

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem O’Loughlin opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and Jensen in attendance. Mayor Bleichner and Council Member Huston were 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 Hanna, second by Council Member Weber to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Jensen, second by Council Member Moore to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the October 28, 2024, Regular Meeting. 2) El Mazatlan Authentic Mexican Restaurant Class C retail alcohol license renewal effective November 15, 2024, through November 14, 2025. 3) Wee Willy’s Checkered Flag Class C retail alcohol license renewal that includes outdoor service effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. 4) Allerton Brewing Company Class C retail alcohol license renewal that includes outdoor service effective October 17, 2024, through October 16, 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.

ADP	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 110,791.93
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-A,CH,PD	\$ 1,451.64
ASPRO INC	SERVICES-W	\$ 1,940.04
ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE	ASSUR CRIT ILL	\$ 461.34
BAGBY'S AUTOMOTIVE	VEH REPAIR-PR,W	\$ 290.47
BANTZ, CAMERON	REFUND-PR	\$ 100.00
BEATTY, JACKSON	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 234.00
BEATTY, ROBERT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
BEENBLOSUM, NATHAN	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 258.46
BETHUNE, STEVE	REFUND-PR	\$ 100.00
BLAD, CHRISTIAN	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 651.65
BLEICHNER, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 100.00
BOWMAN, RICHARD	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 72.37
BSN SPORTS, INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 1,055.25
BUCHANAN COUNTY EXTENSION	TRAINING-ST	\$ 45.00
BUTLER, JOHN R	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
CABELL, TRENTON	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-CH	\$ 150.59
CHRISTIE DOOR CO, INC.	SERVICES-ST	\$ 1,378.75
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-PD	\$ 154.14
CLINTON, CHAR	HOST-PR	\$ 300.00
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	FUEL-ALL	\$ 7,013.37
CORNWELL, GRADY	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 182.00
CRAWFORD, HUNTER	REFUND-ST	\$ 124.99
CROMWELL, BROOKE	REFUND-PR	\$ 100.00
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	SERVICES-B,PD	\$ 121.00
D & S PORTABLES INC	SERVICES-PR	\$ 500.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	METERS-W	\$ 342.33
DECKER, JASON	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 196.43

DECKER, TALON	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 91.00
DELGADO-CONNOR, TONY	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 227.44
DON'S TRUCK SALES INC	VEHICLE-ST	\$ 158,363.76
DUGGER, BENJAMIN	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 10.34
DUNLAP MOTORS INC	VEH MAINT-PD	\$ 64.34
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 3,666.73
ERICKSON-DALE, TANNER	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 449.81
ESCH, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
ESCHEN'S CLOTHING	UNIFORM-W	\$ 314.30
FAIRCHILD FEED & SUPPLY	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 382.00
FANGMAN, TY	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 289.47
FAREWAY STORES INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 2,392.04
FENNER, GORDY	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 175.75
FOLEY, TRAVIS	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
GALLS INC	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 350.14
HAWKEYE ALARM SIGNAL COMP	SERVICES-F,PD	\$ 1,416.00
HAYWARD, BLAKE	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
HOFFMAN, TAMMY	REFUND-PR	\$ 75.00
HOOKEM, WES	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 248.12
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 134.63
HYDRITE CHEMICAL CO	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 3,352.20
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 529.50
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEM	TRAINING-PD	\$ 150.00
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	STUDY-CH	\$ 3,500.00
IA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIO	DUES-W	\$ 455.00
IAWEA01	TRAINING-W	\$ 60.00
IMWCA	WC PREMIUM-ALL	\$ 6,511.00
J & R SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 22,250.00
JACOBS, MORGAN	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 165.41
JOHNSON PLBG HEATING & AI	SERVICES-PR	\$ 137.00
KENNEDY, DALTON	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 130.00
KILER, ANGELA	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEG	TRAINING-F	\$ 249.00
KITNER, ALAN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 195.00
KREMER, KAMERON	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 208.00
KUENNEN, GABE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 117.00
LATWESEN, OWEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 182.00
LAU, BRIAN	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
LIFE TIME FENCE COMPANY	EQUIPMENT-PR	\$ 17.50
LUMBER RIDGE HOME SOURCE	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 59.95
MALEK, JOHN	REFUND-PR	\$ 100.00
MANATT'S INC	CEMENT-ST	\$ 3,437.06
MCCLOUD SERVICES	PEST CONTROL-PD	\$ 100.00
MCDONALD, CONNIE	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 10.00
MEIKE, CAIDEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 195.00
MERGEN, BLAINE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 52.00
MESTAD, GAVIN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 26.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 494.50
MIKE FEREDAY HEATING&AIR	SERVICES-CH	\$ 6,950.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES-W,ST,F,PD	\$ 922.10
NEJDL, MICHELLE	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
NICK'S FAMILY GROCERY	CONCESSIONS-PR	\$ 1,696.84
NICOLAS, ROY	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 310.15
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPAN	PUBLICAT-PR	\$ 935.40
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-F,PR	\$ 2,616.64
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$ 464.42

