

City of Camanche

April 5, 2016

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session April 5, 2016 at 6:00 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 Thomas Roth, City Attorneys John Frey and Randy Current, department heads Houzenga, Schutte, Hilgendorf and City Clerk/Treasurer Jindrich.

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

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

Moved by Lind, second by Saxon to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve the minutes from council meeting held March 15, 2016; approve Abstract No. 653 which includes the following:

AIR CONTROL INC	WORK ON UNIT AT BARSCREEN	1,884.46
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	1,420.91
BLAIN'S FARM & FLEET	TRANSMISSION FLUID	59.76
BOSS INC	COPY PAPER,PENCIL LEAD	253.20
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINT,CLEANING SUPPLY	588.78
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	LUBE,OIL FILTERS,SILICONE	109.62
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	113.60
CLERK'S PETTY CASH FUND	MAIL WATER SAMPLES,MEAL	83.74
CLINTON HERALD01	ONE YR SUBSCRIPTION-C HALL	167.88
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER	23,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,220.98
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	323.08
DAYMARK SOLUTIONS	PHOTO ID BADGE	23.25
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	2737-SWEEP-BLACKHAWK,SCOTT CT	280.00
DES MOINES STAMP MFG CO	PERMA STAMPS-POLICE	62.40
E C I A	ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	1,500.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHTING	111.74
EMER MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	CLIPBOARDS,TEST STRIPS	95.85
FASTENAL COMPANY	GARAGE PARTS	19.83
GATEWAY UNITED WAY	UNITED WAY	20.00
IMFOA	DUES	50.00
ING	DEFERRED COMP	500.00
IPERS	IPERS	6,045.62
SHERYL L JINDRICH	WELLNESS,GLASS,CLOTHING	497.28
KYLE KING	COPAYMENT	40.00
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,ENVELOPES,CLEAN WIPES	169.92
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-CLIN	PHARMACEUTICALS FOR FEB	59.00
MEREMA BROTHERS INC	BELTS,IDLERS,BLADES-CEM MOWER	368.03
MICROMARKETING LLC	CDS	85.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	3,676.15
MIKE'S BODY SHOP	REPAIRS TO FORD EXPEDITION	1,839.60
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	10912-REPAIR PUMP-WWTP	4,089.00
JEFFREY MOORE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENT	175.65
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	8,670.22
DALE NISSEN	WELLNESS PROGRAM	156.50
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	PARTS FOR OIL PAN-DUMP TRUCK	23.38
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	CYLINDER RENTAL	69.60
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	885.83
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	WATER SAMPLE	60.00

SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY-NIXON,SMITH	60.00
TEAM TWO INC	AMBULANCE BILLING FEE-FEB 2016	1,060.99
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	3,969.00
TREASURER'S OFFICE	FIRE SCHOOL	470.00
PAUL VARNER	COPAYMENTS	65.34
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	ROAD STONE-MAIN BREAKS	145.92
MICHAEL YACKSHAW	WELLNESS PROGRAM	250.00
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	934.00
EDENS CONSTRUCTION	LABOR,MATERIALS-MURAL-C HALL	250.00
LIBRARIAN'S CHOICE	CHILDREN'S BOOKS	87.38
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	303.13
CHRISTY LEU	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	87.50
ROOFS TO DRIVEWAYS	13AVE/7TH ST-MAIN BRK-CONCRETE	2,765.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	444.55
CUMMINS CENTRAL POWER	FIRE-HEAT EXCHANGER-GEN SET	5,198.68
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	809.22
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	1,155.00
REITZ CONSTRUCTION	CONCRETE WORK-MAIN BREAKS	7,394.65
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS	22,562.96
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	543.12
AMAZON	DVDS/BOOKS	301.75
CALIFF & HARPER	LEGAL SERVICES	6,347.25
ECONO SIGNS	SCHOOL CROSSING SYMBOLS	362.65
AMBER METZGER	REIMBURSE FOR MILEAGE	241.38
PETERSON PLUMBING INC	REPAIRS TO LIBRARY BATHROOM	938.35
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 03/23/2016	228.04
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 03/24/2016	30,826.43
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 04/01/2016	1,434.58
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	123,547.68
	GENERAL FUND	86,635.15
	LIBRARY FUND	6,722.69
	PARKS FUND	2,283.06
	CEMETERY FUND	1,563.57
	ROAD USE FUND	4,458.18
	CITY HALL PROJECT FUND	250.00
	COMM CTR/STORAGE BLDG FUND	1,500.00
	WATER UTILITY FUND	18,043.87
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	34,580.21

Receive, accept and place on file minutes from Rose Hill Cemetery meeting held 3/14/16 and Park and Rec. Board meeting held 3/7/2016; accept Lisa Abbott's resignation from Civil Service April 1, 2016; and approve Eddi Stearns application to fill a vacancy on the Park and Rec. Board – term ending July 1, 2017. On roll call – all ayes.

**Water Rates** – They all agreed that the minimum charge for water is not high enough. It was stated that money needs to be set aside for water infrastructure. Schutte commented that there was not a significant drop in water pressure or flow by not looping the water main on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue – under the railroad tracks. It doesn't hamper fire protection. Gary Hill stated that in Low Moor they pay \$40.00 for a 3,000 gallon minimum. If the minimum fee is raised \$5.00, that would generate approximately \$31,000 a year. Metzger was wondering if the meter fees could be kept separate. Jindrich stated each quarter she could put the money collected from meter fees into a CD. Roth commented that back in 2012, water was raised from 20 cents to 25 cents per hundred gallons after the 4,000 gallon minimum. If you would raise the minimum \$5.00 and collect an additional 7 cents per hundred gallon, that would generate about \$56,000 a year. Wruck thinks the city should get rid of the senior discount. They can come in and prove income just like ambulance billing. Lind was wondering if it is better to raise the minimum or raise the cost per gallon. You would generate more money by raising the minimum because everyone would participate in that.

