

City of Camanche
February 17, 2026

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Austin Pruetz presiding, and Councilmembers Edens, Goldbeck (online), Klahn and Maxwell. Absent – Councilman Farrell. Also present were City Administrator Kida, City Attorneys Current, Frey (online) and Roberts, 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 Edens, second by Councilman Klahn approve the Agenda. On roll call – all Ayes.

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

Councilman Maxwell asked about Item 5 on the Consent Agenda, Approve payment of invoices from Great Lakes Salt Company for 291.46 tons of road salt totaling \$37,904.37. Kida emailed Council prior to the meeting to explain that we received and were billed for nearly 100 tons more salt than we ordered. Pewe said there was a paperwork snafu by the company. Councilman Maxwell asked if we negotiated a lower price since it was their fault; we did not. With the extra, and if the mild winter continues, we may not need to order any next year. Or, if we need any, it would be a minimal amount. Councilman Klahn asked if the salt degrades and Councilman Edens asked if the additive goes bad; Pewe said the salt will be fine for use next year. Pewe said he would call and ask, but Kida said that is not a hill worth fighting on.

Moved by Councilman Edens second by Councilman Klahn to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on February 3, 2026; approve Abstract No. 890 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	2,998.89
CAMANCHE SCHOOLS	1/2 CROSSING GUARD 7/25-12/25	941.44
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	839.51
CLINTON HUMANE SOCIETY	1 CAT,3 DAYS; 1 DOG,4 DAYS	175.00
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL LICENSE FEE	35.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	366.77
CULLIGAN	WATER, DISP RENT CITY HALL	38.50
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHT-9TH ST,ANAMOSA	125.73
CENGAGE	BOOKS/DVDS	153.55
IOWA ONE CALL	42 ONE CALL LOCATES	37.80
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	217.78
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,875.00
J & C ENTERPRISES	JAN 26 COLLECTION	95.68
ELECTRONICS INC	ALARM SERVICE-CITY HALL,LIBRARY	60.00
MCMANUS CONSTRUCTION SERV	GRAVE-V MAZE	750.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	450.00

MICROMARKETING LLC	BOOKS/DVDS	123.05
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	2,681.09
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	12,554.67
GREG NELSON	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	TAIL LIGHT ASSEMBLY-PW PICKUP	39.32
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC	UNIFORMS-CHIEF SOWLE	519.20
QUILL CORPORATION	PROG,CLEAN,OFFICE SUPPL-LIBRARY	690.34
RICHARD SCHMITZ JR	REIMBURSE BOOT ALLOWANCE	184.58
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	JAN 26 SALES,WATER EXCISE TAX	3,234.30
HAWKINS INC	55 GAL AZONE;90 GAL LPC	3,085.90
NAPA AUTO PARTS INC.	OIL,ANTIFREEZE-CITY VEHICLES	156.29
BWC EXCAVATING	WATER MAIN REPAIR-1027 MIDDLE	8,968.60
XOP NETWORKS	FIREBAR SERVICE 1/1-3/31/26	779.00
MODERN MARKETING	TOTES,CALENDARS,BOOKMARKS-LIB	609.82
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO.	PHONE/EXT CHANGES-FIRE DEPT	240.00
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-JAN 26	2,418.30
SPARKLEAN	JAN CLEAN-CHALL,PW,PD,COMM CTR	1,022.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,495.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	143.46
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERV	IT SUPPORT-LIBRARY	50.50
TONI SCHNEIDER	REIMBURSE WELLNESS ALLOWANCE	167.20
REPUBLIC SERVICES	JAN 26 COLLECTION	33,562.00
CHRISTIAN MARSH	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	80.00
JESSIE BAUGHMAN	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
JENNIFER BIELEMA	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	120.00
KEVIN DECKER	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	48.00
JEFFREY HACKNEY	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
MICHELLE SOWLE	JAN 26 PAID ON CALL	160.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	48.00
JOHN LUND	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	15.00
MICHAEL BURMAHL	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
TONY BLOMME	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	1,117.89
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	FEB 26 CH,LIB,PD COPIER LEASES	734.00
KYLE DEWITT	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
JASON SARGENT	1ST HALF CONNECTION	4,910.00
JEREMIAH JACOBSEN	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	40.00
ARIAN STOWE	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	15.00
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	130.00
JOE SNODGRASS	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
ANDREW BUTT	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	40.00
KANOPY, INC.	VIDEO BOOKS-LIBRARY	26.00
T-MOBILE	POLICE DEPARTMENT CELL PHONES	281.72

BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMIS	MAC MEETING-KIDA	17.04
ROEDER BROTHERS	KIT SEAL-PW BOBCAT	102.75
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	12,615.16
LISA TATE	JAN 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
MR. OR MRS RON WIEBERS	1ST HALF CONNECTION	1,650.00
DANNY STEVENS	1ST HALF CONNECTION	1,725.00
LOUIS KRACIUN	1ST HALF CONNECTION	1,770.00
ARDELLE & THOMAS WIEBERS	1ST HALF CONNECTION	1,150.00
LEANNA ASSMUSSEN	1ST HALF CONNECTION	1,650.00
ELSIE DIMMICK	1ST HALF CONNECTION	1,375.00
FRANK WIEBERS	1ST HALF CONNECTION	1,925.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 02/04/2026	82.50
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 02/13/2026	56,540.96
	CLAIMS TOTAL	194,396.29
	GENERAL FUND	78,056.79
	LIBRARY FUND	6,974.92
	PARKS FUND	1,310.35
	CEMETERY FUND	1,685.95
	ROAD USE FUND	7,969.08
	3M WATER LINE CONNECTION FUND	16,155.00
	WATER UTILITY FUND	21,134.19
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	26,953.72
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	34,156.29

