

City of Camanche, Iowa

August 2, 2016

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session August 2, 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 Roth, City Attorneys John Frey and Randy Current, department heads Hilgendorf, Houzenga, Schutte and Jindrich.

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

Willis announced that the Public Hearing listed on the agenda would be removed. It should be placed on the next agenda. Also the reading of the ordinance in regards to the peddler's permit was also removed as it is not ready.

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

Moved by Metzger, second by Saxon, to approve the consent agenda which covered the following items: approve minutes from council meeting held July 19, 2016; approve Abstract No. 661 which includes the following:

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	287.42
CAMANCHE DAYS	DONATION	2,500.00
CAMANCHE VOL FIRE DEPT	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	500.00
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	119.45
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	9,732.25
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	GARNISHMENT	323.08
CITY OF DAVENPORT	2017 ROAD SALT ORDER-50 TON	2,901.00
CORY DETERMANN	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	25.00
DETERMANN ASPHALT PAVING	PAY APP #1-21ST STREET	206,876.84
E C I A	PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE	156.00
ED'S CONCRETE & MASONARY	PATCH-MAIN BRK-7TH AVE	1,900.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	R RINGS	1.13
GALE	BOOKS	75.17
ROBERT HOUZENGA	COINSURANCE	1,383.30
ING	DEFERRED COMP	750.00
IPERS	IPERS	9,815.39
SHERYL L JINDRICH	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	84.00
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	194.02
WILLIAM LODGE	DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYMENTS	304.60
MAGUIRE IRON INC	SERVICE AGREE-HWY67 TOWER	1,650.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	ELECTRIC SERVICE	5,377.21
MIDWEST BUSINESS		
PRODUCTS	INV 329547-C HALL	427.28
JEFFREY MOORE	DEDUCTIBLE/COPAYMENTS	233.26
MPH INDUSTRIES INC	RADAR-STEP PROGRAM	1,500.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSN	7,228.25
POLICE DEPT PETTY CASH	POSTAGE,CLEANING SUPPLIES	88.68
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	PEST CONTROL-G HALL	90.78
LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	885.83
QLT	INDOOR BELL CHIME-PUB WORKS	12.30
QUALITY CONCRETE	CONCRETE-SIDEWALK	308.75
RIVER CITY DISPOSAL LLC	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING	22,191.00
RICHARD SCHMITZ JR	WELLNESS	450.00

SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	3161051-4 ENG 21ST ST	16,248.90
TEAM TWO INC	AMBULANCE BILLING-JUNE 2016	1,075.22
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	6,618.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT		
COMPANY	16 WATER METERS	3,047.52
PAUL VARNER	MILEAGE	8.10
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	646202-LIME,STONE-MAIN BREAK	641.20
1ST GATEWAY CREDIT UNION	1ST GATEWAY CU	919.00
EDENS CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP#4-COMM CTR/FIRE STOR	13,224.07
QUAD CITY SAFETY	INV 705338-LEATHER GLOVES	49.54
WINDSTREAM	PHONE/LONG DISTANCE	319.02
	MILEAGE-ACTIVE SHOOTERS	
CHRISTY LEU	COURSE	212.22
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	447.87
INSURANCE FUND	BASE	1,213.83
DATAPATH CARD SERVICES	REPLENISH MYSOURCECARD	180.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	INS PREMIUM	1,031.42
AFLAC	AFLAC - PRETAX	1,074.06
RHA SERVICE INC.	AC NOT WORKING-C HALL	894.38
CALIFF & HARPER	AMENDMENT BARGAINING UNIT	294.75
R & R WINDOW WASHING	WASH OUTSIDE WINDOWS-C HALL	20.00
ATLANTIC TACTICAL	AMMO-TRAINING	113.70
DFS INC FLEX PLAN	FLEX PLAN	1.42
3D AUTO SALES	18' EQUIPMENT TRAILER	3,950.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/29/2016	32,319.38
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CLAIMS TOTAL	329,956.21
	GENERAL FUND	71,836.49
	LIBRARY FUND	5,313.64
	PARKS FUND	2,336.07
	CEMETERY FUND	2,282.08
	ROAD USE FUND	5,744.70
	POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	-989.33
	ANAMOSA ROAD/21ST ST FUND	214,021.14
	COMM CTR/STORAGE BLDG FUND	15,881.35
	21ST STREET CULVERT FUND	5,317.40
	WATER UTILITY FUND	13,409.77
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	4,931.28
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	22,191.00

Number of Full-time Police Officers – Lind said we have beat that drum before. The only way for this subject to come up again is to pass this resolution. Willis stated that at budget time the council put the figure for 7 officers in the police budget. The money for the 8th officer was put into contingency accounts. The number of police officers is set by resolution. Varner was wondering why the rest of the council doesn't want an 8th officer. Roth commented that there are 2 issues. The council needs to set the number of officers and then they have to address the potential vacancies. Saxon said there is a lot of information that is missing or lacking. Varner said the burnt out factor is something to consider – being an officer short is going to take a toll on the officers. Willis reminded the council that the call volume has gone up. Houzenga said the magic number is 8. He has seen the solvability rate decrease to 2009 numbers. He doesn't know how much more information he can give them. Houzenga stated the OT budget is over for the month of July. That line item won't last the whole budget year. He fears for the officers' safety and the safety of the citizens. If you think the matter will go away, it won't. There were 6 officers 36 years ago and 7 are not enough. Willis stated we rely on the experts for engineering, bonding, attorneys, etc. But when we ask for information from the department heads, you don't accept it.

Moved by Lind, second by Wruck to approve a Resolution to Confirm and Fix the Number of Law Enforcement Officers of the Police Department at Seven (7). On roll call – ayes – Wruck, Metzger, Saxon, and Lind. Nays – Varner.

Sale of Old City Hall/Removal of Garner Hall – Wruck commented that the sale of the empty lot behind the old city hall went smooth. He feels the city should go with a realtor. Roth commented that the new community center/fire storage building will be available in a couple of months. The fire department side would be available first. When we list the property, we could say possession would be November 1. The front entry of the new building will be 17' away from Garner Hall. It will be hard to finish the sidewalk and entry with Garner Hall still there. Bobby Edens said that people could use the side doors and there will be parking by those doors also. It was Roth's feeling that maybe we could limit the size of the gatherings until Garner Hall is down. Bobby said there would be approximately 31 parking spots and they will put a 2" layer of asphalt on them. When Garner Hall is down, Determann will come in, finish the parking lot and put another 2" of asphalt over the existing. Wruck doesn't like the unveiling of the new building with Garner Hall still there. Roth stated that the demolition grant is due February 24 and the building has to be vacant for 6 months prior to the submission of the grant application.

Moved by Metzger, second by Lind to officially close Garner Hall August 14. On roll call – all ayes.

Metzger was wondering if the council needs to pick a realtor for the sale of the old city hall. Roth commented that you could put the names of local realtors in a hat and pull one out at the next meeting.

Jon Lee Sidewalk – Hilgendorf stated he came up with no other dates. He will do whatever the council decides to do. Whether the city will fix it and pay for it or the cost will be split with Lee. Wruck stated it was too old for him.

Moved by Metzger, second by Wruck to deny Jon Lee's appeal. On roll call – ayes – Metzger, Saxon, Lind, and Wruck. Nays – Varner.

City Administrator Applications – the identity of the candidates can be removed off the resumes. The mayor/council, city administrator and department heads will rank the resumes. If the candidate has asked for confidentiality, it remains confidential.

Moved by Metzger, second by Saxon to have the names removed from the resumes. On roll call – all ayes.

Everyone is to get the tabulation back to city hall by next Wednesday. There will be a closed session after the next meeting to discuss the rankings.

Moved by Varner, second by Metzger to approve Pay App #5 to Edens Construction for the Community Center/Fire Storage building in the amount of \$41,994.94. On roll call – all ayes.