Meter fees collected will be based on the size of the meter: 5/8" - \$2.00; 3/4" - \$3.00; 1" - \$4.00; 1-1/2" - \$5.00; 2" - \$5.00; 4" - \$8.00.

Moved by Saxon, second by Lind that effective June 1, 2016 the charge for the first 4,000 gallons would be increased to \$25.00 and the cost per hundred gallons after the first 4,000 gallons would increase 7 cents (from 25 to 32 cents per hundred gallon) and the following meter fees will be assessed: 5/8" meter - \$2.00; 3/4" meter - \$3.00; 1" meter - \$4.00; 1-1/2" meter - \$5.00; 2" meter - \$5.00; 4" meter - \$8.00. On roll call – all ayes.

**Garbage Rates** – there was some discussion on what to increase the garbage rates to.

Moved by Varner, second by Lind that June 1, 2016 the garbage rates would be \$50.00 per quarter and \$45.00 per quarter for seniors. On roll call – all ayes.

Metzger was wondering if we could have a conversation with the owners of River City Disposal about the present situation – splitting up the garbage and recycling. She has gotten about 65 calls over the last few weeks from residents. People aren't happy. We need to communicate with the residents better. Roth will visit with Jorge.

Moved by Lind, second by Metzger to approve a Resolution Establishing City of Camanche Policy for Retiree Health Insurance. On roll call – ayes – Metzger, Saxon, Lind, and Wruck. Abstain – Varner.

**Lum Park** – Roth stated letters were sent to the property owners and they came back with mixed emotions. One definitely said they would be willing to buy land behind their lot; one maybe; one maybe depending on the price and 4 no. Wruck stated some people don't want to see parks sold. Park and Rec. came to the council for direction on what to do with it. If sold, they would like to use the money for a band shell to be placed in Platt Park. It has limited access and nobody knows it's there. Saxon said some people want it to be a dog park. Eddi Stearns stated she thinks it would be a great idea as she drives out of town to go to dog parks. Willis was wondering where the money for parking improvements and fencing would be coming from. Melissa Atkinson also stated there are no lights down there. Judy Dell commented that it is a beautiful green space. The city needs to do something with it. Money would need to be spent to fix it up – parking spots, fencing, put one gate in. The city needs to get rid of it or spend money to fix it up. Donna Current was wondering if the city has ever found out the value of that piece of property. It is in the 100 year flood plan. Judy Dell said if we were to use it for a dog park there should be one access and to limit the hours. Willis told the council to take some time to think about it and it will be placed on the next agenda.

**Camanche-DeWitt Coalition** – Metzger would like to see the city give them \$250.00. She stated the coalition is looking or assessing the needs of Camanche. They are getting there. Willis talked to Schmitz and there is information given to the police department from the coalition.

Moved by Metzger, second by Lind to approve a donation of \$250.00 to the Camanche-DeWitt Coalition. On roll call – ayes – Saxon, Lind, Wruck and Metzger. Nays – Varner.

Moved by Saxon, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Approving Joint Public Service Agreement Between Camanche, Iowa; Clinton, Iowa; and Clinton County, Iowa. On roll call – all ayes.

**Salary Increases** – Schutte addressed the council concerning the fact that some employees were not given increases for the FYE 2016. The 3% that was budgeted is still there. It was stated that all employees should be treated equally. Some of the council members even said they wished they would have voted differently. With the change in council and mayor, he thought it would be a good time to bring it up again. Wruck was wondering if this affects the public works employees who voted to join the union. Frey commented that Art Eggers said the union would have to give their consent to those other members in the union to get an increase. Wruck said this is not a good time. There are too many irons in the fire. Metzger was

wondering how much do you want? Schutte stated he just brought this up for discussion. A 3% was budgeted and the bargaining unit got a 2-1/2%. Varner would like to see this tabled and put on the agenda again.

**Community Center Rates** – there was discussion on this. The council would like city hall to come up with a draft policy and to check into who would clean the building.

**Building Permit Fees** – Metzger thinks they should be raised. Schutte said he could come back with some proposed rates. This will be placed on the next agenda.

Frey stated that now that the retiree health insurance resolution has been passed, a formal notice needs to be given to the employees concerning this policy and also any new changes to the existing health insurance policy. He will have Art Eggers look at the draft of this notice. Wruck was wondering how things would be handled for retirees that have to reimburse the city for a portion of their premiums. Jindrich stated we are already handling this with one retiree and it seems to be working. Frey said it could be handled by the administration.

**City Administrator** – Roth stated Edens Construction is getting going on the footings and concrete work. There was discussion on the color – it was decided to have beige and slate. The newsletters should be going out this week. He, Dan and Mark looked at the drainage issues on 21<sup>st</sup> Street (between Highway 67 and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue). They will be getting back to Holstein.

Metzger commented that she attended a meeting on personnel handbooks. Other cities stated we should get on it. She is hearing horror stories from other cities that don't have one. They said it would be money well spent to have someone do it for us.

Saxon was wondering when the chair recognizes a council member; do they have a certain amount of time?

Metzger asked about the senior housing development. Roth heard that the closing on the property is in April.

Hilgendorf informed the council that they are looking at prices for skinning the sheds at the Public Works area.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich  
City Clerk/Treasurer