

The Independence City Council met for a work session/special meeting in the council chambers at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 2, 2026.

**OPENING/ROLL CALL**

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

This meeting was available for public attendance.

**POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

Council Member O’Loughlin with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution to endorse the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Extension Trail Phase 2 project for grant funding, second by Council Member Mayner. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Mayner, O’Loughlin, and Weber. Nays: Appleby. Absent: Prusator.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-10 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council had a discussion on the following topics: Art Across Indee update – Wapsi Dam lighting, Buchanan County Emergency Management – DAEC discussion, Wastewater Treatment Plant update on the Federal grant, 204 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE, 1<sup>st</sup> Street West BUILD Grant Application contract amendment, the 2026 City Wide Clean-up, Fiscal Year 2027 levy, Fiscal Year 2027 third party requests, Fiscal Year 2027 salary adjustments, and proposed department operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2027.

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

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