Moved by Lind, second by Varner to approve a Resolution Approving Bond Purchase Agreement and Loan Agreement, Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2016 and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same. On roll call – all ayes.

Smoking Policy – Metzger questioned smoking on public grounds. She would like to see it addressed in the employee handbook. Under the Clean Air Act, the State addresses infiltration. Houzenga was wondering if you have no smoking in public parking lots, what about the new community center? This matter will be tabled until after the employee handbook committee meeting.

Randy Current stated he hopes to have the peddler's ordinance ready for the next meeting.

Roth reported that there is a property in Twenty-Nine Oaks that is in a total state of disrepair again. The City will probably be back in court. A garbage truck worker fell off the truck and has a head injury. Anamosa Road is done and looks good. Dunn Road is holding up real well. Solchenberger has gotten the easement for the 21st Street Culvert project. It will be on the next agenda for approval. They are having issues determining where the French drains are going to be located on 21st Street ditches because of all the utilities there. There will be an employee handbook committee meeting on Wednesday, August 10 at 5:30 P.M.

Willis stated there will be Art at the Arb featuring 2 area artists – one being a local artist.

Varner hopes that everyone passes on the information on what was decided tonight in regards to the police department. People in this room have an agenda.

Wruck would like to see better signage when work is being done for the culvert. He feels 21st Street came out great.

Houzenga stated July 21st was Party in the Park. From 4:30-6:30 there was an organized support gathering for the police officers. A support banner was signed by the people who came in support of the officers. Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan put it together. He wanted to extend his heartfelt thanks to them and read a letter signed by himself and Asst. Chief Lodge. Mr. Duncan stated he did not want any recognition. It wouldn't have been possible without the help of Jon & Betsy Lee, 1st Gateway Credit Union, Ryan Kinkaid, Seeser's, RK Autographics, Hides Inn for the ice and Economy Coating. Donna Current stated that the next day she wore her blue ribbon to work. Other employees were wondering where they could get those blue ribbons supporting the police. Houzenga presented another letter of thanks to Paul and Shirley Varner for the blue line flag.

Schutte wanted to remind everyone of the MDA pancake breakfast on August 14 serving from 6-12 at the Middle School. He was wondering if there is a way we can monitor all of the heavy equipment that will be driving on Anamosa Road in conjunction with the new expansion at Lyndell to help preserve the new road.

Hilgendorf reported that Platt Park sidewalks are done. There was one section that Bousman's did not like the looks of so they replaced that one also at their own expense. All of the city's sidewalks are fixed.

Joe Dunn wanted to thank the council members making the tough decisions they do.

Donna Current was wondering why have 4 department heads when the council members don't listen to them.

Anthony Wynkoop was wondering why he was given a ticket and an officer knocked on his door at 1:00 in the morning if they are shorthanded.

Betty Jess stated she has to take her grandchildren to DeWitt pool. She was wondering why Camanche couldn't get a splash pad for the kids. Judy Dell said it has come up at past Park and Rec. meetings. The cost is well over \$100,000 plus the cost to maintain it. Wruck suggested to Jess to form a committee.

Pat Haley stated I understand that the council voted down a police officer. She thought from the FBI that a town our size is required to have 2 officers on duty at all times. What happens if you need one?

Joe Dunn was wondering what happened to the idea of the ice skating rink. He was informed that the city has the materials but it was never cold enough to make one.

Tammy Campie stated the decision to make 7 officers is wrong. She hopes that the council never needs ones when there is only one officer on duty.

Gary Tucker wondered why the city can't save the last old city building – the old city hall. Can the police or fire departments use it? Wruck commented that we have been down that path before.

Russ Snyder wanted to thank everyone for getting the water problem fixed. He also commented that there are trees hanging over the road across from Gifford's Tool. Hilgendorf will check into that.

At 7:41 P.M., the Mayor declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Trevor Willis, Mayor

Sheryl L. Jindrich
City Clerk/Treasurer