

June 19, 2025

Via Email

Susi Lampe
City Clerk/City Hall
Independence, Iowa

Re: \$2,480,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025
Our File No. 419440-110

Dear Susi:

We have prepared and attached the necessary proceedings to be used at the June 23rd City Council meeting to enable the City Council to adopt the resolution (the “Resolution”) approving the Loan Agreement and authorizing the issuance of the General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025.

The proceedings attached include the following items:

1. Minutes of the meeting covering the adoption of the Resolution. The actual Resolution follows the minutes. **The form of Bond, Authentication Certificate and Assignment set out in the Resolution should not be completed or executed.**
2. Attestation Certificate with respect to the validity of the transcript.
3. County Filing Certificate relating to the filing of a certified copy of this Resolution in the County Auditor’s office. **After it is adopted, a certified copy of the Resolution must be filed with the Buchanan County Auditor prior to closing on July 8, 2025. An extra copy of the Resolution should be printed for this purpose.**

As provided in the earlier pre-levy Resolution and in the attached Resolution, continuing in the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the County Auditor will have a mandatory duty to make a levy of taxes to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds unless the City’s budget each year affirmatively shows that the tax should not be levied because other funds will be applied to the payment of the Bonds for that budget year. To the extent the City determines that property tax levies will be needed for payment in any year, the tax levy amounts needed must be certified for that year in the City’s budget as part of the Debt Service Fund, and the funds derived from sources other than taxes must be shown on the appropriate budget document.

As these proceedings are completed, please return one fully executed copy to our office.

Also attached is a Loan Agreement for execution by the City Clerk and the Mayor. Please print the Loan Agreement for execution. After it has been signed, please scan and e-mail a copy to us as soon as possible and in advance of closing.

We are also attaching a Continuing Disclosure Certificate for the City Clerk and Mayor to sign. Please retain one executed copy for the City's records and e-mail a copy to us as soon as possible and in advance of closing.

Finally, we are attaching a Registrar and Paying Agent Agreement for the City Clerk and the Mayor to sign. Please print a copy for execution, after which it should be returned to us by scan and email so that we may forward it to UMB Bank, n.a. for signature as soon as possible and ahead of closing.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Regan, Megan Newell or me.

Best regards,

John P. Danos

Attachments

cc: Matt Schmitz
Michelle Nejd
Speer Financial, Inc.
Diana VanVleet
Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.
Assured Guaranty

MINUTES TO PROVIDE FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF BONDS

419440-110

Independence, Iowa

June 23, 2025

The City Council of the City of Independence, Iowa, met on June 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at the City Hall, Independence, Iowa.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members were present and absent:

Present: _____

Absent: _____.

After due consideration and discussion, Council Member _____ introduced the resolution hereinafter next set out and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member _____. After due consideration, the Mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted, as hereinafter set out.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

Resolution authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of \$2,480,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same

WHEREAS, the City of Independence (the “City”), in Buchanan County, State of Iowa, heretofore proposed to enter into a loan agreement (the “Essential Purpose Loan Agreement”), pursuant to the provisions of Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa, and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of (a) constructing street, sidewalk, stormwater drainage, water system and sanitary sewer system improvements; (b) acquiring and installing street lighting, signage and signalization improvements; (c) acquiring vehicles and equipment for the municipal police department; (d) acquiring vehicles and equipment for the municipal fire department; (e) acquiring and installing emergency warning sirens; (f) acquiring vehicles and equipment for the municipal streets department; and (g) equipping existing municipal parks, and has published notice of the proposed action and has held a hearing thereon on March 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City also proposed to enter into a loan agreement (the “General Purpose Loan Agreement,” and together with the Essential Purpose Loan Agreement, the “Loan Agreements”) and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$400,000, pursuant to the provisions of Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of (a) undertaking storage shed improvements for the street shop; (b) undertaking parking improvements for City Hall; (c) undertaking storage shed improvements for the parks and recreation department; and (d) planning for the City’s infrastructure and land use needs, and has published notice of the proposed action, has held a hearing thereon and as of March 24, 2025, no petition had been filed with the City asking that the question of entering into the General Purpose Loan Agreement be submitted to the registered voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 384.28 of the Code of Iowa, the City has combined its authority under the Loan Agreements and into a single loan agreement (the “Loan Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, a Preliminary Official Statement (the “P.O.S.”) has been prepared to facilitate the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Bonds”) in evidence of the obligation of the City under the Loan Agreement, and the City has made provision for the approval of the P.O.S. and has authorized its use by Speer Financial, Inc. as municipal advisor to the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement of sale, bids for the purchase of the Bonds were received and canvassed on behalf of the City and the substance of such bids noted in the minutes; and

WHEREAS, upon final consideration of all bids, the bid of Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin (the “Purchaser”), is the best, such bid proposing the lowest interest cost to the City for the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Purchaser has executed a certain official bid form/sale agreement (the “Sale Agreement”) with respect to the Loan Agreement and the Bonds, and the City Council has previously approved the Sale Agreement and has made provision for its execution and delivery; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it advisable to approve a commitment for municipal bond insurance policy issued by Assured Guaranty Inc. (the “Bond Insurer”) with respect to the Bonds;

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to make final provision for the approval of the Loan Agreement and to authorize the issuance of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Independence, as follows:

Section 1. The City shall enter into the Loan Agreement with the Purchaser, in substantially the form as has been placed on file with the City Council, providing for a loan to the City in the principal amount of \$2,480,000, for the purpose or purposes set forth in the preamble hereof.

The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Loan Agreement on behalf of the City, and the Loan Agreement is hereby approved. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and deliver any necessary documents to carry out the purposes of this resolution, including without limitation closing and tax certificates.

Furthermore, the Bond Insurer is hereby approved, and the Mayor, the City Clerk, the City Administrator (or their acting designees) are hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all agreements, documents and instruments required related to the issuance of the municipal bond insurance related to the Bonds. The Bond Insurer is a third party beneficiary under this resolution. Any insurance provisions required by the Bond Insurer to be included in this resolution and set forth in its commitment are hereby made a part of this resolution and incorporated herein, and the City Clerk (or designee) is authorized to attach a copy of such insurance provisions, if required, to this resolution.

Section 2. The Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,480,000, are hereby authorized to be issued in evidence of the City’s obligations under the Loan Agreement. The Bonds shall be dated July 8, 2025, shall be issued in the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof and shall mature on June 1 in each of the years, in the respective principal amounts, and bear interest at the respective rates as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2026	\$215,000	4.000%	2031	\$250,000	4.000%
2027	\$210,000	4.000%	2032	\$260,000	4.000%
2028	\$220,000	4.000%	2033	\$270,000	4.000%
2029	\$235,000	4.000%	2034	\$285,000	4.000%
2030	\$240,000	4.000%	2035	\$295,000	4.000%

Section 3. UMB Bank, n.a., West Des Moines, Iowa, is hereby designated as the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds and may be hereinafter referred to as the “Registrar” or the “Paying Agent.” The City shall enter into an agreement (the “Registrar/Paying Agent Agreement”) with the Registrar, in substantially the form as has been placed on file with the City Council; the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Registrar/Paying Agent Agreement on behalf of the City; and the Registrar/Paying Agent Agreement is hereby approved.

The City reserves the right to optionally prepay part or all of the principal of the Bonds maturing in each of the years 2032 to 2035, inclusive, prior to and in any order of maturity on June 1, 2031 or on any date thereafter upon terms of par and accrued interest. If less than all of the Bonds of any like maturity are to be redeemed, the particular part of those Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Registrar by lot. The Bonds may be called in part in one or more units of \$5,000.

If less than the entire principal amount of any Bond in a denomination of more than \$5,000 is to be redeemed, the Registrar will issue and deliver to the registered owner thereof, upon surrender of such original Bond, a new Bond or Bonds, in any authorized denomination, in a total aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed balance of the original Bond. Notice of such redemption as aforesaid identifying the Bond or Bonds (or portion thereof) to be redeemed shall be sent by electronic means or mailed by certified mail to the registered owners thereof at the addresses shown on the City’s registration books not less than 30 days prior to such redemption date. Any notice of redemption may contain a statement that the redemption is conditioned upon the receipt by the Paying Agent of funds on or before the date fixed for redemption sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Bonds so called for redemption, and that if funds are not available, such redemption shall be cancelled by written notice to the owners of the Bonds called for redemption in the same manner as the original redemption notice was sent. All of such Bonds as to which the City reserves and exercises the right of redemption and as to which notice as aforesaid shall have been given and for the redemption of which funds are duly provided, shall cease to bear interest on the redemption date.