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's January 2026 Report including Revenues: General Fund \$247,867.44, Library Fund \$15,067.45, Parks \$4,852.67, Cemetery \$4,665.21, Road Use \$52,621.66, Employee Benefit \$747.50, Police & Fire Pension \$1,451.02, LMI Housing-Edens \$3,082.00, Debt Service \$3,008.09, Water Utility Fund \$50,348.79, Sewer Utility Fund \$74,217.66, Landfill/Garbage \$56,668.56; Receive, accept and place on file Park and Recreation Commission minutes from the meeting on February 9, 2026; Approve payment of invoices from Great Lakes Salt Company for 291.46 tons of road salt totaling \$37,904.37; Approve payment of invoice from Mississippi Valley Pump for repairs to the Cross Lift Station pump \$2,130.00; Approve appointment of Lester Goddard to the Library Board, Term Ending July 2029; Approve appointment of Jesse Paul to the Civil Service Commission, Term ending April 2029. On roll call – all Ayes.

Under Unfinished Business was a Resolution Engaging Veenstra & Kimm for a Feasibility Study for an overpass.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Klahn to Adopt a Resolution Engaging Veenstra & Kimm for a Feasibility Study for an overpass. Before the vote, Councilman Klahn discussed the service agreement. He doesn't see us going with a full-blown overpass at \$10-\$30 million. He sees a pedestrian overpass and wants to go back to the engineers and see if it makes a difference in the cost, since there are parts of the study that we may not need. It should be less money. Councilman Maxwell can't see us spending money for something we

aren't going to do. Councilman Edens said it doesn't hurt to ask but it probably won't change much. The footprint may be smaller but the aspects will be the same. Councilman Goldbeck said he did some quick math, on an 8% grade, which is a pretty steep slope, it will take 3-4 blocks. That is a lot of property. Kida said an option would be to table this item and kick it back to the engineers. Councilman Edens withdrew his motion. Councilman Goldbeck asked if they were only considering the crossings listed in their proposal or if they would also consider crossings that are closed. This will be addressed. He also asked, regarding progress payments, will there be an associated milestone chart to show work completed. Kida said this is in the document. Goldbeck also noted the timeline will need to be updated if we kick the can down the road. It was decided to table this item and send it back to the engineers.

Chief Sowle presented information on the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program and Roe Consulting. The contract with Roe Consulting is a revenue-positive program requiring no extra staff. The cost is \$6,000 annually with no multi-year contract. Chief showed a Power Point explaining GEMT and ROE Consulting's proposal. Councilman Edens asked if the consultant will be liable if there is an issue. He said he carries liability insurance and will provide a copy to the City. He currently does this for 7 other cities, has an ongoing dialog with Iowa Medicaid and has never had an issue. The problem for cities is that Iowa Medicaid does not do a good job of communicating changes.

Moved by Councilman Klahn, second by Councilman Maxwell to approve signing the contract for GEMT services with Roe Consulting \$6,000. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Sowle presented the January 2026 Camanche Fire Department report.

Chief Schmitz presented the January 2026 Camanche Police Department report.

During the Communications portion of the meeting, City Administrator Kida reported that he will be doing a phonograph presentation at the Camanche Public Library. Councilman Klahn expressed appreciation for the Police, Fire, Ambulance and Public Works Departments for keeping things running during the cold weather we had in January; he appreciates the jobs you do. Chief Sowle reported that our Fire Department Honor Guard participated in the funeral for the Andover Firefighter who passed away and he was very proud of them and proud to be a part of the service. Chief Schmitz said he has been discussing the camera project with Councilman Klahn. The vendors he was previously working with have not gotten back with him so they are back to the drawing board and are now working with Flock and getting a good quote. The good thing about Flock is that we never own the system. This would completely replace what we have. He also noted that the wellness/physical fitness program at the PD is going well.

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 6:42 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:54 p.m. for a Budget Workshop which began with Mayor Pruett saying that the Department Heads want to see a final copy of their individual budgets before they are finalized and sent out so they can review for any omissions. Kida will make sure they have that opportunity. Kida then said he talked with Library Director Grim about her budget, specifically salaries. The Library was one of the first department budgets presented. Councilman Edens asked if we have a percentage of wage increases for the Library; Kida said it is 3%. Councilman Klahn asked if it was across the board and Kida said it is. At their request, Council was given an updated copy of the worksheet Andrew was using while discussing the changes that were made. Councilman Goldbeck said that Director Grim is working with Manatt's for the parking lot upgrade and asked where that money will come from. Kida said it would be from their CD, savings or they would ask Council; it is up to Council how to handle the request when it comes in. Kida then brought up the Park and Recreation budget. He has not heard from the Commission regarding detail on their request for \$60,000 in park improvements and asked if any Councilmembers had. With no additional information, and two recently missed meetings, there was discussion regarding what to do about their request. Schneider said there will be an agenda, and, if they have a quorum, there will be a meeting on Monday. She also said she would put this item on their agenda if they do not. The timing of getting a maximum levy figure to the County was discussed. Klahn said that Park and Rec really needs direction, we can't operate like this all the time. With the Ordinance as it is written, we cannot tell them what to do, although Council must approve their expenditures. Mayor Pruett suggested making them an Advisory Board after an in-depth discussion of concerns. This would require an Ordinance change.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer