

City of Camanche  
January 20, 2026

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Austin Pruetz presiding, and Councilmembers Edens, Farrell (online), Goldbeck (online), Klahn and Maxwell. Also present were City Administrator Kida, and Department Heads Grim, Pewe, Schmitz, Sowle and Schneider.

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

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

Mayor Pruetz called for Public Comments on Agenda Topics. There were none.

Moved by Councilman Maxwell second by Councilman Klahn to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on January 6, 2026; approve Abstract No. 888 which includes the following:

AIR CONTROL INC	NEW ROOFTOP HEATING UNIT-LIBRARY	9,207.50
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	1,072.67
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	366.77
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENTAL-CITY HALL	10.00
MANATTS	3" HMA 3RD STREET; 14TH AVENUE	154,116.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHT-9TH ST,ANAMOSA RD	130.45
HARTZ LOCK COMPANY	REPAIR HANDICAP DOOR-FIRE STATION	135.50
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	BLINDS,COAT RACK-CCTR;PWSHOP SUPP	232.25
IA ASSOC PROF FIRE CHIEFS	MEMBERSHIP-CHIEF SOWLE	100.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	132.72
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	7,975.00
J & C ENTERPRISES	DEC 25 COLLECTION	95.68
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	341.889G PD;37.47G FD;22.022G SNOW	1,922.18
ELECTRONICS INC	ALARM SERVICE-CITY HALL,LIBRARY	60.00
LESLIE ELECTRIC	CHECK FUSES-PUMP WWTP SWAN SL	75.00
MCMANUS CONSTRUCTION SERV	WATER MAIN REPAIR-1700 3RD ST	2,875.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET-SCADA,COMM CENTER	805.97
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	2,689.10
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR	QUARTERLY AIR TEST	851.86
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	15,728.01
GREG NELSON	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
QUILL CORPORATION	ERASABLE CALENDAR-PUBLIC WORKS	74.34
MACQUEEN	MSA SENSOR-FIRE DEPARTMENT	790.57
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	PAINT FOR WELL HOUSE-WELL #5	93.78
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING-WELL #8	2,436.70
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	DEC 25 SALES, WATER EXCISE TAX	2,142.01

HAWKINS INC	STAA ADJ PUMP-WATER DEPT	675.00
BRIAN WERNICK	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
JORDAN MOORE	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	60.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,436.16
XOP NETWORKS	FIREBAR EMERG CONFERENCING Q1 '26	150.00
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	SHIP WATER SAMPLES	17.48
MID-STATES ORGANIZED	MOCIC 2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	100.00
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATA BACKUPS FEB 26	400.00
KNOW BUDDY RESOURCES	BOOKS/DVDS	151.24
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	89.21 G PW;4.29 G CEM;42.95 G FD 9.59G S JET; 28.35G SNOW; 25.86G AMB	486.44
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-DEC 25	6,430.82
SPARKLEAN	DEC 25 CLEAN-CCTR,CHALL,PD,PWORKS	1,126.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	6,745.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	78.58
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERV	IT SUPPORT,NETWORKMON,SPAMFLT	2,436.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	DEC 25 CITY COLLECTION	33,562.00
FBI-LEEDA	SLI TRAINING-CPL SNODGRASS	795.00
SPARKS SMALL ENGINE	WEEDEATER PARTS	158.43
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES	156.25
CHRISTIAN MARSH	DEC 25 PAID ON CALL	100.00
JENNIFER BIELEMA	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	120.00
KEVIN DECKER	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
JEFFREY HACKNEY	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
TODD POWERS	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
MICHELLE SOWLE	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
MICHAEL BURMAHL	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	72.00
TONY BLOMME	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	JANUARY 26 LEASE PAYMENT	475.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS,MONTHLY SERV FEE	1,920.63
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	CHALL,PD,LIB JAN26 COPIER LEASES	686.64
KYLE DEWITT	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
CINTAS	PW FIRST AID KIT SUPPLIES	20.45
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC.	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES-OXYGEN	66.39
GAYLON PEWE	REIMB HOTEL-WATER TRAINING DSM	461.44
AWESOME CAR WASH	JULY-SEPT PD FLEET WASHES	360.00
RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE	TANK RENT-COMM GENERATOR 911	150.00
JEREMIAH JACOBSEN	DEC 25 PAID ON CALL	260.00
ARIAN STOWE	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	15.00
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	130.00
JOE SNODGRASS	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	25.00
KANOPY, INC.	VIDEO BOOKS-LIBRARY	41.00

EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	17,207.25
LISA TATE	DEC 25 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
MERCYONE CLINTON NORTH	NEW OFFICER PHYSICAL	2,247.00
MZEROA.COM	DRONE TRNING-LODGE,VANDEVOORDE	198.00
BNC ELECTRIC	SERVICE CALL-CROSSROADS LIFT	85.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 01/07/2026	84.66
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 01/14/2026	464.36
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/06/2026	3,312.20
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/07/2026	3,312.20
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/12/2026	2,608.37
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/13/2026	2,608.37
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/14/2026	2,608.37
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/15/2026	2,790.25
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/16/2026	60,226.49
	CLAIMS TOTAL	361,992.53
	GENERAL FUND	130,844.13
	LIBRARY FUND	14,743.10
	PARKS FUND	1,311.86
	CEMETERY FUND	1,219.69
	ROAD USE FUND	162,271.65
	WELL 8 FUND	1,612.70
	WATER UTILITY FUND	12,842.50
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	3,016.78
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	34,130.12

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's December 2025 Report including Revenues: General Fund \$224,805.49, Library Fund \$16,810.44, Parks \$4,852.67, Cemetery \$3,651.25, Road Use \$50,712.14, Employee Benefit \$3,653.09, Police & Fire Pension \$7,091.30, Edens TIF \$4,597.75, Cross TIF \$594.25, LMI Housing-Edens \$3,018.79, LMI Housing-Cross \$364.22, P.C. & R. Howson Trust \$3.60, Debt Service \$15,464.82, Water Utility Fund \$36,693.94, Sewer Utility Fund \$57,643.77, Landfill/Garbage \$49,868.83; Approve payment of invoice 8973 McManus Construction-Water Main Repair 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Street \$2,875.00; Accept Resignation from Sarah Smith from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustments effective 01/15/2026; Accept resignation from Amanda Hoerschelmann from the Library Board effective 12/16/2025; Approve renewal of Class B Retail Alcohol License, with Ownership changes, as submitted by Dolgencorp, LLC. Db a Dollar General #6551 effective 03/01/2026; Approve renewal of Class B Retail Alcohol License as submitted by Kwik Trip, Inc. db a Kwik Star #632 effective 02/08/2026; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on January 12, 2026. On roll call – all Ayes.

Under Unfinished Business was discussion regarding the Request for Proposal submissions from JEO (\$95,575), Veenstra & Kim (\$61,126), Snyder & Associates (\$114,700-\$128,500) for a Feasibility Study to build an overpass in Camanche. Councilman Klahn began the discussion, saying he wants everyone to realize we are looking to get emergency services across the tracks. His first question is, what is our problem; no one really has an answer to this.

He also asked when is the last time a train blocked all the crossings and do we need to hire someone to do a study for the train traffic. Kida added that we do anticipate the traffic increasing; it could be tripling and we know that is coming. Councilman Goldbeck said people have called him who are not in favor of spending that much money. Kida said the feasibility study would engage the public and flush out the ideas and alternatives, what is necessary and what residents want. Goldbeck and Klahn each talked about a larger type of pedestrian overpass, which Kida said could be pedestrian with access for the PD/EMS side-by-side that might be possible at one of the already-closed crossings. Councilman Maxwell has spoken with several people on that side of the tracks and asked the Chiefs if they had had an incident where they could not get to an emergency call; Chief Schmitz said the Police Department has not and Chief Sowle said the Fire Department has not had an issue for quite a few years with that, they have only been delayed. Maxwell was asked that and was passing it along and said some of the residents do not even want to spend \$100,000. He would like to see more data. Chief Schmitz said the cameras will be helpful, giving us the most direct routes; that project is still in the works. Councilman Edens said that anywhere we go will be eminent domain and he does not want to go there. He also said that paying for the study isn't the end of the world for him. He thinks we owe it to the citizens on that side but feels we would be throwing the study money away.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Klahn to engage Veenstra & Kim at a cost of \$61,126.00 for a Feasibility Study to build an overpass in Camanche. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmembers Edens, Farrell, Klahn. Nays – Councilmembers Goldbeck, Maxwell. Motion carried.