Accrued interest on the Bonds shall be payable semiannually on the first day of June and December in each year, commencing December 1, 2025. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. Payment of interest on the Bonds shall be made to the registered owners appearing on the registration books of the City at the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month next preceding the interest payment date and shall be paid to the registered owners at the addresses shown on such registration books. Principal of the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America to the registered owners or their legal representatives upon presentation and surrender of the Bond or Bonds at the office of the Paying Agent.

The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City with the official manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor and attested with the official manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk, and shall be fully registered Bonds without interest coupons. In case any officer whose signature or the facsimile of whose signature appears on the Bonds shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Bonds, such signature or such facsimile signature shall nevertheless be

valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery.

The Bonds shall be fully registered as to principal and interest in the names of the owners on the registration books of the City kept by the Registrar, and after such registration payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon shall be made only to the registered owners or their legal representatives or assigns. Each Bond shall be transferable only upon the registration books of the City upon presentation to the Registrar, together with either a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar or the assignment form thereon completed and duly executed by the registered owner or the duly authorized attorney for such registered owner.

The record and identity of the owners of the Bonds shall be kept confidential as provided by Section 22.7 of the Code of Iowa.

The Bonds shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication thereon shall have been signed by the Registrar.

Section 4. Notwithstanding anything above to the contrary, the Bonds shall be issued initially as Depository Bonds, with one fully registered Bond for each maturity date, in principal amounts equal to the amount of principal maturing on each such date, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). On original issue, the Bonds shall be deposited with DTC for the purpose of maintaining a book-entry system for recording the ownership interests of its participants and the transfer of those interests among its participants (the "Participants"). In the event that DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds or the City determines not to continue the book-entry system for recording ownership interests in the Bonds with DTC, the City will discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the City does not select another qualified securities depository to replace DTC (or a successor depository) in order to continue a book-entry system, the City will register and deliver replacement bonds in the form of fully registered certificates, in authorized denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples of \$5,000, in accordance with instructions from Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. In the event that the City identifies a qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the City will register and deliver replacement bonds, fully registered in the name of such depository, or its nominee, in the denominations as set forth above, as reduced from time to time prior to maturity in connection with redemptions or retirements by call or payment, and in such event, such depository will then maintain the book-entry system for recording ownership interests in the Bonds.

Ownership interests in the Bonds may be purchased by or through Participants. Such Participants and the persons for whom they acquire interests in the Bonds as nominees will not receive certificated Bonds, but each such Participant will receive a credit balance in the records of DTC in the amount of such Participant's interest in the Bonds, which will be confirmed in accordance with DTC's standard procedures. Each such person for which a Participant has an interest in the Bonds, as nominee, may desire to make arrangements with such Participant to have all notices of redemption or other communications of the City to DTC, which may affect such person, forwarded in writing by such Participant and to have notification made of all interest payments.

The City will have no responsibility or obligation to such Participants or the persons for whom they act as nominees with respect to payment to or providing of notice for such Participants or the persons for whom they act as nominees.

As used herein, the term “Beneficial Owner” shall hereinafter be deemed to include the person for whom the Participant acquires an interest in the Bonds.

DTC will receive payments from the City, to be remitted by DTC to the Participants for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners. The ownership interest of each Beneficial Owner in the Bonds will be recorded on the records of the Participants whose ownership interest will be recorded on a computerized book-entry system kept by DTC.

When reference is made to any action which is required or permitted to be taken by the Beneficial Owners, such reference shall only relate to those permitted to act (by statute, regulation or otherwise) on behalf of such Beneficial Owners for such purposes. When notices are given, they shall be sent by the City to DTC, and DTC shall forward (or cause to be forwarded) the notices to the Participants so that the Participants can forward the same to the Beneficial Owners.

Beneficial Owners will receive written confirmations of their purchases from the Participants acting on behalf of the Beneficial Owners detailing the terms of the Bonds acquired. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds will be accomplished by book entries made by DTC and the Participants who act on behalf of the Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds, except as specifically provided herein. Interest and principal will be paid when due by the City to DTC, then paid by DTC to the Participants and thereafter paid by the Participants to the Beneficial Owners.

