

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, November 25, 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. Council Member Huston attended via phone. Mayor Bleichner 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 Jensen, second by Council Member Hanna to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held November 25, 2024. Ayes: All.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Everett Jensen, 508 7th Ave SE, expressed his concerns about the RV Park being open all year round and how the park is being managed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Jensen, second by Council Member Weber to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the November 12, 2024, Regular Meeting. 2) The Brick Kitchen Special Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal effective November 16, 2024, through November 15, 2025. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	EQUIP CONTRACT-ALL	\$ 1,634.00
ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-W,ST,PR,A,AC,CH,B	\$ 3,071.05
ADP	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 106,826.52
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	VEH REPAIR-PR	\$ 15.09
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-CH,L	\$ 846.88
BAKER & TAYLOR ENTERTAINM	BOOKS-L	\$ 303.11
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN LLC	VSP-BEAM PRETAX	\$ 433.70
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 193.48
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	SERVICES-A	\$ 17,546.44
BRODART CO	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 672.12
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN	ROAD ROCK-ST,W	\$ 948.63
BUCHANAN COUNTY HEALTH CE	AMB SERV-CH	\$ 11,271.00
BUTLER, JOHN R	REIMBURSE-F	\$ 224.54
CARD SERVICES-LIBRARY	MISC EXP-L	\$ 850.78
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-PR,W,PD,F,CH	\$ 5,163.40
CAREY, ADAM	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 39.00
CHRISTIE DOOR CO, INC.	EQUIP MAINT-F	\$ 1,280.50
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-PD	\$ 77.07
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	SERVICES-PD	\$ 1,026.60
DECKER, BRENNAN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 130.00
DELL MARKETING, LP	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 4,091.32
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 4,126.08
DICK'S PETROLEUM COMPANY	REPAIR-A	\$ 908.38
DON'S TRUCK SALES INC	VEH MAINT-ST	\$ 2,237.77
EAST-CENTRAL IOWA R.E.C.	UTILITY-A,PR,ST,W,CH	\$ 2,267.04
ELECTRIC PUMP INC	SERVICES-W	\$ 1,440.00
ELITE LAND IMPROVEMENT	SERVICES-W	\$ 880.00

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 4,029.18
EPIC CLEAN, LLC	BLDG MAINT-L	\$ 1,400.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUR	TRAINING-FD	\$ 500.00
GALLS INC	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 321.11
GEATER MANUFACTURING	TIF REBATE-CH	\$ 2,518.07
GRAINGER INC	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 1,361.12
GWORKS	ANNUAL FEE-CH	\$ 21,357.00
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 90.00
HEARTLAND MECHANICAL LLC	SERVICES-L	\$ 200.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	SERVICES-PD	\$ 529.50
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX-PR,W	\$ 8,662.20
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEM	TRAINING-PD	\$ 150.00
IA POETRY ASSOCIATION	BOOKS-L	\$ 12.75
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWE	UTILITIES-ALL	\$ 28,027.54
J & R SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 4,078.00
LEGALSHIELD	LEGAL & IDENTITY	\$ 125.70
LL PELLING COMPANY	SERVICES-ST	\$ 1,027.95
LYNCH DALLAS, PC	LEGAL EXP-CH	\$ 2,022.76
METLIFE	LIFE-LTD-AD&D	\$ 1,179.52
MEYER, CURRAN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 65.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPAN	UTILITY-CH,L,PD,PR,ST,W	\$ 2,000.88
MILLER, EJ	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 52.00
MILLER, PRESTON	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 247.00
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	SERVICES-W,SW,B	\$ 3,733.75
OFFICE EXPRESS OFFICE PRD	SUPPLIES-CH	\$ 512.42
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 102.36
ONE COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTIO	SERVICES-CH	\$ 8,678.00
PURCHASE POWER	POSTAGE-ALL	\$ 264.99
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS CO I	SERVICES-ST	\$ 542.80
ROTO-ROOTER	SERVICES-W	\$ 4,005.00
RUPPRECHT, JARRON	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 195.00
SIGNS & MORE	MISC EXP-PR,ST	\$ 481.15
SIMONS, TOMMY	REIMBURSE-W	\$ 114.75
STATE FARM	BENEFTIS-CH,ST,W	\$ 32.72
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST	ICMARC BENEFI	\$ 5,521.19
STOREY KENWORTHY - MATT P	SUPPLIES-CH,L	\$ 1,265.96
T MOBILE	PHONE-PD,F,CH,B,PR	\$ 860.29
TASC	FLEX MED/DEP	\$ 2,024.81
TEGTMEIER, BRAEDAN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 221.00
ULINE	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 159.55
UMB BANK NA	BOND FEE-CH	\$ 600.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE-W	\$ 43.30
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 896.30
VISU-SEWER INC	SERVICES-W	\$ 23,913.05
VOLTMER, INC.	SERVICES-A	\$ 113,002.07
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 376.61
WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL	TRAINING-CH	\$ 50.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-PR	\$ 399.69
WELLMARK BCBS	BCBS ER SHARE	\$ 41,837.25
WIELAND, CARVER	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 234.00
ZERO9 SOLUTIONS	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 117.40

