

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, July 8, 2024.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen in attendance.

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 Prusator, second by Council Member Hanna to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held July 8, 2024. Ayes: All.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Weber, second by Council Member Hanna to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the June 24, 2024, Regular Meeting. 2) Las Dos Marias Mexican Restaurant Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal effective May 5, 2024, through May 4, 2025. 3) Old Rush Park Tavern Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal effective May 30, 2024, through May 29, 2025. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

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

ACCO	CHEMICALS-PR	\$ 5,550.00
ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,W,A	\$ 2,152.67
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PD,W	\$ 120.13
ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE	ASSUR CRIT ILL	\$ 461.34
AVFUEL CORPORATION	EQUIP RENTAL-A	\$ 20.00
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN LLC	VISION PRETAX	\$ 452.64
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT 01	EQUIP-A	\$ 16,000.00
BOUBIN TIRE & AUTOMOTIVE	COMM RESTORE GRANT-CH	\$ 18,769.19
BOWKER MECHANICAL	SERVICES-SW	\$ 11,095.16
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN	ROCK-PR,SW	\$ 1,581.84
BSN SPORTS, INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 6,157.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY AUDITOR	DISPATCH SVC-PD	\$ 82,910.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY LANDFILL	DUES-G	\$ 6,064.00
BURCO SALES	VEH REPAIR-PR	\$ 79.53
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-PD,PR	\$ 181.35
CIVICPLUS	SOFTWARE-B	\$ 11,500.00
CLENDENEN, CALEB	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 255.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	FEES-PD	\$ 665.00
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	FUEL-ALL	\$ 12,344.84
COPENHAVER, NATE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 240.00
CORKERY, CLARK	REIMBURSE-PR	\$ 150.00
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	SERVICES-ST,PR,SW	\$ 13,461.02
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	SERVICES-G,PD,PR	\$ 2,219.87
D & K PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 172.50
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 404.07
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES-F	\$ 520.53
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL BENEFIT	\$ 4,209.80
DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 767.50
DOUBLE A ARMORY	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 1,100.00
EASTERN IOWA EXCAVATING	SERVICES-PR	\$ 36,947.51
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 7,127.57
ESRI	FEES-W,S,SW	\$ 1,067.15

FAHR BEVERAGE INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 275.75
FAREWAY STORES INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 6,093.40
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUR	TRAINING-FD	\$ 50.00
FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 1,539.54
GALLS INC	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 350.10
HARTIG DRUG COMPANY	COMM RESTORE GRANT-CH	\$ 11,471.86
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 1,494.50
HISTORY'S MYSTERIES, LLC	SERVICES-PR	\$ 800.00
HOMAN, CARTER	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 105.00
HOMETOWN PEST SOLUTIONS	PEST CONTROL-A	\$ 150.00
HOYLE PHOTOGRAPHY	PICTURES-PR	\$ 1,995.00
HUPKE, BEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 270.00
HUPKE, DEWEY	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 360.00
IA DNR	DUES-W	\$ 665.32
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELL	TRAINING-PD	\$ 250.00
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES-CH	\$ 3,458.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWE	UTILITIES-W	\$ 72,552.20
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING HEA	SERVICES-PR	\$ 818.68
INDEPENDENCE ROTARY CLUB	DUES-CH	\$ 152.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 29,698.37
IOWA WALL SAWING SERVICES	SERVICES-SW	\$ 825.00
IPERS	IPERS-PROTECTIV	\$ 34,856.22
J & R SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 1,055.00
JASPER CONSTRUCTION SERV	SERVICES-ST	\$ 18,920.85
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES-A,PR,ST,W	\$ 1,360.58
JOHNSON PLBG HEATING & AI	SERVICES-PR	\$ 564.50
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 168.75
KOBLINSKA, BOBBY	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 90.00
KUENNEN, GABE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 300.00
LAMPE, SUSI	REIMBURSE-CH	\$ 5.00
LEGALSHIELD	FAM LEG & IDENT	\$ 138.65
LL PELLING COMPANY	SERVICES-ST	\$ 907.20
LYON, DANE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 50.00
M & K DUST CONTROL INC	SERVICES-ST	\$ 2,620.20
MANATT'S INC	CEMENT-PR,SW,W	\$ 3,081.56
MEIKE, CAIDEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 300.00
MESTAD, GAVIN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 400.00
METLIFE	MET ER LIFEAD&D	\$ 1,409.08
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	SERVICES-B,W,SW	\$ 3,645.00
MYERS-COX CO	CONCESSIONS-PR	\$ 4,428.82
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES-F,W,PR,ST,A	\$ 1,336.96
NORTHERN ESCROW, INC.	SERVICES-CH	\$ 39,175.75
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPAN	PUBLICAT-B,CH,SW	\$ 473.58
OFFICE EXPRESS OFFICE PRD	SUPPLIES-CH	\$ 305.54
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-PD,PR	\$ 258.72
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$ 598.46
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 102,364.27
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	CONCESSION-PR	\$ 1,847.64
PMA NORTH CEDAR LLC	COMM RESTORE GRANT-CH	\$ 15,318.00
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	SERVICES-PR	\$ 1,158.28
PRINT EXPRESS	SUPPLIES-CH	\$ 560.00
PUFFETT, JACOB	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 235.00
REED, RANGER	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 225.00
RETROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL	SERVICES-CH	\$ 5,495.70
RINNIKER, AJ	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 240.00
ROTTINGHAUS, ANDY	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 315.00