Section 5. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

(Form of Bond)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF IOWA
BUCHANAN COUNTY
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BOND, SERIES 2025

No. _____ \$ _____

RATE	MATURITY DATE	BOND DATE	CUSIP
_____ %	June 1, _____	July 8, 2025	_____

The City of Independence (the “City”), in Buchanan County, State of Iowa, for value received, promises to pay on the maturity date of this Bond to

Cede & Co.
New York, New York

or registered assigns, the principal sum of

THOUSAND DOLLARS

in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at the office of UMB Bank, n.a., West Des Moines, Iowa (hereinafter referred to as the “Registrar” or the “Paying Agent”), with interest on said sum, until paid, at the rate per annum specified above from the date of this Bond, or from the most recent interest payment date on which interest has been paid, on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2025, except as the provisions hereinafter set forth with respect to redemption prior to maturity may be or become applicable hereto. Interest on this Bond is payable to the registered owner appearing on the registration books of the City at the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month next preceding the interest payment date and shall be paid to the registered owner at the address shown on such registration books. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Registrar.

This Bond is one of a series of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Bonds”) issued by the City to evidence its obligation under a certain loan agreement, dated as of July 8, 2025 (the “Loan Agreement”), entered into by the City for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of (a) constructing street, sidewalk, stormwater drainage, water system and sanitary sewer system improvements; (b) acquiring and installing street lighting, signage and signalization improvements; (c) acquiring vehicles and equipment for the municipal police department; (d) acquiring vehicles and equipment for the municipal fire department; (e) acquiring and installing emergency warning sirens; (f) acquiring vehicles and equipment for the municipal streets department; (g) equipping existing municipal parks, (h) undertaking storage shed improvements for the street shop; (i) undertaking parking improvements for City Hall; (j) undertaking storage shed improvements for the parks and recreation department; and (k) planning for the City’s infrastructure and land use needs.

The Bonds are issued pursuant to and in strict compliance with the provisions of Chapters 76 and 384 of the Code of Iowa, 2025, and all other laws amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, and in conformity with a resolution of the City Council adopted on June 23, 2025, authorizing and approving the Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of the Bonds (the “Resolution”), and reference is hereby made to the Resolution and the Loan Agreement for a more complete statement as to the source of payment of the Bonds and the rights of the owners of the Bonds.

The City reserves the right to optionally prepay part or all of the principal of the Bonds maturing in each of the years 2032 to 2035, inclusive, prior to and in any order of maturity on June 1, 2031 or on any date thereafter upon terms of par and accrued interest. If less than all of the Bonds of any like maturity are to be redeemed, the particular part of those Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Registrar by lot. The Bonds may be called in part in one or more units of \$5,000.

If less than the entire principal amount of any Bond in a denomination of more than \$5,000 is to be redeemed, the Registrar will issue and deliver to the registered owner thereof, upon surrender of such original Bond, a new Bond or Bonds, in any authorized denomination, in a total aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed balance of the original Bond. Notice of such redemption as aforesaid identifying the Bond or Bonds (or portion thereof) to be redeemed shall be sent by electronic means or mailed by certified mail to the registered owners thereof at the addresses shown on the City’s registration books not less than 30 days prior to such redemption date. Any notice of redemption may contain a statement that the redemption is conditioned upon the receipt by the Paying Agent of funds on or before the date fixed for redemption sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Bonds called for redemption, and that if funds are not available, such redemption shall be cancelled by written notice to the owners of the Bonds called for redemption in the same manner as the original redemption notice was sent. All of such bonds as to which the City reserves and exercises the right of redemption and as to which notice as aforesaid shall have been given and for the redemption of which funds are duly provided, shall cease to bear interest on the redemption date.

This Bond is fully negotiable but shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the owner on the books of the City in the office of the Registrar, after which no transfer shall be valid unless made on said books and then only upon presentation of this Bond to the Registrar, together with either a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar or the assignment form hereon completed and duly executed by the registered owner or the duly authorized attorney for such registered owner.

