

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, June 12, 2023.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen in attendance.

This meeting was available for public attendance. The meeting was also broadcast on the local access channel.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hanna, second by Council Member O'Loughlin to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held June 12, 2023. Ayes: All.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Huston asked why all the release of promissory notes were in the consent agenda. Mayor Bleichner stated the notes were all the same and have met the designated time requirements. The City is now able to discharge the notes. Motion by Council Member Jensen, second by Council Member Moore to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the May 22, 2023, Regular Meeting. 2) The minutes of the May 31, 2023, Special Meeting. 3) Del Rio, Inc. Class C Retail Alcohol License renewal effective June 15, 2023, through June 14, 2024. 4) Release of promissory note and mortgage for Margaret K. Black and the recording fee will be added to the claims listing. 5) Release of promissory note and mortgage for David T. Henkels and the recording fee will be added to the claims listing. 6) Release of promissory note and mortgage for Steven P. Kirby and Marvis L. Kirby and the recording fee will be added to the claims listing. 7) Release of promissory note and mortgage for Mitzi T. Michael and the recording fee will be added to the claims listing. 8) Release of promissory note and mortgage for Kathleen Postel and the recording fee will be added to the claims listing. 9) Release of promissory note and mortgage for Christina M. Sents and Kevin K. Sents and the recording fee will be added to the claims listing. 10) Special Event Application – Alzheimer's Awareness Walk on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

Motion by Council Member O'Loughlin, second by Council Member Moore to approve the following bills for payment. Council Member O'Loughlin asked questions regarding the claims for Bowker Mechanical Contractors, Larson Construction, and Prairie Road Builders. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe said Bowker Mechanical is the contractor for the 12th Street NE Storm Water Project. The claim for Larson Construction is for work done on the Police Department Remodel Project. The claim for Prairie Road Builders was for work done on the parking lot at the Street Shop, the parking lot behind NAPA, and the parking lot at the Falcon Civic Center. Council Member Huston asked about the claim for Strand Associates. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe replied Strand Associates is the engineering firm for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Ayes: All.

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	VEH REPAIR-PD	\$ 49.98
ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	SERVICES-PD	\$ 195.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MISC EXP-CH,F,PD	\$ 3,662.32
AVFUEL CORPORATION	EQUIP RENTAL-A	\$ 20.00
BARRY, TAD	REFUND-PR	\$ 175.00
BEATTY, ROBERT	REIMB-PR	\$ 615.00
BLEICHNER, BRAD	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 100.00
BOWKER MECHANICAL	SERVICES-SW	\$ 94,756.53
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN	ROAD ROCK-ST	\$ 643.42
BSN SPORTS, INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 621.56
BUCHANAN COUNTY RECORDER	RECORD FEES-CH	\$ 42.00
CABELL, TRENTON	REIMBURSE-PR	\$ 453.23
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-PR,CH,PD,F,W	\$ 3,829.94
CHARLES CITY BASEBALL CLB	TOURNEY FEES-PR	\$ 300.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-B,PD,ST,W	\$ 680.79
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	FUEL-ALL	\$ 5,984.54
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	SERVICES-ST,SW	\$ 6,135.00
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	MISC EXP-PD	\$ 792.65
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	EQUIPMENT-W	\$ 18,510.64

DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 146.50
DICK'S PETROLEUM COMPANY	EQUIP REPAIR-A	\$ 377.00
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	LEGAL SVC-CH	\$ 13,036.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 6,847.66
ERA	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 1,040.85
ESCH, BRAD	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
ESCHEN'S CLOTHING	UNIFORM-ST	\$ 569.45
FAHR BEVERAGE INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 2,000.00
FIRE PROTECTION PUBLICATS	TRAINING-F	\$ 644.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUR	TRAINING-FD	\$ 30.00
FOLEY, TRAVIS	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
GOVCONNECTION, INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 245.30
H & H MANUFACTURING	EQUIPMENT-F	\$ 352.66
HALI-BRITE INC	SUPPLIES-A	\$ 1,008.99
HARDWARE HANK	SUPPLIES-A,B,CH,F,ST,PD,W	\$ 200.56
HAUSERS WATER SYSTEMS INC	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 20.90
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 80.00
HAYWARD, BLAKE	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
HILLTOP MOTORS INC	VEH REPAIR-PD	\$ 155.00
HYDRITE CHEMICAL CO	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 1,669.08
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES-CH	\$ 30.00
IA STATE UNIVERSITY	TRAINING-CH	\$ 195.00
ICAP	INSURANCE-PD	\$ 2,765.00
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS	4TH OF JULY-CH	\$ 5,840.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWE	UTILITIES-ALL	\$ 792.65
INDEPENDENCE ROTARY CLUB	DUES-CH	\$ 139.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 24,893.63
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES-ST,W,PD,F	\$ 638.59
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 17.00
KILER, ANGELA	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
KLUESNER CONSTRUCTION INC	ST REPAIR-ST	\$ 37,700.00
LARSON CONSTRUCTION CO IN	SERVICES-PD	\$ 111,492.41
LAU, BRIAN	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
LYNCH DALLAS, PC	LEGAL EXP-CH	\$ 1,418.50
MANATT'S INC	CEMENT-SW	\$ 4,025.90
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPAN	UTILITY-PR	\$ 181.16
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHE	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 531.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES-W,ST,F	\$ 476.64
NEJDL, MICHELLE	REIMBURSE-CH	\$ 42.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPAN	PUBLICAT-CH,W	\$ 1,065.05
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-B,CH,F,PD	\$ 15,366.41
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$ 831.48
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 79,740.81
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	CONCESSION-PR	\$ 4,872.01
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINAN	EQUIP LEASE-CH	\$ 315.48
PIZZA RANCH	CONCESSIONS-PR	\$ 72.00
PRAIRIE ROAD BUILDERS INC	ST REPAIR-ST,PR,B	\$ 52,759.80
RACOM CORPORATION	EQUIP MAINT-PD	\$ 500.00
RECK, BRENT	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
ROTO-ROOTER	SERVICES-CH	\$ 180.00
ROUSE, ROBBIE	REFUND-PR	\$ 75.00
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	VEH MAINT-PD	\$ 429.20
S & K COLLECTIBLES	SHIPPING-W	\$ 13.24
SCHMITZ, MATTHEW	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 100.00
SIGNS & MORE	PRINTING-A	\$ 93.90
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPA	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,SW,W	\$ 1,814.78

STATE STREET BANK & TRUST	ICMA-RC \$ PRE	\$ 4,741.90
STOREY KENWORTHY - MATT P	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 45.99
STRAND ASSOCIATES	SERVICES-W	\$ 21,180.00
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$ 280.00
T & W GRINDING & COMPOST	SERVICES-ST	\$ 9,500.00
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,259.81
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 3,821.21
THOMAS ELECTRIC MOTOR SER	REPAIR-A	\$ 89.75
THREE OAKS GREENHOUSE	FLOWER BASKETS-CH	\$ 3,055.00
TITAN MACHINERY	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$ 535.69
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-PD,CH,F,ST	\$ 262.08
US CELLULAR	PHONE-F	\$ 200.88
VERIZON WIRELESS	UTILITY-CH,PR,F,PD	\$ 172.22
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-PD,ST,B,W,CH	\$ 353.42
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-A,CH,PR,W	\$ 45,106.99
WINTHROP NEWS, THE	PUBLICAT-CH,W	\$ 376.51

CLAIMS TOTAL \$606,650.64; General Fund \$174,221.68; Library \$10,300.12; Hotel-Motel Tax \$8,895.00; Streets Dept-Road Use \$88,774.22; Cap Project-City Buildings \$111,492.41; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$35,111.08; Cap Project Highway 150 \$3,984.00; Water Fund \$24,314.94; Sewer Utility Fund \$41,542.16; Storm Water Fund \$4,259.84; Storm Water Projects \$96,907.53; Self Insurance \$6,771.58; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$76.08.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$128,589.04; General Fund \$58,633.74; Economic Development \$33,409.00; Police Forfeiture \$158.01; Debt Service \$4,652.22; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$229.92; Water Fund \$13,877.50; Sewer Utility \$10,866.23; Storm Water \$1,058.60; Self Insurance \$5,667.74; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$36.08.

The May 2023 bank reconciliation and the revenues and expenses by department to date were available for council review and discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Huston with a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the order that accepts the settlement agreement from Walmart #750 for a first violation of Iowa Code Section 453A.2, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Council Member Hanna with a motion to approve a farm lease for the parcel North of the Terminal Building for haying operations with L. Bachman, second by Council Member Huston. Council Member O'Loughlin asked if the designated area would be covered with concrete in a future project. City Manager Schmitz stated a portion would be involved in the North Apron Project. Council Member O'Loughlin also asked if more ground could be utilized for haying operations. Airport Manager Soukup replied he had looked into this previously, but it could impact future grant opportunities for the Municipal Airport if more ground was used in a similar manner. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve the proposal from Team Services for services, second by Council Member Jensen. Mayor Bleichner shared this was discussed at the June 5, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting. Council Member O'Loughlin asked if this proposal was the lowest bid. City Manager Schmitz said it was the second to lowest proposal. There would be a cost savings depending on the number of bore samples needing to be completed. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Hanna.

Council Member Moore with a motion to approve the bill of sale and instrument of assignment for the Vermeer 250 Chipper, second by Council Member Jensen. Council Member Hanna asked if more money should have been received from the sale. She felt the public would ask that question. City Manager Schmitz said if the public were to learn how much it would take to repair the chipper in its current condition, the argument would not last long. The Street Department can take a lot of the brush to the brush dump and the chipping is able to be completed by a third party. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and Moore.

REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Jensen – The First Street West Corridor Focus Group is still trying to set up a meeting this month. Moore – The dead oak tree in front of the Library is scheduled to be taken down next week. Hanna – Asked who the three Council Members were that would be sitting in on the City Manager review and the neighborhood review. She was asked if the speed limit by the Falcon Civic Center could be looked at to get it reduced. There is another homeless individual living by the river and wanting to know what could be done about it. Asked about signage in parks saying there is no camping and hours of operation. O'Loughlin – Said he would participate in the housing study. Huston – Shoutout to everyone that participated in the City Wide Clean Up on Saturday. City Clerk – The speed limit by the Falcon Civic Center would require the State to get involved as it is a State Highway and a possible traffic study to be done. 161 TVs were disposed of. 699 tires were taken in. There were 163 loads taken to Waste Management and 24 curbside pickups. Gave a reminder that the reports section is for shout outs and not general discussion on topics. This could lead to an open meetings violation. Mayor – The three Council Members are Hanna, Huston, and O'Loughlin. The catalyst grant for King's Hall was closed out. The realtor for the old McDonald's property said another food related business could be there as long as it wasn't another fast-food business. McDonald's wants to sell the property and would be willing to work with interested parties. City Manager – The Council Members that have signed up for the WINVEST committee are Hanna and Huston. There will be a ribbon cutting at the new Police Department on June 21st. Please let him know if you are interested in attending as a meal will be provided. Mr. Ohl let him know they are backing out of the workforce housing project at this time. Specified the streets involved in the 2023 Street Rehab Project and will send out a map of those areas. The Jaycee Park lights are on a switch and a timer. Police – The neighbors need to call the Police Department regarding the homeless individual so it can be documented. On June 28th from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm, there will be an open house for the public at the new Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Callahan, second by Council Member Prusator to adjourn. Ayes: All.

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.



Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:



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