING	124.98
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	14,205.74
ROCK RIVER ARMS, INC.	2-STAGE TRIGGER KIT-PD	414.00
ZIRKELBACH	REPAIR POLICE STATION REFRIG	105.00
NEXT LEVEL RESPONSE	FIRE CHIEF CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT	4,635.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 10/01/2025	200.11
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/26/2025	58,858.26
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 10/02/2025	2,147.13
	CLAIMS TOTAL	267,031.56
	GENERAL FUND	135,294.42
	LIBRARY FUND	9,880.80
	PARKS FUND	3,591.88
	CEMETERY FUND	5,703.94
	ROAD USE FUND	39,021.69
	WELL 8 FUND	15,184.00
	WATER UTILITY FUND	27,877.86
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	29,067.82
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	1,409.15

Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on September 22, 2025; Approve Proposal from River City Fencing, Inc. for fence replacement at Platt Park \$9,240.00 from Park and Recreation budget; Approve payment of invoice from Nave Rotary Kiln for repairs to steps at 10th Avenue Pump Station \$2,141.00 – Sewer Fund; Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for Donald J's Poor House Tap effective October 11, 2025; Approve payment of Manatt's invoice for road work on 11th Place and 12th Place \$90,912.00; Approve salt purchase for FY26 200 tons @\$110 per ton \$22,000 plus estimated delivery of \$4,010.00 from Great Lakes Salt Company; Approve payment of Plumbing Services Plus invoice for replacement of 4" water main valve at 13th Ave & 3rd Street \$3,375.00; Approve payment of McManus Construction Services, Inc. invoice for excavation and sidewalk replacement-fire hydrant repairs at 16th Ave and Dead End 16th Place \$8,420.00; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Library Board meeting on October 1, 2025; Approve payment of invoices from Specialized Sealcoating for sealcoating the Splashpad parking lot \$4,160.95 and crack sealing in Murphy's subdivision \$5,000.00. On roll call - all Ayes with Councilman Weller abstaining from item #6-Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License with outdoor Service for Donald J's Poor House Tap effective October 11, 2025.

Under Unfinished Business, after detailed discussion regarding concerns raised by City Attorney Frey, the 28E Agreement with Clinton County Communications was tabled.

City Administrator Kida gave a Sewer Rate Presentation which included a review back to 2006. There has been an 18% increase from 2010 to the present which averages out to 1.2% per year. He gave average revenues and average expenses. He showed the need for \$160,000

annually to build the reserves in 3 years which would be an increase of \$22.22 per quarter and showed the need for \$110,000 annually to build the reserves in 5 years which would be an increase of \$15.28 per quarter. We would also need to establish a capital outlay fee to cover the \$75,000 + annual Sewer Capital Reserve that must be paid to the City of Clinton each year. He said if you utilize debt to establish the reserve immediately, it is the least impactful to the customers, with a recommendation to borrow \$400,000 with a 10-year payback and include a minimum 3% annual rate increase. Councilman Edens asked, if you borrow today, in 6 months, what if we have another issue, what do we do then? Kida said we would replenish. Edens asked if there is not a scenario to borrow the money, why we would do it. Kida explained that the borrowing process takes time, meanwhile, if we had an issue, we would need the funds to pay the bills. Edens is against borrowing money just to sit in our bank account. Councilman Klahn is not willing to borrow but is willing to raise rates.

Kida then gave the Solid Waste Proprietary Fund Review, explaining that we incorporated the service provider's 4% annual contract increase into our rates. He showed our revenues vs. expenses and said overall, we are a little bit behind but we can fix that.