The City, the Registrar and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the registered owner hereof as the absolute owner for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of principal hereof, premium, if any, and interest due hereon and for all other purposes, and the City, the Registrar and the Paying Agent shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

And It Is Hereby Certified and Recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa, to exist, to be had, to be done or to be performed precedent to and in the issue of this Bond were and have been properly existent, had, done and performed in regular and due form and time; that provision has been made for the levy of a sufficient continuing annual tax on all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond as the same will respectively become due; and that the total indebtedness of the City, including this Bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the City of Independence, Iowa, by its City Council, has caused this Bond to be executed with the duly authorized facsimile signature of its Mayor and attested with the duly authorized facsimile signature of its City Clerk, all as of July 8, 2025.

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IOWA

By: (DO NOT SIGN)
Mayor

Attest:

(DO NOT SIGN)
City Clerk

Registration Date: (Registration Date)

REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds described in the within-mentioned resolution.

UMB BANK, N.A.
West Des Moines, Iowa
Registrar

By: (Signature)
Authorized Officer

STATEMENT OF INSURANCE

Assured Guaranty Inc. ("AG") has delivered its municipal bond insurance policy (the "Policy") with respect to the scheduled payments due of principal of and interest on this Bond to UMB Bank, n.a., West Des Moines, Iowa, or its successor, as paying agent for the Bonds (the "Paying Agent"). Said Policy is on file and available for inspection at the principal office of the Paying Agent and a copy thereof may be obtained from AG or the Paying Agent. All payments required to be made under the Policy shall be made in accordance with the provisions thereof. The owner of this Bond acknowledges and consents to the subrogation rights of AG as more fully set forth in the Policy.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in this Bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM	-	as tenants in common	UTMA	_____
TEN ENT	-	as tenants by the entireties		(Custodian)
JT TEN	-	as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common	As Custodian for	_____
				(Minor)
			under Uniform Transfers to Minors Act	_____
				(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the list above.

ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned assigns this Bond to

(Please print or type name and address of Assignee)

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER
IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

and does hereby irrevocably appoint _____, Attorney, to transfer this Bond on the books kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution.

Dated: _____

Signature guaranteed:

(Signature guarantee must be provided in accordance with the prevailing standards and procedures of the Registrar and Transfer Agent. Such standards and procedures may require signatures to be guaranteed by certain eligible guarantor institutions that participate in a recognized signature guarantee program.)

NOTICE: The signature to this Assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on this Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Section 6. The Bonds shall be executed as herein provided as soon after the adoption of this resolution as may be possible and thereupon they shall be delivered to the Registrar for registration, authentication and delivery to or on behalf of the Underwriter, as determined by the City Council, upon receipt of the loan proceeds, (\$2,544,956.85), including the original reoffering premium (\$64,956.85), (the “Loan Proceeds”), and all action heretofore taken in connection with the Loan Agreement is hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

A portion of the Loan Proceeds (\$47,971.50) shall be retained by the Underwriter as the Underwriter’s Discount.

A portion of the Loan Proceeds (\$2,454,180.35) received from the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited in a dedicated fund (the “Project Fund”), which is hereby created, to be used for the payment of costs of the Projects and to the extent that any such proceeds (the “Project Proceeds”) remain after the full payment of the costs of the Projects, such Project Proceeds, shall be transferred to the Debt Service Fund for the payment of interest on the Bonds.

The remainder of the Loan Proceeds (\$42,805.00) (the “Cost of Issuance Proceeds”), received from the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited in the Project Fund, and shall be used for the payment of costs of issuance of the Bonds, and to the extent that Cost of Issuance Proceeds remain after the full payment of the costs of issuance of the Bonds, such Cost of Issuance Proceeds shall be transferred to the Debt Service Fund for the payment of interest on the Bonds.

The City shall keep a detailed and segregated accounting of the expenditure of, and investment earnings on, the Loan Proceeds to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, as hereinafter defined.

Section 7. For the purpose of providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due, there is hereby ordered levied on all the taxable property in the City the following direct annual tax for

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026,
sufficient to produce the net annual sum of \$300,600;

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027,
sufficient to produce the net annual sum of \$302,200;

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2028,
sufficient to produce the net annual sum of \$308,400;

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2029,
sufficient to produce the net annual sum of \$304,000;

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2030,
sufficient to produce the net annual sum of \$304,400;

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2031,
sufficient to produce the net annual sum of \$304,400;

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2032, sufficient to produce the net annual sum of \$304,000;

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2033, sufficient to produce the net annual sum of \$308,200; and

For collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2034, sufficient to produce the net annual sum of \$306,800.