Under new business was a discussion regarding water usage at the Splash Pad. The invoice dated December 10, 2025 showed usage of 382,916 gallons at a cost of \$3,227.92, for the final weeks of the season. Kida explained that billing usage to the Splash Pad is essentially transferring General Fund money, via the Park and Recreation department budget, to the Water Fund. He said some cities do that and some cities do not. After a brief discussion, Council decided to not bill for the usage.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Maxwell to not bill the Park and Recreation budget for water usage at the Splash Pad. On roll call – all Ayes.

Public Works Director Pewe wants to replace the 2010 Chevy with a new truck with a utility box on the back. He has two quotes: Green Chevrolet \$68,000 and Karl Chevrolet \$58,000. Councilman Edens asked if it is in his budget. Kida said it is not but the money is in their Equipment Fund and we can amend the budget.

Moved by Councilman Goldbeck, second by Councilman Klahn to authorize Public Works Director Pewe to purchase a new truck up to \$60,000.00. On roll call – all Ayes.

Kida reviewed the ADA Crosswalk Plan that CHS intern Jacob Lemkuhl worked on during the high school J Term. He inventoried the non-compliant crosswalks in town then matched them with the Street Improvement Plan and came up with a list of crosswalks that will need to

be addressed separately. Kida recommends setting aside \$5,000 in each budget year to take care of these. He also said, at a future meeting, he will seek Council approval for bringing Jacob on as an intern for the summer to do an inventory of unsafe sidewalks in town.

Moved by Councilman Goldbeck, second by Councilman Klahn to budget \$5,000 annually for ADA compliant crosswalks. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmembers Goldbeck, Klahn, Maxwell, Farrell. Nay – Councilmember Edens. Motion carried.

Library Director Grim presented the Camanche Public Library report. She shared statistics for active library cards, circulation, adult, child, teen and afterschool programming. She talked about the Outreach Program where Cat Finn goes to the Camanche Schools Preschool for programming and the Preschoolers also come to the Library. She reported that they had to spend some of their reserve money on a new HVAC system and there are several other things that need to be addressed, especially the parking lot and they are working with Manatt's on that. They might need to use an engineer and might need to ask Council for more money. They need more space-outdoors, indoors, for meetings, for events, for general public use and for storage. The needs have not gone away. They have formed a committee that is brainstorming ideas to solve these problems and be good stewards of the building and be creative. The space at the Library is wide open and they need spaces that are closed off so they are looking at ways to use back rooms and offices. She stated that at this time, there is no plan to ask for another bond referendum.

Chief Sowle presented the December 2025 Camanche Fire Department report

Chief Schmitz presented the December 2025 Camanche Police Department report as well as the 2025 Annual report. The Annual report included several awards: Officer VandeVoorde-Officer of the Year and Life Saving Award, Sergeant Parks-Excellence in Criminal Investigations Award, Corporal Snodgrass, Community Service Award, and Officer Davison 2 Life Saving Awards.

City Administrator Kida reported that we received our \$100,000 from the DOT for closing the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Railroad crossing and the RCTP grant money for the flashing crosswalk signs. Councilman Edens asked about the Fareway development agreement; it is signed. Councilman Goldbeck asked about doing a press release for the agreement; Kida said we would do something like that in conjunction with Fareway if we did. Chief Sowle thanked all who participated in the Walk Out Ceremony and praised the people who put it on. He said he is grateful for the transfer of duties time with Chief Schutte. He thanked the Camanche Schools for the J-Term; they had Charlie Sager and wants to bring him back as a volunteer. Library Director Grim invited everyone to their Fraud Prevention Program at the Library at 10:00 a.m. on February 25, 2026. She also had a rewarding J-Term experience.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments. There were none.

Mayor Pruett asked for requests from Councilmembers for items for future Agendas. There were none.

A brief recess was taken at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:13 p.m. for a Budget Workshop which primarily focused on staff wage allocations and rates for the proprietary funds. Kida gave a presentation showing different scenarios with options for rate increases while keeping the City's Fund Balance Policy in mind. After detailed discussion, it was decided to make salary allocations to the water fund as proposed, but change the sewer fund allocations will change incrementally in the future. The increases to the rates were agreed at \$2.88 per month for each water and sewer plus \$0.74 for solid waste for a total annual increase of \$78.00. The necessary actions for these changes will be on the next agenda. The next Workshop will include the Park and Recreation Budget.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Austin Pruett  
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider  
City Clerk/Treasurer