Next, he gave the Water Utility Funding Review, explaining that our 9th Street tower and related infrastructure, approximately \$10 million, were funded by ACC/GCC. Our last water rate increase was in 2016. He gave the breakdown of wage distributions and explained that system repairs are unpredictable. The salary allocation to the Water Department could decrease if we could appropriately allocate salaries to the Sewer and Solid Waste departments, but they are not bringing in enough revenue to cover the allocations. He showed the revenues vs. expenditures and noted the \$500,000 in our Fund Balance Policy is a floor, not a ceiling. If we had been increasing rates 3% annually since 2012, we would have had an additional \$357,135 and would not have needed to borrow as much for the new meters. There was in-depth discussion about the Fund Balance Policy and the floor vs. the ceiling. Councilman Klahn stated that we know we have work to do in both.

Under Unfinished Business was a review of the RFQ Proposal for an overpass. Kida said the engineering firms said the RFQ was too broad to put a price tag on the project. The advice he got was to have a feasibility study done. Council would like to have a feasibility study done. Kida will put out a request for that.

Under New Business, City Attorney Frey led Discussion and possible approval of negotiated proposed documents relating to PFAS remediation, including Connection to Public Water System Agreement; Second and Third Amendments to Schedule A 3M-City of Camanche Reimbursement Agreement. Kida said that Frey, Pewe and Kristen Colberg have worked very hard on this, and he has been a part of these meetings as well. This is very much like we did with ACC/GCC where we are working with residents on wells to connect them to the City water system at no expense to the resident or to the City. Frey explained the program; there are three components. The City has to connect to the water main and create the connection to the property line. Then the property owner has to get a bid from a plumber and have it approved by 3M in advance to go from the property line to their residence, then the property owner will be reimbursed for that expense or the City will pay for it with 3M funds. Then, 3M will contract with a contractor to cap and abandon the existing wells. 3M pays the entire cost. The City will administer the expenses. Once the well is capped and abandoned, the property owner will receive \$5,000. Frey also went over the details of the agreement and amendments regarding

Well 8 expenses. Councilman Weller asked for, and received, confirmation that there will be no expense to the property owner or the City. Councilman Edens asked how many properties were left. Pewe said there are 7 lined up currently and 6-8 they have talked to. Edens asked about road repairs if needed. 3M will take care of what is related to the project. Edens also asked if this is a requirement; Frey said it is optional, they can keep their water treatment system, or they can take it out.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Klahn to Approve Negotiated proposed documents relating to PFAS remediation, including Connection to Public Water System Agreement; Second and Third Amendments to Schedule A 3M-City of Camanche Reimbursement Agreement. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read a letter of retirement from Fire Chief Dave Schutte and thanked him for his years of service to the community.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Edens to Approve a Resolution Appointing Jim Sowle as Incoming Fire Chief. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Weller, second by Councilman Edens to Approve proposed contract for Jim Sowle to become the Incoming Fire Chief beginning November 7, 2025. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Weller to Authorize Chief Schutte to extend a conditional offer of employment to fill a vacancy in the Fire Department. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Money Between City Funds and Authorizing Certain Funds to be Closed Permanently – 9th Street Project Fund. On roll call – all Ayes.

City Administrator Kida reminded everyone that campaign signs are not allowed in the right-of-way, per State Code. He reported that 3 dogs and their owners attended the dog-day at the splash pad. Also, meetings continue for the moving of the tower to Lyondell. Mayor Pruett said there have been reports of flyers being placed in mailboxes around town; this is not allowed and he asked that the individuals doing this please stop. Councilman Klahn congratulated Chief Schutte and incoming Chief Sowle. Councilman Weller thanked Chief Schutte and congratulated incoming Chief Sowle. Chief Schutte reminded everyone about the annual Fire Department Open House on Saturday. Schneider congratulated incoming Chief Sowle and mentioned the Candidate Forum on October 20th at City Hall. Councilman Klahn asked if this will include School Board candidates. After some checking, it was determined it will.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments. Randy Goldbeck 512 2nd Street asked about the interest rate for the Library project. Kida said we will know more in 2027 if the voters approve it and we go out for bids for the bond issue.

Mayor Pruett asked Council for requests for placement of matters on future agendas. Councilman Weller asked for Rental Inspections to be on the next agenda.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer