

The Independence City Council met in special session in the council chambers at 4:45 p.m., on Monday, April 13, 2026.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, and Appleby 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 Mayner, second by Council Member Weber to approve the agenda as presented for the special meeting held April 13, 2026. 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 2027. Bruce Michels, 2045 Jamestown Avenue, wanted to see if the taxes could be held down and if businesses could be brought in to help offset the residents' taxes. Sue Alber, 800 14th Street NE, stated her taxes went up so much over the last five to six years. She asked why her taxes keep going up and wanted to know if there was a mistake as to why her taxes are so high. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe stated no other comments were received prior to the hearing. Mayor Bleichner closed the public hearing and stated City Clerk Lampe will note all comments in the record.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member O'Loughlin, second by Council Member Mayner to adjourn. Ayes: All.

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:

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