

City of Camanche
May 21, 2024

The City Council of the City of Camanche, Iowa met in regular session May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Camanche City Hall. Present on roll call: Mayor Austin Pruettt presiding, and Council members Bowman, Edens, Farrell (online), Klahn and Weller. Also present were City Attorneys Randy Current, John Frey and Braydon Roberts, City Engineer Dan Solchenberger (online), City Administrator Andrew Kida, and Department Heads Schutte and Schneider.

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

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

Mayor Pruettt opened a Public Hearing: Vacating the 5th Avenue Railway Crossing at 6:02 p.m. John Dixon, 1429 3rd Street, spoke about the changes since the merger. He feels there are health hazards and would like to see the City get more benefit. He said trains have increased in number and size and are spending more time in the community. They sit on the east side of town waiting for other trains, then are going slower and using their horns more. He would like to commission a hearing study. There are health hazards and it affects sleep. If we are going to close a crossing, he would like to barter and asked why the Council can't represent us. He sees no reasons for horn; all but two crossings have arms. He asked Council to do something. Gregg Maxwell, 2127 10th Street, said he lived at 6th Avenue crossing and echoes what John said. City Administrator Kida provided some information about quiet zones. He said the railroad cannot fund quiet zones; it is against the law. We would have to fund them. Each quiet zone requires two gates or a concrete barrier. For closing the 5th Avenue crossing, we will get \$100,000 from the railroad plus \$100,000 from the DOT and they will upgrade the 3rd Street crossing. Councilman Bowman added that we did try to get more. Mr. Dixon said it's not enough; there is going to be somebody who's going to die, and the suits will be worth more money. With no more public comments, Mayor Pruettt closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor Pruettt called for public comments on Agenda topics; there were none.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn, who asked to table item #10, an amendment to City Administrator Employment Contract, pending a performance evaluation of the Administrator, to approve the Consent Agenda. Item #10 was intended to increase the Administrator's health insurance contribution from 8% to 20% and add the corresponding amount of pay as was done for the Department Heads at a prior meeting. The rest of the Consent Agenda covered the following: Approve minutes from the Council meeting held on May 7, 2024; approve Abstract No. 848 which includes the following:

CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	51.29
CLINTON HERALD	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	613.80
CITY OF CLINTON	28E SEWER CONTRACT	24,000.00
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX WITHHOLDING	13,316.81
CL CO AREA SOLID WASTE	YARD WASTE	113.96
CULLIGAN	DISPENSER RENT-LIBRARY,CITY HALL	20.00
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC	MOWER TIRES-1 CEMETERY,1 P & R	100.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	SECURITY LIGHT-9TH ST,ANAMOSA RD	118.51
FOLEY TREE CARE	ASH,HACKBERRY TREE REMOVAL	5,000.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	MEASURING WHEELS,PAPER PRODUCT	223.40
KWIK TRIP/KWIK STAR STORE	298.04G PWORKS;52.989G CEMETERY; 45.963G FD;188.698G PD;32.91G AMB	1,971.44
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	PETTY CASH-PROG SUPPLIES,POSTAGE	100.00
MASTERCARD	FD,PD TRAINING;WEB,MTG SOFTWARE	966.19
TOM MCMANUS BACKHOE	CLEAN CULVERT-W 9TH STREET	800.00
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	612.79
MICROMARKETING LLC	DVDS/CDS	461.93
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	STREET LIGHTING	6,325.32
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIES-POLICE DEPARTMENT	293.78
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	800.00