RUMMEL, CARSON	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 265.00
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC	PEST CONTROL-PR	\$ 139.70
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	SQUAD-PD	\$ 48,243.25
SIGNS & MORE	SERVICES-CH,PD,PR	\$ 613.00
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPA	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,SW	\$ 1,163.33
SPARRGROVE ENTERPRISES	COMM RESTORE GRANT-CH	\$ 10,000.00
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST	ICMA-RC \$ PRE	\$ 5,894.64
T MOBILE	PHONE-PD,F	\$ 752.98
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,356.71
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 3,330.08
THE LIFEGUARD STORE INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 2,656.17
TOP GRADE EXCAVATING INC.	SERVICES-W	\$ 9,592.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	\$ 8,070.18
TSCHIGGFRIE EXCAVATING IN	SERVICES-W	\$ 14,317.21
TURNOUT MANAGEMENT	SERVICES-F	\$ 105.60
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 4,268.40
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE-F	\$ 7.02
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,W	\$ 624.54
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-ALL	\$ 46,115.53
WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERAT	DUES-W	\$ 259.00
WELLMARK BCBS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$ 42,716.47
WILSON, DAVID	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 345.00
ZINGG REAL ESTATE LLC	COMM RESTORE GRANT-CH	\$ 3,149.31

CLAIMS TOTAL \$826,316.36; General Fund \$367,775.71; Library \$19,044.91; Streets Dept-Road Use \$30,584.08; Employee Benefits \$273.76; Economic Development \$97,884.11; Cap Project-Street Improvements \$7,734.50; Cap Project-Bridges \$18,920.85; Parks & Rec Project \$44,239.65; Cap Project-Visioning Project \$825.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$66,512.33; Water Fund \$75,317.59; Sewer Utility Fund \$71,018.22; Storm Water Dept \$3,039.80; Storm Water Project \$16,018.28; Self Insurance \$6,685.19; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$442.38.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$69,625.64; General Fund \$18,109.26; Parks & Rec Projects \$1,000.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$24,000.00; Water Fund \$7,280.56; Sewer Utility \$11,022.84; Storm Water \$1,085.41; Self Insurance \$6,685.19; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$442.38.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve a resolution approving the contract and performance and/or payment bonds for the Independence 8th Avenue NW – IPF Area Stormwater Improvements Project, authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution, and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, and Weber.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-53 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member O’Loughlin with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution to assess property owner for Chapter 52, Mowing of Properties – Failure to Comply, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, and Huston.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-54 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve Terracon’s proposal for asbestos inspection services at 812 10th Street NE and authorize the City Manager to sign a contract for such services, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Huston, and Hanna.

REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Huston – Asked if Council needed to vote on the asbestos inspection item? Heard that everything went well with the 4th of July events. Hanna – Asked what the status was for the LMI applications? O’Loughlin – Asked if roof repairs were an acceptable project in the LMI Rehab program? Jensen – Asked if there was a way to utilize temporary parking for people with disabilities? She is aware of a church making arrangements for those individuals. City Clerk – Replied to Council Member Huston’s question and said the item was voted on and passed. There was general discussion after the item was approved regarding asbestos removal. In response to Council Member Hanna’s question, the applications need to be sent to INRCOG for income verification and the turnaround time is unknown as it depends on their schedules. In response to Council Member O’Loughlin’s question, she would need to double check the application packet as it clearly states what is allowed and not allowed in the program. Police – In reply to Council Member Jensen’s question, it depends on what the Church is doing and how the spot is being marked. For the department to enforce improper use, it must be properly marked. City Manager – He reviewed the LMI application and roof repair is allowed. He will be out of town for the Iowa CMA conference in Dubuque Wednesday – Friday this week. He has been talking with Park and Rec Director Beatty and Building Official Chesmore about the trucks that are in the FY2025 Parks CIP budget.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:14 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