CLAIMS TOTAL \$458,647.19; General Fund \$134,474.12; Library \$17,854.38; Streets Dept-Road Use \$25,565.09; Employee Benefits \$42,972.33; Tax Increment Finance \$2,518.07; Urban Renewal-LMI Housing \$8,678.00; Debt Service \$600.00; Cap Project-Airport \$130,548.51; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$1,230.48; Water Fund \$27,129.77; Sewer Utility Fund \$62,718.19; Storm Water \$329.07; Self Insurance \$3,924.18; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$105.00.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$1,048,874.88; General Fund \$241,117.42; Library \$30,810.16; Street Dept-Road Use Tax \$72,300.05; Employee Benefits \$62,699.23; Tax Increment Financing \$57,591.38; Debt Service \$68,018.00; Debt-Special Assessment \$6,852.00; Parks & Rec Projects \$123.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$15,544.28; Water Fund \$50,757.58; Water Revenue Bond \$7,755.83 Sewer Utility \$368,846.58; Sewer SRF Sinking Fund \$7,946.67; Sewer Sinking Revenue Bond \$42,795.42; Storm Water \$7,679.75; Self Insurance \$7,722.49; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$315.04.

The November 2024 budgeted monthly transfers and the revenues and expenses by department to date were available for council review and discussion.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member Jensen with a motion to set a public hearing date of December 9, 2024, at 5:00 pm for the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment #1, second by Council Member Hanna. Ayes: All.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Moore with a motion to approve and to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution that approves the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Urban Renewal Report, authorizing the City Clerk/Treasurer to submit the report to the Department of Management by December 1, 2024, second by Council Member Jensen. 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 Pro Tem assigned No. 2024-78 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

MAYORS' PARK

Council Member Prusator with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution to dedicate the described real estate as Mayors' Park, 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 Pro Tem assigned No. 2024-79 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Moore with a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Code Section 47.02 – Park Regulations - Location, second by Council Member Weber. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Huston, and Hanna. Council Member Weber with a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Huston, Hanna, and Moore. Council Member Moore with a motion to have this ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Code Section 47.02 – Park Regulations – Location, be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Huston, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor Pro Tem assigned No. 2024-599 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Huston – Happy Thanksgiving. Moore – Would like to discuss the RV Park at a future work session. Prusator – Would like to talk about adding streetlights on Bland Boulevard from Highway 150 to 6th Ave SW. City Manager – On December 18th at 4:00 pm, Council is invited to participate in the IEDA walk through for the Cole's upstairs housing project. Mentioned that there was a 57% increase in the annual renewal for gWorks accounting software and there will be more discussion on this at the December 2nd work session. He is looking into making changes to all staff's email accounts and the website domain due to Federal regulations and more will be discussed at the December 2nd work session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Moore, second by Council Member Jensen to adjourn. Ayes: All.

Whereupon Mayor Pro Tem O'Loughlin declared the meeting adjourned at 5:26 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

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