

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, February 27, 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 Prusator, second by Council Member O’Loughlin to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held February 27, 2023. Ayes: All.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Moore, second by Council Member O’Loughlin to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the February 13, 2023, Regular Meeting. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	EQUIP CONTRACT-ALL	\$ 1,572.70
ACCO	MAINT-PR	\$ 118.05
ADB SAFEGATE AMERICAS LLC	MAINT-A	\$ 183.99
AFLAC	AFLAC PRE-TAX	\$ 287.46
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-B,CH,F,L,W	\$ 2,879.16
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN LLC	VISION PRETAX	\$ 426.54
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 342.45
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	SERVICES-A	\$ 70,030.00
BRODART CO	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 537.09
BUCHANAN COUNTY ECONOMIC	TRAINING-CH	\$ 70.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY HEALTH CE	SERVICES-CH,ST	\$ 14,888.71
BUCHANAN COUNTY TREASURER	PROPERTY TAX-W	\$ 226.00
CARD SERVICES-LIBRARY	MISC EXP-L	\$ 442.99
CENGAGE LEARNING	BOOKS-L	\$ 125.80
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 223.76
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT	COLONIALPRETAX	\$ 640.68
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	SNOW MAINT-ST	\$ 4,632.36
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	VEH REPAIR-ST	\$ 1,624.19
DECKER SPORTING GOODS	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 7,018.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL BENEFIT	\$ 4,398.66
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	SERVICES-CH	\$ 7,500.00
DUNLAP MOTORS INC	VEH MAINT-W	\$ 52.95
EAST-CENTRAL IOWA R.E.C.	UTILITY-A,PR,ST,W,CH	\$ 3,749.33
EDWARD JONES INVESTMENTS	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 150.00
ELGERS, LINDA	SERVICES-W	\$ 240.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 12,281.42
ESCHEN'S CLOTHING	UNIFORM-W	\$ 220.00
FAHR BEVERAGE INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 74.65
GINGERICH ROOFING SOLUTI	HOME REHAB-CH	\$ 10,000.00
GRAINGER INC	SUPPLIES-A	\$ 274.11
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 428.50
IA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOC	TRAINING-PD	\$ 250.00
IMFOA	DUES-CH	\$ 50.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWE	UTILITIES-ALL	\$ 29,075.08

INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	BOOKS-L	\$ 199.03
INRCOG	SERVICES-CH	\$ 5,072.60
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 23,515.20
IPERS	IPERS-PROTECTIV	\$ 31,465.90
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES-W,PR,ST,CH	\$ 348.46
LEVI ARCHITECTURE	SERVICES-PD	\$ 5,469.12
MAVERICK POWERSPORTS	REPAIR-PR	\$ 1,595.13
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPAN	UTILITY-PR,PD,CH,W,ST	\$ 10,147.47
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMEN	VEH REPAIR-ST	\$ 2,259.40
NORTHERN ESCROW, INC.	SERVICES-CH	\$ 55,083.69
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-CH,PD,PR	\$ 552.56
OVERDRIVE INC.	EBOOKS-L	\$ 5,000.00
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$ 56.80
PALMER, CARTER	MAINT-L	\$ 200.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 73,202.02
PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 23.25
PENWORTHY COMPANY, THE	BOOKS-L	\$ 420.71
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	REPAIR-ST	\$ 692.37
PRINT EXPRESS	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 1,725.00
PURCHASE POWER	POSTAGE-B,CH,PR,W	\$ 270.99
R & E REAL ESTATE, LLC	RENT-PD	\$ 2,700.00
RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING	CANINE PURCH-PD	\$ 154.96
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	VEH MAINT-PD	\$ 534.92
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST	ICMA-RC \$ PRE	\$ 5,859.12
STOREY KENWORTHY - MATT P	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 40.45
STRAND ASSOCIATES	SERVICES-W	\$ 38,280.00
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-L,PR	\$ 2,047.50
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,911.95
TBT SPORTS	TOURNEY FEES-PR	\$ 21,850.00
TITAN MACHINERY	VEH MAINT-W	\$ 1,051.41
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	\$ 6,819.71
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 34.97
UNUM	LIFE/AD&D INS	\$ 864.34
US CELLULAR	PHONE-L	\$ 587.46
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 173.56
WELLMARK BCBS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$ 51,285.00
ZIKMUND, ERIN	REIMBURSE-L	\$ 125.45

