

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in budget work session January 12, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Willis, presiding, and the following named council members: Metzger, Saxon, Lind, Varner, and Wruck. Also present were City Administrator Roth, City Attorney Randy Current, department heads Houzenga, Schutte, and Jindrich.

A moment of silence was observed. Mayor Willis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to approve the agenda. On roll call – all ayes.

The council finished looking over the budget packet that they were given last week.

Capital Requests:

Sewer – Roth stated they would like to overhaul more manholes – do away with the brink manholes.

Park and Rec – they would like to buy some skateboard equipment. They also would like to get some trees, picnic table, and work on a study to build a band shell.

Fire – replace air tanks.

The reserves are pretty skinny. Everything that is on the capital requests list is included in the budget.

Wruck asked if you can put away money for roads. Couldn't the city submit grants for the equipment and use the money you would put in equipment reserve to set aside for roads. Roth said it would be a great idea to set aside money for roads. Wruck stated it's easy to put money away for things you want, but not for roads. Roth commented that roads are a nightmare. Not just for us – but for all cities. Dave Schutte said the city has robbed Peter to pay Paul right now if they take money from his equipment reserves to help pay for the community center.

The council went over a proposed budget for the new building.

The city may have to get a written legal opinion from Randy Current on the workers comp/medical only option for the 411 employees. Chris Vens is going to bid it both ways. Roth stated that the insurance company is forcing our hands.

Wruck would like the city to look into consolidating some of the options with the phones. Jindrich is to check with CenturyLink about their costs.

It was determined that the legal fee line will need to be increased.

The council started to go through line by line on the expenses worksheet. Since there were so many pages, it was decided if there were any questions on certain line items, to contact Sheryl or Tom.

The next budget work session is set for Monday, January 25, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.

The budget work session was adjourned until the council meeting slated for Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer