

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, February 10, 2025.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, and Jensen in attendance. Council Member Hanna via phone. Council Member Huston was excused.

This meeting was available for public attendance. The meeting was also broadcast on the local access channel, YouTube, and Facebook.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member O’Loughlin, second by Council Member Weber to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held February 10, 2025. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member O’Loughlin, second by Council Member Prusator to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the January 27, 2025, Regular Meeting. 2) Special Event Application for Independence BrewBQ to be on August 23, 2025. 3) Bowhunting request from Curtis Cooksley for the 2025-2026 bowhunting season. 4) Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh Class E retail alcohol license amendment for ownership updates with a tentative effective date of November 9, 2024, through November 8, 2025. 5) Kwik Start #717 Class B retail alcohol license renewal with a tentative effective date of April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. 6) 319 Social House Class C retail alcohol license renewal with a tentative effective date of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston.

FINANCIALS

Motion by Council Member Moore, second by Council Member Weber to approve the following bills for payment. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston.

A1 SEWER & DRAIN	SERVICES-W	\$ 305.00
ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,F,W,PD	\$ 695.66
ADP	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 107,783.76
ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	SERVICES-F	\$ 88.00
ALTORFER INC	EQUIP MAINT-W	\$ 690.54
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-CH,F,PR	\$ 415.76
B & D SERVICES	REIMBURSE-CH	\$ 3,994.34
BAGBY'S AUTOMOTIVE	VEH REPAIR-W	\$ 424.15
BALDWIN, CLIFF	COACH-PR	\$ 660.00
BARRY, TAD	BB TOURNEY FEE-PR	\$ 1,400.00
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN LLC	VSP-BEAM PRETAX	\$ 516.58
BEATTY, ROBERT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
BERGANKDV	AUDIT FEES-CH	\$ 29,617.50
BLAD, CHRISTIAN	REIMBURSE-FD	\$ 38.80
BLEICHNER, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 100.00
BREEDLOVE SPORTING GOODS	EQUIP-PR	\$ 780.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY WILDLIFE	DUES-PD	\$ 700.00
BUTLER, JOHN R	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
CABELL, TRENTON	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-CH,PR	\$ 13,908.31
CELLULAR CONCRETE INC	SERVICES-W	\$ 10,750.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-PD	\$ 175.02
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	SERVICES-B,PR	\$ 4,551.00
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	SERVICES-PD,W	\$ 85.18
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	METERS-W	\$ 331.74
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	EQUIP-F	\$ 36,172.00
DARE IOWA, INC	DARE TRAINING-PD	\$ 100.00
DELL MARKETING, LP	FEES-CH	\$ 17,312.51

EDMUNDS GOVTECH	SERVICES-CH	\$ 41,125.00
ELITE LAND IMPROVEMENT	SERVICES-W	\$ 10,505.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 11,705.92
ESCH, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
FOLEY, TRAVIS	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS	EQUIP MAINT-F	\$ 1,400.00
GALLS INC	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 135.39
GREEN PRO SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 2,398.50
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 2,089.11
HAYWARD, BLAKE	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
I.S.C.I.A.	TRAINING-PD	\$ 175.00
IACP	DUES-PD	\$ 220.00
IAFC	DUES-F	\$ 71.67
IMFOA	DUES-CH	\$ 50.00
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING HEA	SERVICES-W	\$ 117.70
J. ROBERT HOPSON INC.	SERVICES-CH	\$ 550.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,W,A	\$ 575.39
KILER, ANGELA	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
KQ SPORTS	TOURNEY FEES-PR	\$ 7,575.00
KRIVACHECK JANITORIAL SUP	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 50.00
LAU, BRIAN	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
MANCHESTER KIDS LEAGUE	BB TOURNEY FEE-PR	\$ 1,150.00
MCCLOUD SERVICES	PEST CONTROL-PD	\$ 100.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 162.00
MICROSOFT CORPORATION	DUES-ALL	\$ 720.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES-A,F,ST,W	\$ 557.07
NEJDL, MICHELLE	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
NORTHEAST IA REGIONAL LEA	DUES-CH	\$ 25.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPAN	PUBLICAT-CH	\$ 396.48
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-F,PR	\$ 519.95
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$ 395.46
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINAN	EQUIP LEASE-PR	\$ 167.64
PRINT EXPRESS	PRINTING-PR	\$ 2,375.00
RACOM CORPORATION	EQUIP MAINT-PD	\$ 51.44
RECK, BRENT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
S & K COLLECTIBLES	SHIPPING-W	\$ 74.67
SCHMITZ, MATTHEW	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 100.00
SIGNS & MORE	UNIFORM-A	\$ 26.80
SOUKUP, BRETT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPA	SUPPLIES-W,ST	\$ 293.07
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST	MISSIONSQUARE ICMA RC BENEFIT	\$ 7,810.45
STOREY KENWORTHY - MATT P	SUPPLIES-CH	\$ 4,980.34
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$ 2,460.00
T MOBILE	PHONE-PD,F,CH,B,PR	\$ 860.29
TAKE A SHOT LLC	TRAINING-PD	\$ 700.00
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,369.73
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 1,529.85
TRIPLE BAGGER BASEBALL	TOURNEY FEES-PR	\$ 22,500.00
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,PD	\$ 219.56
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE-F,PD	\$ 48.49
VESSCO INC	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 778.44
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-PD,PR,W	\$ 203.46
WESTERN DUBUQUE YOUTH BAE	BB TOURNEY FEE-PR	\$ 1,900.00

CLAIMS TOTAL \$363,364.72; General Fund \$225,782.37; Library \$10,170.51; Streets Dept-Road Use \$11,779.91; Employee Benefits \$7,228.25; Economic Development \$3,994.34; Cap Project-Visioning Project

\$3,286.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$41,152.34; Water Fund \$11,149.47; Sewer Utility Fund \$37,155.61; Self Insurance \$11,605.97; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$59.95.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$151,227.52; General Fund \$36,587.90; Water Fund \$35,722.51; Sewer Utility \$63,330.83; Storm Water \$4,270.97; Self Insurance \$11,300.31; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$15.00.

The January 2025 bank reconciliation and the revenues and expenses by department to date were available for council review and discussion.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member O’Loughlin with a motion to set March 24, 2025, at 4:45 pm as a public hearing on the proposed property tax levy for Fiscal Year 2026, second by Council Member Moore. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, and Weber. Absent: Huston.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Weber with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution accepting and approving the Heidemann final plat under terms set forth in the attached development agreement and to authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the attached development agreement, second by Council Member O’Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, and Hanna. Absent: Huston.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2025-10 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Moore with a motion to cancel the February 18th City Council Budget Work Session, second by Council Member O’Loughlin. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston.

Council Member Weber with a motion to cancel the March 3rd City Council Work Session, second by Council Member O’Loughlin. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston.

Council Member O’Loughlin with a motion to approve the Independence Fire Department’s disposal list, second by Council Member Moore. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, and Moore. Absent: Huston.

REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: O’Loughlin – Congratulations to the local wrestling teams. Independence finished 5th in the state and East Buchanan girls became the state champions. Fire – The Chili/Soup supper is February 18th at the Buchanan County Fairgrounds.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member O’Loughlin, second by Council Member Jensen to adjourn. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston.

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:

Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO,
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, Iowa