

City of Camanche

March 17, 2026

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Austin Pruett presiding, and Councilmembers Goldbeck and Klahn. Edens joined the meeting online at 6:19 p.m. and arrived at 6:38 p.m. Absent – Councilmembers Farrell and Maxwell. Also present were City Administrator Kida, City Attorneys Frey and Roberts, and Department Heads Grim, Pewe, Schmitz, Sowle and Schneider.

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

Kristyl McDaniel, CPA, CGFM, Winkel Parker & Foster, CPA PC presented the FY2025 Audit Report.

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

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments on Agenda Topics. Dave Bowman, 621 4th Avenue addressed the proposed overpass study on the agenda. He championed this project during his tenure on the Council. He believes the residents and the Council need all available information to make an informed decision as to whether or not to pursue an overpass. This study provides that information. He appreciates the Mayor's position. It is distasteful, at best, to consider eminent domain. My own home might be one of those considered as it is on 4th Avenue. Nevertheless, he urged Council to approve the study so everyone can understand the potential impact of the project and an informed decision can be made.

Dave Willis 1433 3rd Street thanked the majority of Council for trying to keep the feasibility study alive and wants Mayor Pruett to reconsider his veto. He thinks the veto is getting back at him and others for being against the \$7 million expansion of the Library. To offset the cost of the study, he personally pledged \$1,130.00 to Veenstra & Kimm to lower the cost below \$60,000.00 for the study. He said he attended the Legislative Coffee and asked Representative Tom Determann if there is money for this and he said possibly. He went on to complain about a Library publication that was sent out months ago, making the assumption that it was paid for with taxpayer funds because it was a pet project of administration and former Council members, but public safety is not. Clerk's note: all expenses related to these flyers were paid by private donations and processed by volunteers, there were no expenses paid from taxpayer funds.

Addison Templeton, DeWitt, with AT Disposal addressed the Council to see if Camanche is interested in a second quote for trash removal to save the town money. He said he is a local company, keeping the money local and has slowly been growing his company since 2019. He has contacted the City about a contract.

Moved by Councilman Klahn second by Councilman Goldbeck to approve the Consent Agenda, which covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on March 3, 2026; approve Abstract No. 892 which includes the following:

CAMANCHE WATER WORKS	1ST QTR 2026 WATER/SEWER BILLS	628.23
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	253.93
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	DISPOSAL-4FT BULBS, PD	30.50
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	366.77
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENTAL-CITY HALL	10.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHT-9TH ST,ANAMOSA	123.29
CENGAGE	BOOKS/DVDS	65.58
DAN'S OVERHEAD DOORS	REPAIR FIRE STATION DOOR	1,758.91
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	GRASS SEED-PARKS,PW,CEMETERY	273.62
IA ASSOC OF MUN UTILITIES	26 IAMU WATER MEMBERSHP DUES	1,110.00
IOWA ONE CALL	94 ONE CALL LOCATES	84.60
IMFOA	11802 SCHNEIDER MEMBERSHIP	50.00
INGRAM BOOK COMPANY	BOOKS/DVDS	20.99
VOYA	457 PLAN DEDUCT	1,875.00
J & C ENTERPRISES	FEB 26 COLLECTION	95.68
ELECTRONICS INC	ALARM SERVICE-CITY HALL,LIBRARY	60.00
MCMANUS CONSTRUCTION SERV	GRAVE-BUSCH	550.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET-SCADA SYSTEM,CITY	681.36
MICROMARKETING LLC	BOOKS/DVDS	17.95
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	2,677.00
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	PULLED PUMP @ SWAN SLOUGH LIFT	412.50
JEFFREY MOORE	REIMBURSE EYE EXAM ALLOWANCE	200.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	12,312.75
GREG NELSON	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
POSTMASTER	MAIL 2ND QTR WATER/SEWER BILLS	940.05
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CTRL-CCTR,LIB,CHALL,HIST BLDG	250.26
QUILL CORPORATION	PW-INK,NEWPRINTER;CHALL OFCSUP	868.89
MACQUEEN	ANNUAL FLOW TESTS-FIRE DEPT	2,385.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	W BLVD TRAIL PLAN ENGINEERING	21,991.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	FEB 26 SALES,WATER EXCISE TAX	236.80
BRIAN WERNICK	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
DARYL YODER	REIMBURSE WELLNESS	216.00
JORDAN MOORE	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	20.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS INC.	SEWER JET HOSE;CEM MOWER FLTR	556.00
CLINTON ACE HARDWARE	SEWER SYSTEM AIR RELEASE VALVE	92.52
WHOLE ENERGY & HARDWARE	30 SMOKE DETECTORS	560.70
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,265.00
VESTIS	RUGS,TOWELS-PW,CH;UNIF-PEWE	96.66
DANNY WELLER	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	FEB 26 CITY COLLECTION	33,562.00

SPARKS SMALL ENGINE	CUTTING STRING-CEMETERY	60.99
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES	156.25
CHRISTIAN MARSH	FEB 26 PAID ON CALL	120.00
JESSIE BAUGHMAN	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
MITCHELL JAHNS	GLASSES REIMBURSEMENT	200.00
JENNIFER BIELEMA	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	24.00
KEVIN DECKER	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
MICHELLE SOWLE	FEB 26 PAID ON CALL	180.00
THOMAS FRANKLIN	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	36.00
JOHN LUND	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
TONY BLOMME	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS	298.15
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	MAR 26 CHALL,PD,LIB COPIER LEASES	738.28
KYLE DEWITT	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
CINTAS	RESTOCK PW FIRST AID KIT	41.83
HAROLD TEAGARDEN	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	12.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC.	CYLINDER RENTAL	12.60
GAYLON PEWE	REIMBURSE BOOT ALLOWANCE	251.13
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SER	FEB 26 AMBULANCE BILLING SERV	697.89
JEREMIAH JACOBSEN	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	40.00
JOE SNODGRASS	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	10.00
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES-AUDIT LETTER	60.00
KANOPY, INC.	VIDEO BOOKS-LIBRARY	23.00
T-MOBILE	POLICE DEPARTMENT CELL PHONES	281.72
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	11,608.36
RIVER VALLEY LAWN CARE	TREE REM-10TH AV LIFT STATION	800.00
LISA TATE	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	5.00
CADEN FRANKLIN	FEB 26 AMBULANCE STIPEND	10.00
QUAD CITY CARPET CARE	LIBRARY CARPET CLEANING	955.50
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 03/13/2026	52,501.86
	CLAIMS TOTAL	179,925.10
	GENERAL FUND	70,446.49
	LIBRARY FUND	5,921.60
	PARKS FUND	1,380.26
	CEMETERY FUND	1,801.50
	ROAD USE FUND	8,295.55
	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	298.15
	TRAIL PLAN-WASHINGTON BLV FUND	21,991.00
	WATER UTILITY FUND	7,662.01
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	27,986.68
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	34,141.86

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's February 2026 Report including Revenues: General Fund \$225,924.18, Library Fund \$24,773.01, Parks \$11,561.73, Cemetery \$11,688.29, Road Use \$41,507.34, Employee Benefit \$631.32, Police & Fire Pension \$1,225.49, Edens TIF \$906.44,

Cross TIF \$322.16, LMI Housing-Edens \$604.29, LMI Housing \$197.46, P. C. &R. Howson Trust \$3.07, Debt Service \$2,721.43, Water Utility Fund \$3,276.65, Sewer Utility Fund \$7,114.98, Landfill/Garbage \$3,154.16; Approve purchase of parts from Val-Matic for Sewer System Maintenance \$4,366.00 plus shipping, Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on March 9, 2026, Approve payment of McManus Construction invoice for Water Main Street Patch – 1100 block Rosehill Ave \$2,550.00, Water Fund, Approve estimate for work from McManus Construction for Spring 2026 for Water Main Street patches; 400 Block 4th Avenue \$6,500.00; 1800 Block 3rd Street \$6,500.00; 1500 Block Middle Road \$6,500.00, Water Fund, Accept and place on file the Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2025, Accept resignation from Tevin Stoecker from the Park and Recreation Commission effective March 9, 2026. On roll call – all Ayes.

First under Unfinished Business was a discussion regarding the Splash Pad with Dan Solchenberger from Shive-Hattery who was asked to be at the meeting to address a couple of issues that came up at the last meeting. When the Splash Pad was started up, there were a couple of areas that were draining off the edge of pad. Since then, he said he has been in contact with Park and Rec Commission Chair Casey Green and said Shive would work with them regarding the drainage around the outside to put in some intakes in. Shive will take care of the cost of that. He said the height of the pad was to allow the sanitary sewer to come in and extend it out to a possible concession stand in the future. As far as the benches and brick paving, that is an added amenity that we didn't have anything to do with. He said the building was always going to be temporary and possibly used in another City location in the City because building restrooms was not possible within the budget. Councilman Klahn asked if Shive will put in the drainage system and Park and Rec will not have to spend \$24,000. Solchenberger said no, the \$24,000, as he understands it, is for the brick pavers and to put the benches in. Klahn is talking about the drainage. Kida said that was for the drainage and all the blocks. Bill Siefken with Park and Rec added that he was the one who coordinated the quote referenced, which is \$24,900. It is comprised of a 3" curb to contain the runoff, the brick pavers and retaining wall packed with rock chips with a series of drain tile. The main focus for that is containment of water. Solchenberger's concern with the curb is ponding around the outside edges. Maybe there would be a need for an intake, drain tile or a French Drain that Shive would take care of. Klahn would like to see a design and if there is any cost for drainage, the City should not be paying for it. Casey said he can work with Dan and get a quote on what Shive's portion will be. Kida's issue is that the quote is not itemized. Legal asked about the 3" curb being a trip hazard. Frey added that, according to experts, for trip and fall cases, eliminate the hazard, paint or clarify that there is a hazard and add a warning that there is a hazard. Dan said to get around this, maybe add a 6" piece of concrete to ramp up. Further discussion regarding sloping the concrete to still contain the water. Councilman Goldbeck asked if Casey would be sure to get the contractor together with Park and Rec and Solchenberger with better information and drawings. Casey will get better information for the Council.

Also under Unfinished Business was a Resolution Engaging Veenstra & Kimm for a Feasibility Study for an overpass. Councilman Edens said he asked for this to be on the agenda after the Veto by Mayor Pruett. Councilman Klahn had asked the Clerk to place it on the agenda. Edens brought up legal ramifications and asked what the City's liability would be if we

just stop looking at this right here. City Attorney Frey said they would need to do more research into the question. After more discussion, Klahn said he wants to table this item and have a special meeting to discuss it again and have a vote. The meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Under New Business was a Resolution Setting the Date and Time for a Public Hearing to Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget – 1st Amendment. Mayor Pruett read the Resolution which sets the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on April 7, 2026.

Moved by Councilman Edens, second by Councilman Klahn to Adopt a Resolution Setting the Date and Time for a Public Hearing to Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget – 1st Amendment. On roll call – all Ayes.

An extensive discussion took place regarding the Park and Recreation Commission. Mayor Pruett asked if we are asking too much from the volunteers on the Commission. We have had many times where there has been no agenda and no meeting. Councilman Edens things it is important to keep the energy on the Boards with volunteers. Councilman Klahn can appreciate the Board and wants City staff to give them direction. Edens asked the Commissioners in attendance if it would help if they gave a report to the Council regularly. Linda Putman asked if there is an appointed liaison and isn't it their job to report? Bill Siefken said there is no documented policy and procedure, they are at the whim of Casey to post the agenda. It was noted that Chapter 12 of the Camanche Code of Ordinances is the Policy and Procedure of the Park and Recreation Commission. Mr. Siefken went on to say there is a huge disconnect between the Council and what we can do and our budget. They are asking for a Liaison who shows up, direction, and policy and procedures on how to request money. Edens suggested an orientation. Mr. Siefken wants it to be project based.

Mayor Pruett read a Resolution changing the rates charged for mowing as it relates to the Nuisance Ordinance. City Administrator Kida noted that the rates have not been changed since 2004 so it is appropriate to make this change.

Moved by Councilman Goldbeck, second by Councilman Klahn to Adopt a Resolution changing the rates charged for mowing as it relates to the Nuisance Ordinance. On roll call – all Ayes.

Chief Schmitz asked to table the agenda item regarding the City Camera Project.

Chief Schmitz presented the February 2026 Camanche Police Department report.

Chief Sowle presented the February 2026 Camanche Fire Department report.

During the Communications portion of the meeting, City Administrator Kida reported he will be at IMMI next week but will be back for the special meeting for the tax levy. Councilman Edens asked if we are selling lots in the area just plotted in the cemetery. Kida and Pewe said yes, certain sections. Councilman Klahn wants the damaged slide at Platt Park removed

immediately as it is dangerous and someone is going to get hurt. Councilman Goldbeck said the crew did a good job clearing the streets. Public Works Director Pewe said we have a few applications for the part time Cemetery positions and will do interviews next week. He will be asking for 2 summer workers for up to 12 weeks again this year. He and his staff had confined space training in February.

Mayor Pruett called for Public Comments. Dave Bowman 621 4th Avenue reminded Council the overpass involves significant federal grants. He complimented the fence at Peck Park. He also said that his sister-in-law could not purchase a plot at Rosehill Cemetery because we did not know which ones were open. He said that is embarrassing and shameful. Clerk's note: the prairie grass section contains a protected species of plant that prevents us from using the area for any additional burials. There are many plots available in other areas.

Mayor Pruett asked for requests from Councilmembers for items for future Agendas. There were no items noted.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer