

City of Camanche
January 6, 2026

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session January 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Pruett presiding, and Council members Edens, Farrell, Goldbeck (online), Klahn and Maxwell. Also present were City Attorneys Frey and Roberts, City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Pewe, Schmitz, Schutte, Sowle and Schneider.

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

Mayor Pruett administered the Oath of Office for Fire Chief James Sowle.

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

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Maxwell to approve the Consent Agenda which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on December 16, 2025; approve Abstract No. 887 which includes the following:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	BULB, FUEL TREATMENT-FIRE DEPT	35.10
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	2,421.13
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CAMANCHE WATER WORKS	4TH QTR 25 WATER/SEWER BILLS	628.23
CLINTON PRINTING COMPANY	WINTER NEWSLETTER	895.00
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	733.54
UNITED WAY OF CLINTON CO	UNITED WAY DEDUCTIONS	56.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	STREET SIGN POSTS,PW SHOP SUPP	361.10
IOWA ONE CALL	142 ONE CALL LOCATES	127.80
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	79.15
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	3,950.00
IPERS	IPERS	10,881.68
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	358.533 GAL PD; 39.538 GAL FD; 108.333 GAL PW; 17.077 GAL AMBUL	2,116.47
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	LIBRARY PROGRAM SUPPLIES	93.70
MEDIACOM	INTERNET COMMUNITY CENTER	636.36
MICROMARKETING LLC	BOOKS/DVDS	15.99
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING; ELECTRIC SERVICE	6,617.35
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	35,991.27
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-LIB,CHALL,CCTR,HIST BLDG	250.26
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,477.42
QUILL CORPORATION	CALENDAR,CLEANING SUPPL-LIBRARY	165.99
DAVE SCHUTTE	REIMB BOOT, GLASSES ALLOWANCE	408.65
KELLI ELLIOTT	REIMBURSE MEALS-DSM TRAINING	33.69
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES	4,550.61
US CELLULAR	CROSS LIFT STATION	85.08
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	REPAIR PARTS-WATER DEPT	420.00
HAWKINS INC	90 GAL LPC, 100 GAL AZONE	3,917.21

QUAD CITY SAFETY	SAFETY VESTS-PUBLIC WORKS	142.00
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	1,029.35
NAPA AUTO PARTS INC.	BATTERY-FIRE DEPT BOAT	106.66
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,015.57
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING	BLOMME,SOWLE,EWOLDT TRAINING	450.00
EASTERN IOWA EXCAVATING	PAY APP #6 FINAL LESS LD \$1500	18,493.50
LOOKOUT BOOKS	BOOKS/DVDS	97.80
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	26,553.30
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	548.58
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATABACKUPS-JAN 26	435.00
AMAZON	BOOKS,LIGHTBULBS,COFFEEPODS-LIB	667.77
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, LLC	SIP TRUNKING	162.15
J.P. COOKE COMPANY	2026 DOG & CAT TAGS	197.95
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	177.76G SNOW;27.7G CEM;41.81G FD 38.95G PWORKS; 36.98G AMBULAN	1,255.19
CAMANCHE-DEWITT COALITION	DAY ON THE HILL-APPRVD 12-16-25	1,000.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ONLINE WARRANTS OCT-DEC 2025	300.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEE DEDUCTS,CITY BENEF	68,740.00
BILLION AUTO	REPAIRS-'21 PD TAHOE	446.29
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	78.58
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERV	ITSUPPORT,NETWORKMON,SPAM FLT	2,935.70
QUAD CITIES COUNCIL OF P	CHIEF SCHMITZ ANNUAL DUES	50.00
TONI SCHNEIDER	REIMBURSE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	53.68
REPUBLIC SERVICES	DUNNRD CONTAMINATION;PWDUMP	328.00
CLINTON COUNTY AUDITOR	2025 CITY ELECTION	2,566.58
QUAD CITIES WINWATER	REPAIR PARTS-WATER MAIN BREAKS	475.20
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	DECEMBER 25 LEASE PAYMENT	475.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	2,592.61
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO	PAPER, CLEANING PROD-CC,CH,PD	307.88
KELLY HEATING & AIR COND	FIRE STATION HEATER SERVICE	1,421.50
FOLEY STUMP REMOVAL	REMOVE SPLIT TREE-CEMETERY	1,500.00
CLINTON COUNTY IZAAK WALT	MEMBERSHIPS-RANGE,POLICE DEPT	945.00
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	NOV 25 AMBULANCE BILLING SERV	736.81
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	360.45
LIBERTY NATIONAL	LIBERTY NAT PRETAX DEDUCTIONS	167.56
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	90.00
GINGERICH WELL & PUMP SER	PAY CHG ORDER 2 TAKEN CK 96427	224,334.00
VISA	PD TRAINING;BI TIRES; POSTAGE; WWTP,PW SUPPL;MTG; WEBSTE	5,222.29
KANOPY, INC.	VIDEO BOOKS-LIBRARY	14.00
T-MOBILE	POLICE DEPARTMENT CELL PHONES	281.72
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE	100 PUZZLE BOOKS-LIBRARY	281.79
IMON COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	INTERNET-HISTORICAL BUILDING	124.98
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	31,737.19
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION	BOOKS/DVDS	170.93
IEMSA	WERNICK-EMS CONFERENCE	465.00
CIVIC PLUS	NEW CITY WEBSITE	5,514.00

PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12/19/2025	58,949.59
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/01/2026	7,313.02
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/02/2026	64,619.48
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/03/2026	7,185.69
	CLAIMS TOTAL	644,388.12
	GENERAL FUND	301,540.69
	LIBRARY FUND	15,786.17
	PARKS FUND	3,468.03
	CEMETERY FUND	4,691.21
	ROAD USE FUND	20,192.32
	SPLASH PAD PROJECT FUND	18,493.50
	WELL 8 FUND	224,334.00
	WATER UTILITY FUND	22,366.32
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	31,792.69
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	1,723.19

Approve payment to Manatts for work on 3rd Street \$95,762.00; Approve payment to Manatts for work on 14th Avenue \$58,354.00; Approve payment to Civic Plus for invoice 350128-City Website \$5,514.00; Approve payment to Air Control, Inc. for new rooftop heating unit-Library \$9,207.50; Receive, accept and place on file Minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meetings on December 8, 2025 and December 22, 2025; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Library Board meeting on December 10, 2025. On roll call – all Ayes.

Under Unfinished Business was an RFP for the Camanche Railroad Overpass Feasibility Study. Representatives from the three companies who submitted proposals for the December 16, 2025 meeting were in attendance and gave presentations to the Council; JEO Consulting Group, Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. and Snyder and Associates. Each company highlighted their strengths and how their services would provide a solution to the potential of blocked railroad crossings in our City. Councilmembers were given an opportunity to ask questions at the end of each presentation. After all presentations were complete, Council decided to take some time to consider all of the information presented and have this topic on the next agenda for consideration.

Under New Business was the topic of Committee and Commission Appointments with the newly elected Council. Mayor Pruett named Wes Farrell as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Klahn will continue to serve on the Finance Committee and will be joined by Councilmen Goldbeck and Maxwell. The Mayor appointed Councilman Maxwell as the Public Works Chairperson, Councilman Klahn as Safety Chairperson, Councilman Goldbeck as General Government and Liaison to Planning & Zoning, Board of Adjustment and Library Board. Councilman Edens will remain as Chair of Business Type Activities and Liaison to the Historical Board. Councilman Farrell will remain Chair of Culture and Recreation and Liaison to the Park and Recreation Commission.

In the communication portion of the meeting, City Attorney Frey said that Randy Current became of Counsel as of the first of the year. He will still be in the picture but is now Part Time. City Attorney Braydon Roberts noted that when more than one City Attorney attends the Council meetings, the City is only charged the hourly rate for one. City

Administrator Kida introduced Jacob Lemkuhl, Camanche High School student, who is interning at City Hall this week. His career plan is Urban Planning after attending EICC then ISU. His project so far has been determining which crosswalks in town are not ADA compliant and will need to be addressed outside of the SIP. Kida also told Council he has preliminary numbers for the water and sewer rates and potentially lowering the levy. He will send this information to Council and this topic will be on the next agenda. Mayor Pruett and all members of the Council congratulated Chief Sowle and thanked Chief Schutte for his service, saying they will miss him. Chief Schutte thanked the Council, said it has been a good run but it is time to pass the torch. Schneider said the Civil Service Commission will have a vacancy soon and encouraged interested citizens to complete an application.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments. Dave Willis 1433 3rd Street started by mentioning needs and wants about this bridge thing. He said this is for emergencies primarily is one of the things he'd like to keep in mind. It's time sensitive for those of us who live on the river side of the tracks. He wants the three groups participating in this to keep an open mind and use common sense. He said, to everyone, we are not looking for an award-winning design bridge. He thinks it doesn't need to be built to carry the heaviest fire equipment that we have or that Clinton has. He proposed his idea as an emergency overpass for ambulances and firetrucks only necessary for each emergency with gates. He kept referring to that side of town as the dead side and said people there have several ideas for this project and want to participate in it. He also talked about the Library referendum and said he was glad they saved their signs so they can use them again. He went on about the Library Board and spending.

Mayor Pruett then asked Council for requests for placement of matters on future agendas. Councilman Klahn asked to keep the overpass on the next agendas.

A brief recess was taken at 7:19 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m. for a Roles of Elected Officials Workshop led by City Attorney John Frey with assistance from City Attorney Braydon Roberts. Their goal is to orient the new members and remind the existing members of their roles. The Council is the boss and citizens exert their authority at election time. The Mayor Pro Tem is the Vice President of the Council. When speaking individually, a member of the Council is speaking as a citizen. Among the other topics covered in detail were that the Council appoints the City Administrator as well as the roles of the City Administrator, a Councilmember speaks only through Motions, Resolutions and Ordinances. Civility and respect are the keys to accomplishment and we can disagree without being disagreeable. They covered FOIA, record retention, gift laws, conflicts of interest, Closed Sessions and the new requirement for new members to attend Open Meetings training.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer