

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, March 13, 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 broadcasted on the local access channel in addition to being hosted electronically on Microsoft Teams.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hanna, second by Council Member Prusator to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held March 13, 2023. Ayes: All.

Fire Chief Hayward presented an award to recognize Judd Taylor for 10 years of service with the Independence Fire Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Huston, second by Council Member Moore to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the February 27, 2023, Regular Meeting. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

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

13 FIFTY APPAREL	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 41.00
AIR SERVICES INC	BLDG MAINT-CH	\$ 12,038.00
ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	FEES-A,F,ST,W	\$ 89.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-CH,PD,ST,W	\$ 268.81
AVFUEL CORPORATION	EQUIP RENTAL-A	\$ 20.00
BEATTY, ROBERT	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
BLEICHNER, BRAD	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 100.00
CABELL, TRENTON	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-CH,W,PR,ST,F,PD	\$ 14,139.69
CC'S FLOORS & MORE LLC	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$ 175.00
CEDAR BEND HUMANE SOCIETY	SERVICES-AC	\$ 54.00
CEDAR VALLEY SPORTSPLEX	TOURNEY FEES-PR	\$ 395.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-PR,A,W,PD,CH	\$ 664.50
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	SNOW MAINT-ST	\$ 4,689.86
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	FUEL-ALL	\$ 4,163.92
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	SERVICES-ST,SW	\$ 21,078.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES-F	\$ 95.35
DEN HERDER VET HOSPITAL	CANINE PURCH-PD	\$ 160.01
DMACC	TRAINING-W	\$ 1,250.00
DOUBLE A ARMORY	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 2,050.00
ECCO MIDWEST, INC.	SERVICES-CH	\$ 3,700.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 3,481.15
ESCH, BRAD	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
FAHR BEVERAGE INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 201.99
FELD FIRE	EQUIPMENT-F	\$ 650.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUR	TRAINING-FD	\$ 200.00
FOLEY, TRAVIS	REIMBURSE-W	\$ 133.97
FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS	SERVICES-F	\$ 2,559.60
GALLS INC	EQUIPMENT-PD	\$ 1,260.00
HANNA, DEB	REIMBURSE-CH	\$ 73.47
HARDWARE HANK	SUPPLIES-F,ST,PR,W	\$ 381.27

HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 4,266.95
HAYWARD, BLAKE	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
HYDRITE CHEMICAL CO	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 2,761.08
IA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	DUES-A	\$ 9.00
IA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	Dues-CH	\$ 101.59
IA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES-CH	\$ 29.00
IMFOA	TRAINING-CH	\$ 250.00
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING HEA	SERVICES-PR	\$ 145.12
INTEGRATE AVL	EQUIP MAINT-CH	\$ 1,364.75
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 22,998.34
IOWA LTAP	TRAINING-ST	\$ 675.00
IWORQ	IT SOFTWARE-ST,W,SW	\$ 10,000.00
JOHNSON PLBG HEATING & AI	SERVICES-F,PR	\$ 5,044.82
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 125.50
KILER, ANGELA	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
LAU, BRIAN	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
LYNCH DALLAS, PC	LEGAL EXP-CH	\$ 3,162.48
MARATHON EQUIPMENT INC.	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 9,880.32
MCGRAW'S CARPETS	INSTALL-PR	\$ 4,847.04
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPAN	UTILITY-PR	\$ 1,515.19
MONTICELLO PARKS AND REC	TOURNEY FEES-PR	\$ 300.00
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERV	EQUIPMENT-F	\$ 1,241.64
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES-ST,F,W	\$ 419.21
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES-CH	\$ 1,239.00
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIE	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 315.24
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPAN	PUBLICAT-CH	\$ 761.80
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-CH,PD,PR,W	\$ 1,615.24
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$ 287.18
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 73,368.73
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINAN	EQUIP LEASE-CH	\$ 315.48
PIZZA RANCH	CONCESSIONS-PR	\$ 108.00
PRICE ELECTRIC	REPAIR-W	\$ 51.63
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Training-CH	\$ 1,995.00
QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES-CH	\$ 239.30
RECK, BRENT	PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 45.00
RJS WELDING LLC	SERVICES-ST	\$ 550.00
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC	PEST CONTROL-CH,PR	\$ 110.00
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	VEH MAINT-PD	\$ 159.93
S & K COLLECTIBLES	SHIPPING-W	\$ 56.06
SCHMITZ, MATTHEW	ALLOW PH & VEH	\$ 400.00
SCHUTTE, CRAIG	REFUND-A	\$ 400.00
SIGNS & MORE	MISC EXP-CH,PD	\$ 75.70
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPA	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 128.86
STATE FARM	Benefit-CH,ST,W	\$ 63.65
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST	ICMA-RC \$ PRE	\$ 5,529.12
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$ 367.50
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,259.87
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 2,657.63
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-F,L,PD,PR,ST,W	\$ 929.49
US CELLULAR	PHONE-F	\$ 200.88
US POLICE CANINE ASSOC	CANINE-PD	\$ 100.00
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 112.12
VERIZON WIRELESS	UTILITY-CH,PR,F,PD	\$ 172.34
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-B,CH,PR,PD,W,	\$ 525.64
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-A,CH,PR,W	\$ 46,511.45
WEST EDGE AUTO SALVAGE	VEH REPAIR-ST	\$ 35.00

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\$ 571.53

CLAIMS TOTAL \$284,778.99; General Fund \$153,151.49; Library \$9,893.27; Streets Dept-Road Use \$29,766.25; Employee Benefits \$47.74; Economic Development \$3,807.94; Cap Project-Street Improvement \$14,852.00; Cap Project-Bridges \$2,684.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$25,460.03; Cap Project Highway 150 \$476.00; Water Fund \$10,606.60; Sewer Utility Fund \$24,713.30; Storm Water Fund \$2,773.22; Storm Water Projects \$3,066.00; Self Insurance \$3,301.15; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$180.00.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$220,820.75; General Fund \$41,196.03; Employee Benefits \$800.11; Economic Development \$94,337.00; Cap Project-Street Improvement \$19,533.73; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$229.92; Water Fund \$22,558.45; Sewer Utility \$34,949.22; Storm Water \$3,735.14; Self Insurance \$3,301.15; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$180.00.

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

2023 STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mayor Bleichner stated, pursuant to the agenda, he will now convene a public hearing for the proposed resolution of necessity covering the 2023 Street Rehabilitation Project. Ryan Nielsen, Wapsie Valley Creamery, expressed his concerns that the utilities are updated and verify there aren't any issues before the work is done. City Manager Schmitz talked with the Engineers and the utilities should be okay. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe stated one written objection was received and was attached to the agenda for review. The written statement was from Tyler Allen, 400 5th St SE, and he commented that damage above the normal use were from City projects and property owners shouldn't be assessed for damages beyond what would be considered normal. Mayor Bleichner closed the public hearing and stated City Clerk Lampe will note all comments in the record.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve the resolution of necessity for the 2023 Street Rehabilitation Project, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-33 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve a resolution ratifying the preparation of detailed plans, specifications, notice of hearing, notice to bidders and form of contract, second by Council Member Moore. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Hanna.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-34 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE LOAN AGREEMENTS

Mayor Bleichner stated, pursuant to the agenda, he will now convene a public hearing on the proposal to enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement. City Clerk Lampe reported she did not receive any comments related to the Essential Purpose Loan Agreement. Mayor Bleichner closed the public hearing and stated City Clerk Lampe will note all comments in the record.

Mayor Bleichner stated, pursuant to the agenda, he will now convene a public hearing on the proposal to enter into a General Purpose Loan Agreement #1. City Clerk Lampe reported she did not receive any comments related to the General Purpose Loan Agreement #1. Mayor Bleichner closed the public hearing and stated City Clerk Lampe will note all comments in the record.

Mayor Bleichner stated, pursuant to the agenda, he will now convene a public hearing on the proposal to enter into a General Purpose Loan Agreement #2. City Clerk Lampe reported she did not receive any comments related to the General Purpose Loan Agreement #2. Mayor Bleichner closed the public hearing and stated City Clerk Lampe will note all comments in the record.

Council Member Hanna with a motion to approve a resolution taking additional action on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreements and providing for the levy of taxes to pay General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2023, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and Moore.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-35 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Mayor Bleichner stated, pursuant to the agenda, he will now convene a public hearing for the Electric Transmission Franchise Ordinance. City Clerk Lampe reported she did not receive any comments related to the Electric Transmission Franchise Ordinance. Council Member Huston asked for clarification on this as he did see it mention eminent domain. City Clerk Lampe stated that a map of what ITC purchased from Independence Light and Power and where they would need to work if work needed to be done, but it wasn't received from ITC for the meeting. City Clerk Lampe explained this ordinance would allow ITC to work in the right of way of the area that they now own. Mayor Bleichner closed the public hearing and stated City Clerk Lampe will note all comments in the record. Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve the first reading, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Council Member Jensen with a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, second by Council Member Moore. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Moore, and Prusator. Nays: Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and O'Loughlin. Motion failed.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a resolution approving the salary/wage increases effective July 1, 2023, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-36 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a resolution setting the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, CIP, and Transfers, second by Council Member Huston. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-37 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Crawford, Crawford Engineering, reported the Contractor for the 12th Street NE Storm Sewer Improvements project would speak with business owners impacted by the project.

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve the 5' side setback along the east property line with the condition that written approval from the neighboring property to the east be obtained and on file with the City before any building permit can be issued, second by Council Member Moore. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Hanna.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Airport Operator's Liability Insurance quotation, second by Council Member Hanna. Mayor Bleichner reported the amount for this renewal is the same amount as last year's renewal. Council Member Moore asked if the terrorist coverage was necessary. City Manager Schmitz stated he believed it was included on previous year's coverage. Discussion was held that the Independence Municipal Airport does serve as a back-up for other regional airports in the event of an attack. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and Moore.

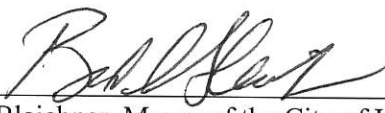
REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Huston- Tomorrow is his 42nd wedding anniversary. Prusator- Appreciate City employees for the work done during last week's storm. O'Loughlin- Encourage people to push for a Saint Patrick's Day parade next year. Jensen- Asked if there was a 1st Street West Corridor meeting this Wednesday. City Clerk- Would reach out to Nick McGrath to verify there is a meeting on Wednesday. City Manager- There will be a pre-construction meeting on March 22nd for the 12th St NE Storm Sewer Improvement project. He spoke on the latest grant opportunity from Representative Hinson's office. The City does not have any projects ready at this time, but this is something offered each year for staff to keep in mind. No federal funding is available for the upper stories in the 100 block of 1st St as that is in the flood plain. Mayor- Both façade projects are on target with project timelines. Regarding the 100 block, the City would have to look at other funding alternatives to do upper story work. The Police Department remodel is going well and seems to be ahead of schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

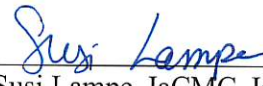
Motion by Council Member Jensen, second by Council Member O'Loughlin to adjourn. Ayes: All.

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 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