JEFFREY MOORE	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	200.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	MUNICIPAL PENSION	12,283.37
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	540.78
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	969.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING-WELL 5, 7, 6-8 DESIGN	44,451.22
KELLI ELLIOTT	REIMBURSE GLASSES ALLOWANCE	200.00
USA BLUEBOOK	HACH FOR WATER SAMPLES	288.35
US CELLULAR	PD/PW CELL PHONES	355.10
HAWKINS INC	130 GAL AZONE-WATER DEPARTMENT	443.95
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	AG LIME-BASEBALL FIELDS	34.14
PETERSEN SANITARY INC	PORTABLE TOILETS-PARKS	510.00
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,180.71
JAMES SOWLE	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	154.08
PLATINUM SMART INC.	DATA BACKUPS-JUNE 2024	400.00
CASEY'S GENERAL STORES	78.06G PD;10.78G BLD INSP;23.18G FD; 9.91G PWORKS; 51.49G AMBULANCE	592.94
FREY, HAUFE & CURRENT PLC	LEGAL SERVICES-APR 2024	9,185.31
FIRE TEXTRESPONSE LLC	SUBSCRIPTION-TEXT ALERT MSGING	500.00
HSA ACCOUNTS	HSA- EMPLOYEES	1,390.00
ARAMARK	PAYROLL DEDUCTION-PEWE	37.21
PLATINUM INFORMATION SVC	ITSUPPORT,NETWORK MON,SPAM FLT	3,347.37
NATHAN CAMPIE	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	307.21
NEW LIFE COMPUTERS	LIB-FACTORY RESET 5 LAPTOPS	150.00
KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY	AMMUNITION-POLICE DEPARTMENT	181.03
GENESIS OCC HEALTH	MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES	156.25
STRYKER MEDICAL	POWER COT MAINTENANCE AGREEMEN	9,369.48
PLATINUM LEASING SERVICES	MAY 2024 LEASE PAYMENTS	475.00
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS	WEEKLY CLAIMS,MONTHLY SVC FEE	2,084.87
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	LIBRARY COPIER LEASE	209.91
AIRGAS USA, LLC.	CYLINDER RENTAL	12.00
GAYLON PEWE	SAFETY BOOT,WELLNESS REIMB	194.69
RIVERSTONE GROUP, INC	5.63 TONS UPMIX-POTHOLE REPAIR	816.35
CLINTON REG WATER RECL	SAMPLE ANALYSIS	90.00
VISA	PARKS-BASES; PD TRAINING,FUEL ILEA; CIV SVC-RET TESTS;SEWER DEPT SUPPL	1,519.23
ENDLINE EXCAVATING	WELL 7 ROAD-PAY APPLICATION #1	82,909.25
RALLY APPRAISAL, LLC	APPRAISE LAND-WELL #8	700.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	FLANGE KITS-WATER DEPT	1,264.05
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 05/08/2024	250.01
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 05/10/2024	55,291.52
	CLAIMS TOTAL	288,933.60
	GENERAL FUND	93,198.15
	LIBRARY FUND	14,669.49
	PARKS FUND	2,696.38
	CEMETERY FUND	2,622.90
	ROAD USE FUND	8,102.82
	POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND	45.71
	ACC/GCC WATER LINE EXTENS FUND	2,372.40
	PFAS FUND	1,288.78
	WELL 7 FUND	117,325.77
	WELL 8 FUND	7,184.80
	WATER UTILITY FUND	10,874.34
	SEWER UTILITY FUND	27,896.00
	LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	656.06

Accept City Clerk/Treasurer's April 2024 Report including Revenues General Fund \$728,972.97, Library Fund \$22,583.36, Parks \$8,162.50, Cemetery \$7,127.90, Road Use \$52,278.69, Employee Benefit \$48,093.21, Police & Fire Pension \$93,357.40, Edens TIF \$38,591.44, Cross TIF \$4,348.44, Low/Moderate Housing Edens \$21,366.20, Low/Moderate Housing Cross \$2,665.17, P.C. & R Howson Trust \$3.33, Debt Service \$198,890.00, Splash Pad Project \$400,000.00, 3M

Fund \$-500,000.00, Well 7 Fund \$1,872,000.00, Water Utility Fund \$50,886.96, Sewer Utility Fund \$74,883.62, Landfill/Garbage \$49,896.92; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Clinton County Genealogical Society meeting on May 4, 2024; Receive, accept and place on file draft minutes from the Historical Board meeting on May 13, 2024; Approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Cjbiglanes, LLC dba Imperial Lanes effective 4/28/2024; Authorize Chief Schmitz to contract with Axon for 5 years, not to exceed \$108,581.57; Approve repairs to Fire Department 2016 Silverado truck transmission \$7,548.61; Approve payment of Well #7 Pay Application 2 from Gingerich Well & Pump Services, LLC. \$1,793,375.80; Accept Resignation from Tammy Johnson from the Civil Service Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission, effective May 18, 2024; Accept resignation from Amanda Determann from the Historical Board, effective May 20, 2024; Approve intersection crack repairs Barga, Inc. not to exceed \$20,000.00. On roll call – all Ayes.

Regarding the Goal Setting Session, Councilman Edens said he still thinks this is something we can do ourselves. Councilman Bowman shares his opinion and wants a Goal Setting Session on a future agenda. Councilman Farrell said he agrees.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Suspend the Rules of Procedure. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to allow for the reading of the Ordinance by Title Only. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett read the First Reading of an Ordinance Vacating the 5th Avenue Railway Crossing, by Title Only.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Farrell to Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Vacating the 5th Avenue Railway Crossing. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Klahn, Bowman, Edens, Farrell, Weller. Nays – None.

