

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, December 9, 2024.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

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

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 Moore to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held December 9, 2024. Ayes: All.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member O’Loughlin, second by Council Member Weber to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the November 25, 2024, Regular Meeting. 2) The minutes of the December 2, 2024, work session/special meeting. 3) River’sEDGE Sport & Fitness Special Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal effective February 2, 2025, through February 1, 2026. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

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

ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ST,F,W,A,PR	\$ 1,108.90
ADP	PAYROLL	\$ 110,508.34
AHERN	SERVICES-PR	\$ 90.21
ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	SERVICES-B,PD	\$ 279.00
ALTORFER INC	EQUIP MAINT-W	\$ 4,139.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-CH,W	\$ 277.26
ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE	EE SHARE 63	\$ 461.34
AVFUEL CORPORATION	EQUIP RENTAL-A	\$ 20.00
BANK IOWA	LOAN-PD	\$ 20,605.92
BERGANKDV	SERVICES-CH	\$ 750.00
BIG THREE CONSTRUCTION	SERVICES-PR	\$ 14,900.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY EXTENSION	TRAINING-PR	\$ 45.00
BULS, JANET L	INSTRUCTOR-PR	\$ 213.00
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-A,B,CH,ST,W	\$ 2,608.20
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-PD	\$ 77.07
CLINTON, CHAR	HOST-PR	\$ 300.00
CORE & MAIN LP	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 598.66
CORKERYS WELDING & REPAIR	SERVICES-ST	\$ 126.48
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	SERVICES-W	\$ 4,260.00
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	SERVICES-PD	\$ 783.23
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 782.08
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	EQUIP-F	\$ 1,526.65
DEL-CLAY FARM EQUIPMENT	VEH REPAIR-A	\$ 1,040.94
DELL MARKETING, LP	SUPPLIES-CH	\$ 1,526.20
DON'S TRUCK SALES INC	VEH MAINT-ST	\$ 1,638.77
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	SERVICES-W	\$ 5,000.00
EASTERN IOWA EXCAVATING	SERVICES-A	\$ 498.75
ELECTRIC PUMP INC	SERVICES-W	\$ 8,743.84
ELITE LAND IMPROVEMENT	SERVICES-W	\$ 13,167.88
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 1,765.08
ESCHEN'S CLOTHING	UNIFORM-W	\$ 234.50
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMIN	SERVICES-A	\$ 21,293.28

FELD FIRE	SERVICES-F	\$ 93.00
GREEN PRO SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 2,398.50
HAWKEYE ALARM SIGNAL COMP	EQUIP REPAIR-PR	\$ 175.50
INDEPENDENCE BULLETIN-JOU	SUBSCRIP-ST	\$ 109.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWE	IT SERVICES-ALL	\$ 2,435.00
IOWA FINANCE	BOND FEES-W	\$ 12,280.00
IPERS	IPERS PRETAX EE SHARE	\$ 50,121.93
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES-W,PR,B,ST,A	\$ 2,485.83
KING, ADAM	REFUND-A	\$ 700.00
LEGACY FIRE APPARATUS	VEH MAINT-F	\$ 12,074.44
MAGNUSON, JOHN	SERVICES-PR	\$ 600.00
MAIN, TIMOTHY E	INSTRUCTOR-PR	\$ 567.98
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECT	SERVICES-F	\$ 2,100.00
MCCLOUD SERVICES	PEST CONTROL-PD	\$ 100.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 4,539.50
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	SERVICES-W,B	\$ 2,511.25
MYERS POLARIS	VEH REPAIR-F	\$ 209.97
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES-W,F,A,ST,PR	\$ 3,692.95
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-PD,CH,PR	\$ 187.22
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$ 357.76
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINAN	EQUIP LEASE-CH	\$ 490.53
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	SERVICES-A,PR,W	\$ 422.27
PURCHASE POWER	POSTAGE-PR	\$ 214.99
RJS WELDING LLC	SERVICES-PR	\$ 29.20
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC	PEST CONTROL-CH,PR	\$ 209.55
S.T.A.N. DEVELOPMENT	REIMBURSE-CH	\$ 10,658.31
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORP	SERVICES-PD	\$ 1,800.00
SIGNS & MORE	SERVICES-PR	\$ 732.90
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPA	SUPPLIES-ST,A	\$ 222.79
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST	MISSIONSQUARE ICMA RC BENEFIT	\$ 5,505.29
STRAND ASSOCIATES	SERVICES-W	\$ 49,260.00
SUNSET VALLEY CONSTRUCTIN	SERVICES-CH	\$ 1,943.00
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$ 2,512.50
T MOBILE	PHONE-PD,F,CH,B,PR	\$ 860.29
TASC	FLEX MED/DEP	\$ 1,276.71
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 3,346.00
UMB BANK NA	BOND PAYMENTS	\$ 138,876.25
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 130.80
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-ALL	\$ 47,485.12
WINDOW WORLD	SERVICES-CH	\$ 4,135.00