CLAIMS TOTAL \$526,635.13; General Fund \$194,035.50; Library \$35,237.49; Streets Dept-Road Use \$37,943.08; Employee Benefits \$1,924.12; Urban Renewal-LMI Housing \$10,350.00; Economic Development \$59,806.29; Cap Project-City Buildings \$5,469.12; Cap Project-Airport \$70,030.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$7,375.28; Water Fund \$15,080.55; Sewer Utility Fund \$77,102.28; Self Insurance \$12,208.75; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$72.67.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$923,424.23; General Fund \$111,264.91; Library \$30,874.97; Streets Dept-Road Use \$69,336.15; Employee Benefits \$7,434.57; Emergency Levy \$349.11; Tax Increment Financing \$1,690.13; Debt Service \$4,685.73; Debt-Special Assessment \$86.00; Cap Project-City Buildings \$400,000.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$61,481.59; Water Fund \$69,956.88; Water Revenue Bond \$7,429.83; Sewer Utility \$72,859.55; Sewer SRF Sinking Fund \$33,971.73; Sewer Sinking Revenue Bond \$16,266.67; Storm Water \$8,423.00; Self Insurance \$27,088.34; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$225.07.

The February 2023 budgeted monthly transfers and the revenues and expenses by department to date were available for council review and discussion.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Lisa Kramer, Buchanan County Economic Development, provided an annual update to the Council.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to set a public hearing date of March 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., for an Electric Transmission Franchise Ordinance, second by Council Member Moore. Ayes: All.

Mayor Bleichner stated, pursuant to the agenda, he will now convene a public hearing for the amendment to the City Zoning Ordinance (Code) for Article 17. City Clerk Lampe stated she did not receive any comments related to this amendment. Mayor Bleichner closed the public hearing and stated City Clerk Lampe will note all comments in the record. Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the first reading, 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. Council Member O'Loughlin 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 Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan. Nays: Huston. Council Member Callahan with a motion to have this ordinance amendment for the City Zoning Ordinance (Code) for Article 17 be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Hanna.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-574 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the first reading of the grade ordinance related to the 2023 Street Rehabilitation Project, second by Council Member Moore. Brian Crawford, Crawford Engineering, shared that this is a state requirement per Iowa Code Section 384 and serves as information for a property owner that would improve his/her driveway and ensure it would meet the street properly. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and Moore. Council Member Moore 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 Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Council Member Moore with a motion to have this ordinance that adds the grade ordinance related to the 2023 Street Rehabilitation Project be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-575 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Prusator with a motion to approve a resolution that accepts and approves the final plat of Hummingbird Court Phase 2, second by Council Member Huston. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-29 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a resolution to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2023 Street Rehabilitation Project, and the taking of bids therefor, second by Council Member Huston. 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. 2023-30 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve a resolution that approves the contract and performance and/or payment bonds for the 12th Street NE 2023 Storm Sewer Improvements Project, second by Council Member Jensen. 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. 2023-31 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve a resolution that endorses the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Fund Program Requirements for the 2027 STBG Street Rehab Project, second by Council Member Jensen. 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. 2023-32 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve the affirmative statement for adopting a section 401 money purchase plan, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and Moore.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the Rural Child Care Market Study Contract with the Iowa Economic Development Authority, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator.

Council Member Prusator with a motion to authorize the Police Department to place a furniture order for the new Police Station, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Brian Crawford, Crawford Engineering, had no project updates as previous agenda items addressed current city projects.

REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Jensen- Shared the focus group meetings held on Saturday, February 18th were successful and lots of ideas and projects were suggested. It was mentioned that the project will be displayed at MHI this fall. Huston- Commented there were good ideas mentioned at the focus group meeting. City Manager- Shared he received an email from a resident about the good job the Street Department did from the most recent winter storm. Mayor- Shared results from an informal survey he had on his Mayor Facebook page regarding billboards within Independence.

ADJOURNMENT

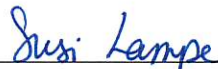
Motion by Council Member Jensen, second by Council Member Huston to adjourn. Ayes: All.

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 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