PALMER, CARTER	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 221.00
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINAN	EQUIP LEASE-PR	\$ 167.64
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	SERVICES-ST,W	\$ 517.72
PUFFETT, JACOB	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 91.00
RATCHFORD, DANIEL	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 258.46
RECK, BRENT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
REICKS, DREW	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 403.20
RJS WELDING LLC	SERVICES-PR,A	\$ 105.00
ROMAN, ANDREW	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 609.96
ROTO-ROOTER	SERVICES-PR	\$ 170.00
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC	PEST CONTROL-CH	\$ 69.85
S & K COLLECTIBLES	SHIPPING-W	\$ 154.22
SCHMITZ, MATTHEW	REIMBURSE-CH	\$ 244.92
SIMMERING-CORY IA CODIFI	CODE UPDATES-CH	\$ 214.00
SIMMONS, JENNIFER	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 227.44
SIMMONS, TAYLOR	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 134.40
SOUKUP, BRETT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPA	SUPPLIES-PR,F,B,ST	\$ 916.41
STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD	VEH REPAIR-ST	\$ 177.58
	MISSIONSQUARE ICMA RC	
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST	BENEFIT	\$ 5,536.93
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$ 2,652.50
TASC	FLEX MED/DEP BENEFIT	\$ 1,276.71
TILL, BRODY	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 196.43
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-PR,A,ST,F	\$ 493.66
TSCHIGGFRIE EXCAVATING IN	SERVICES-W	\$ 43,770.45
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE-F,PD	\$ 48.49
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-A,B,G,PR	\$ 52,498.08
WBC MECHANICAL INC	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$ 3,249.42
WOLF, JACOB	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 547.93
WULFEKUHLE, JORDON	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 165.41
ZIMMERLY, MIKE	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 41.35

CLAIMS TOTAL \$469,055.45; General Fund \$159,412.97; Library \$10,105.18; Streets Dept-Road Use \$17,422.28; Employee Benefits Fund \$15,265.14; Urban Renewal-LMI Housing \$6,950.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$160,969.03; Water Fund \$76,252.93; Sewer Utility Fund \$19,011.19; Self Insurance \$3,501.64; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$165.09.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$431,962.69; General Fund \$55,521.68; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$15,544.28; Water Fund \$28,833.04; Sewer Utility \$324,017.90; Storm Water \$4,379.06; Self Insurance \$3,501.64; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$165.09.

The October 2024 bank reconciliation and the revenues and expenses by department to date were available for council review and discussion.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Moore with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign a resolution to repeal and replace Resolution 2024-65 to approve a Homeowner/Agency Repair Program Project according to the Independence TIF LMI Set-Aside Administrative Plan, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, and Weber. Absent: Huston.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor Pro Tem assigned No. 2024-75 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Moore with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the resolution to assess property owner(s) for Chapter 52, Mowing of Properties – Failure to Comply, second by Council Member Hanna. 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 Pro Tem assigned No. 2024-76 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the resolution that approves the Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Increment Financing Indebtedness Certification, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, and Moore. Absent: Huston.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor Pro Tem assigned No. 2024-77 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lisa Kremer, Buchanan County Economic Development Director, presented information on the upcoming LEAD Buchanan Academy course that will be held in 2025.

REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Jensen – Has received phone calls about noise ordinances and how is this enforced. City Manager – Reminded everyone that the City-County-School meeting is this Thursday at 6:00 pm at the School’s District Office. He apologized for not having agenda items for Mayors’ Park on this agenda. Those items will be on the next meeting’s agenda. Fire – The loaner engine arrived Monday afternoon. There have been no updates regarding Engine 1. Police – There are two sections in the City’s code related to noise and certain requirements need to be met. If a resident has a complaint, they are encouraged to call the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Moore, second by Council Member Hanna to adjourn. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston.

Whereupon Mayor Pro Tem O’Loughlin declared the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael O’Loughlin, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Independence, Iowa

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