CLAIMS TOTAL \$587,220.91; General Fund \$171,465.90; Library \$12,159.52; Streets Dept-Road Use \$19,054.93; Employee Benefits \$33,472.09; Urban Renewal-LMI \$6,078.00; Economic Development \$10,658.31; Debt Service \$151,617.67; Parks & Rec Projects \$14,900.00; Cap Project-Airport \$21,792.03; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$1,526.65; Water Fund \$21,179.16; Water Revenue Bond \$6,337.50; Sewer Utility Fund \$101,443.03; Sewer SRF Sinking Fund \$12,280.00; Sewer Sinking Revenue Bond \$1,527.00; Self Insurance \$1,720.13; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$8.99.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$138,982.62; General Fund \$24,099.01; Water Fund \$43,273.06; Sewer Utility \$64,358.10; Storm Water \$5,828.99; Self Insurance \$1,423.46.

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

Dustin Opatz, BerganKDV, presented the Fiscal Year 2024 final audit report.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Mayor Bleichner stated, pursuant to the agenda, he will now convene a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025

Budget Amendment #1. Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe stated no written comments were received prior to the meeting. Mayor Bleichner closed the public hearing and stated City Clerk Lampe will note all comments in the record.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Hanna with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution re-appointing Jane Leaven to the Planning and Zoning Commission, second by Council Member Moore. 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. 2024-80 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Prusator with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution re-appointing Tami Fenner to the Planning and Zoning Commission, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. 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. 2024-81 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Weber with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution re-appointing Matt Mayner to the Planning and Zoning Commission, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Huston, and Hanna.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-82 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution re-appointing Julie Wulfekuhle to the Board of Adjustment, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Huston, Hanna, and Moore.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-83 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution that accepts the work covering the North Aircraft Parking Apron Project, and to authorize the City Manager to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Huston, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-84 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution approving the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for James H. Connell Field at the Independence Municipal Airport, and empowering the City Manager to complete any remaining related processes, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Weber, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-85 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Weber with a motion to cancel the Monday, December 23, 2024, regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, second by Council Member Hanna. Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen. Nays: Huston.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to adopt the 2025 City Council meeting schedule, second by Council Member Hanna. Ayes: All.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the North Aircraft Parking Apron Project with a decrease to the contract in the amount of \$17,545.07 and to authorize the City Manager to sign the Change Order, second by Council Member Weber. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Weber.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve the Airport Five-Year CIP, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, and Huston.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to authorize the City Manager to facilitate the sale of fire department property, second by Council Member Weber. 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: O’Loughlin – He asked if the current staffing situation impacted the numbers on the November 2024 PD report and if there was an update to the traffic camera appeal? Moore – The Oakwood Committee met last Saturday and decided they will be hosting a chili-cook off fundraiser on January 18th at RiversEdge. It will be open to the public and people can make free will donations and bid on silent auction items donated by local businesses. Police – The traffic numbers are down due to staffing. The traffic camera appeal needs to be turned into the Iowa DOT by February 2025. City Attorney Daniel Morgan is working on the appeal packet for the City. Sensys Gatso has been providing data to the Department to help provide information for the appeal packet. City Manager – Reminded Council of the upstairs housing walk-through on December 18th above Cole’s Ace Hardware. Staff are working on obtaining information from different financial software vendors. There was an internal candidate for the Police Department position and staff are working on that process as well.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 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