

The Independence City Council met in special session in the council chambers at 4:45 p.m., on Monday, April 14, 2025.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Hanna, Moore, Mayner, 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 Hanna, second by Council Member O’Loughlin to approve the agenda as presented for the special meeting held April 14, 2025. Ayes: All.

BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Bleichner stated, pursuant to the agenda, he will now convene a public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Melissa Appleby, 502 9th Ave NE, spoke of the research she did comparing departments budgets and comparing budgets for certain departments with other cities. Aaron and Sue Doan, 115 17th Ave NW, shared their concerns about inflation and raising property taxes. Mayor Bleichner closed the public hearing and stated City Clerk Lampe will note all comments in the record.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

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