(Such taxes being supplemental and additional to taxes previously authorized by the City for this purpose for collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025).

Section 8. A certified copy of this resolution shall be filed with the County Auditor of Buchanan County, and the Auditor is hereby instructed to enter for collection and assess the tax hereby authorized. When annually entering such taxes for collection, the County Auditor shall include the same as a part of the tax levy for Debt Service Fund purposes of the City and when collected, the proceeds of the taxes shall be converted into the Debt Service Fund of the City and set aside therein as a special account to be used solely and only for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds hereby authorized and for no other purpose whatsoever. Any amount received by the City as accrued interest on the Bonds shall be deposited into such special account and used to pay interest due on the Bonds on the first interest payment date.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 76.4 of the Code of Iowa, each year while the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid, any funds of the City which may lawfully be applied for such purpose may be appropriated, budgeted and, if received, used for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due, and if so appropriated, the taxes for any given fiscal year as provided for in Section 7 of this Resolution, shall be reduced by the amount of such alternate funds as have been appropriated for said purpose and evidenced in the City's budget.

Section 9. The interest or principal and both of them falling due in any year or years shall, if necessary, be paid promptly from current funds on hand in advance of taxes levied and when the taxes shall have been collected, reimbursement shall be made to such current funds in the sum thus advanced.

Section 10. It is the intention of the City that interest on the Bonds be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations in effect with respect thereto (all of the foregoing herein referred to as the "Internal Revenue Code"). In furtherance thereof, the City covenants to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code as they may from time to time be in effect or amended and further covenants to comply with the applicable future laws, regulations, published rulings and court decisions as may be necessary to insure that the interest on the Bonds will remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any and all of the officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions as may be necessary to comply with the covenants herein contained.

The City hereby designates the Bonds as "Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations" as that term is used in Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 11. The Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) has promulgated certain amendments to Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12) (the “Rule”) that make it unlawful for an underwriter to participate in the primary offering of municipal securities in a principal amount of \$1,000,000 or more unless, before submitting a bid or entering into a purchase contract for such securities, an underwriter has reasonably determined that the issuer or an obligated person has undertaken in writing for the benefit of the holders of such securities to provide certain disclosure information to prescribed information repositories on a continuing basis so long as such securities are outstanding or unless and to the extent the offering is exempt from the requirements of the Rule.

On the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, the City will execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate pursuant to which the City will undertake to comply with the Rule. The City covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. Any and all of the officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions as may be necessary to comply with the Rule and the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

Section 12. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 13. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

Passed and approved June 23, 2025.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

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At the conclusion of the meeting, and upon motion and vote, the City Council adjourned.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

ATTESTATION CERTIFICATE

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN SS:
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Independence, do hereby certify that as such City Clerk I have in my possession or have access to the complete corporate records of the City and of its City Council and officers and that I have carefully compared the transcript hereto attached with those corporate records and that the transcript hereto attached is a true, correct and complete copy of all the corporate records in relation to the adoption of a resolution authorizing a certain Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of \$2,480,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025 of the City evidencing the City's obligation under the Loan Agreement and that the transcript hereto attached contains a true, correct and complete statement of all the measures adopted and proceedings, acts and things had, done and performed up to the present time with respect thereto.

I further certify that no appeal has been taken to the District Court from the decision of the City Council to issue such bonds or to levy taxes to pay the principal thereof and interest thereon.

WITNESS MY HAND this _____ day of June, 2025.

City Clerk

COUNTY FILING CERTIFICATE

STATE OF IOWA

SS:

COUNTY OF BUCHANAN

I, the undersigned, County Auditor of Buchanan County, in the State of Iowa, do hereby certify that on the _____ day of June, 2025, the City Clerk of the City of Independence, Iowa, filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution of such City shown to have been adopted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor thereof on June 23, 2025, entitled: "Resolution authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of \$2,480,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same," and that I have duly placed a copy of the resolution on file in my records.

I further certify that the taxes provided for in that resolution will in due time, manner and season be entered on the State and County tax lists of this County for collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and subsequent years as provided in the resolution, such taxes being supplemental and additional to taxes previously authorized by the City for such purpose for collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025."

WITNESS MY HAND this _____ day of June, 2025.

County Auditor