Next on the Agenda was Waiving the Second and Third Readings of the Ordinance, as the Ordinance had been published in advance of the meeting. Councilman Klahn expressed concern for waiving the second and third readings because we had two people at this meeting speak about the closure. City Attorney Current added information about the \$100,000 DOT match to the railroad \$100,000 payment for closing the crossing. There is a time constraint for the payment to come from this year's DOT budget; the DOT will only do things in a certain order. The sooner it is out there, the better.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Farrell to Approve Waiving the Second and Third Readings of an Ordinance Vacating the 5th Avenue Railway Crossing. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Bowman, Edens, Weller, Farrell. Nay – Councilman Klahn.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Farrell to Adopt an Ordinance Vacating the 5th Avenue Railway Crossing. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Edens, Bowman, Klahn, Weller, Farrell. Nays – None.

Mayor Pruett read the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2-16 Changing the number of members on the Historical Board from seven to five. City Attorney Current pointed out a typographical error in the Ordinance Amendment; it should be written that no less than four members should be Camanche residents.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Klahn to Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2-16 Changing the number of Historical Board from seven to five, as amended. On roll call – Ayes – Councilmen Farrell, Weller, Bowman, Klahn, Edens. Nays – None.

Mayor Pruett read a Resolution changing large item pick up to one event per year. Discussion followed, including Councilman Bowman saying that he feels we need to educate the public; if it fits in the bin, we should be putting it in the weekly trash. It was also noted there are residents who are taking advantage of this service by putting out way more materials than they should be. Maybe we should do a second pick-up this year and go to one next year.

Councilman Edens would like to see more education and also saw a lot of small items. Councilman Weller agrees with waiting until next year. Councilman Klahn said this item should be tabled and Councilman Farrell agreed. It was decided to table this item for a future meeting.

Regarding a Resolution exempting Temporary employees, less than 90 days of employment, from participation in IPERS, City Clerk Schneider said she has discussed this with an IPERS official. The City has historically enrolled all employees from the beginning of their employment. This necessitates the refund of IPERS deductions to be made to employees who work for the City less than six months. She explained that this Resolution will eliminate the need to enroll the temporary Public Works summer help in IPERS only to refund their money at the end of the summer. The IPERS official recommended making this change by Resolution.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to Adopt a Resolution exempting Temporary employees, less than 90 days of employment, from participation in IPERS. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Edens to Adopt a Resolution to set a date for a Public Hearing on a proposal to enter into a General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. On roll call – all Ayes.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Edens to amend the agenda item to a Resolution approving the proposed 28E Agreement with the City of Clinton for Phase 3 Lincoln Way Industrial Rail and Air Park Urban Renewal Plan by substituting the following Resolution setting a public hearing. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett Read a Resolution setting a date for a public hearing concerning consent by the City of Camanche to a proposed Phase 3 Lincoln Way Industrial Rail and Airpark Urban Renewal Plan for a proposed Urban Renewal area in the City of Clinton.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Edens to Approve a Resolution setting a date for a public hearing concerning consent by the City of Camanche to a proposed Phase 3 Lincoln Way Industrial Rail and Airpark Urban Renewal Plan for a proposed Urban Renewal area in the City of Clinton. On roll call – all Ayes.

Due to severe weather concerns with the warning sirens being sounded, it was decided to table the Cemetery columbarium discussion and the Camanche Police Department April 2024 Report to allow the public to get home safely. However, the meeting continued, as Closed Session would be held in the safe portion of the building where Council and staff would take shelter.

City Administrator Kida introduced Intern Hunter Block to the Council and said he asked Hunter to read Iowa Code 403. Hunter is a graduate student at William Penn University in Oskaloosa. He moved from Eldridge to Camanche three years ago. His goal is to be a Chief Human Resources Officer. Councilman Edens said citizens had reached out to him regarding fiber optic. Councilman Bowman brought up the Storm Sewer topic that has been discussed at previous Council meetings and asked if anyone has had discussions with the Public Works Director. Councilman Edens said he has and has also read the entire document and found it to be extremely general and not as informative as he wanted it to be. Bowman said we have already had \$80,000 in storm sewer repairs which has been paid from Road Use funds. He would like to have a workshop on this. Also, there are residents abusing the Dunn Road dumpster site.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Weller to go to Closed Session: Iowa Code 21.5 Potential Litigation; Interest in Real Estate at 7:00 p.m. On roll call – all Ayes.

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:29 p.m.

Moved by Councilman Bowman, second by Councilman Edens to Direct the City Administrator proceed with what was discussed in Closed Session and engage appropriate Counsel to represent the City interests. On roll call – all Ayes.

Mayor Pruett adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Austin Pruett
Mayor

Toni L. Schneider
City Clerk/Treasurer