

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, January 9, 2023.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

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

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 Callahan, second by Council Member O'Loughlin to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held January 9, 2023, 2023. Ayes: All.

AT-LARGE COUNCIL SEAT APPOINTMENT/SWEARING IN

Council Member Hanna with a motion to approve a resolution appointing Ralph Moore to fill the vacant At-Large 2 Council Seat, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. Council Member Jensen said that Ralph had been attending meetings and events. Mayor Bleichner shared he went back and watched council videos. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-01 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Mayor Bleichner issued the Oath of Office to Ralph Moore the At-Large 2 Council Appointee.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATION REMODEL PROJECT

Mayor Bleichner spoke on the three bids received for the Police Department Station Remodel Project. The apparent low bidder was Larson Construction with a bid of \$655,970.00 with a completion date of 150 days. Cardinal Construction submitted a bid of \$745,00.00 and a completion date of 130 days. Sheets General Construction submitted a bid of \$815,800.00 and a completion date of May 12, 2023. Mayor Bleichner reported that Dan Levi will be working with Larson Construction to value engineer the project down 10% by looking at the electrical work to see if things can be done differently.

Motion by Council Member Jensen, second by Council Member Prusator to award the Police Department Station Remodel project to low bidder, Larson Construction and move forward with a construction services contract. Architect will lead the review with Larson Construction to reduce the project cost no more than 10% using Value Engineering with the approval of the Police Department and City. The Mayor, with the guidance of the City's Architect, and City Attorney if and as necessary, is authorized to agree to the final terms of a Contract between the City of Independence, Iowa and Larson Construction, whereby the City will contract with Larson to complete the Project, and to execute said contract on behalf of the City Council, binding the City to the terms of said contract, without prior review or additional approval by the City Council, beyond the approval and authorization set forth in this Resolution. Mayor Bleichner explained this is to expedite the project process as it is time sensitive to get the Police Department moved. 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. 2023-02 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Prusator, second by Council Member Jensen to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the December 10, 2022, Special Meeting. 2) The minutes of the December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting. 3) The minutes of the January 3, 2023, Committee of the Whole/Special Meeting. 4) Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh Class E Retail Alcohol License amendment for ownership updates. 5) Casey's General Store #2169 Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal effective January 30, 2023, through January 29, 2024. 6) Indee Café Class C Retail Alcohol License application that includes outdoor service effective November 29, 2022, through November 28, 2023. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS

EQUIP CONTRACT-ALL

\$ 1,429.73

AFLAC	AFLAC PRE-TAX	\$	287.46
AIRGAS	SUPPLIES-ST	\$	321.08
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PD	\$	871.77
ARTIC SEAL	CANINE PURCH-PD	\$	1,095.00
AVFUEL CORPORATION	FUEL-A	\$	13,592.08
BANK IOWA	DEPOSIT BOX-CH	\$	15.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SIGNAGE-ST	\$	344.54
BEATTY, DREW	SERVICES-PR	\$	260.00
BEATTY, KOBY	SERVICES-PR	\$	180.00
BERGANKDV	SERVICES-CH	\$	950.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES-L	\$	180.00
BLAKER, LAURA	REIMB-L	\$	192.59
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT 01	SERVICES-PR,ST	\$	223.98
BOWKER MECHANICAL	REPAIR-L	\$	303.50
BRODART CO	SUPPLIES-L	\$	561.00
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	SUPPLIES-W	\$	6,600.00
BSN SPORTS, INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$	714.96
BUCHANAN COUNTY AUDITOR	DISPATCH SVC-PD	\$	70,912.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY EXTENSION	TRAINING-ST	\$	35.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY HEALTH CE	AMB.SERVICE-CH	\$	14,791.67
BUCHANAN COUNTY RECORDER	FEES-CH	\$	42.00
CARD SERVICES-LIBRARY	MISC EXP-L	\$	653.73
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-A,B,CH,PD,PR,ST,W	\$	7,372.97
CC'S FLOORS & MOORE, LLC	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$	6,083.81
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	EQUIPMENT-L	\$	1,858.72
CENGAGE LEARNING	BOOKS-L	\$	201.02
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-A,CH,PD,PR,W	\$	514.76
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT	COLONIALPRETAX	\$	859.11
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	SNOW MAINT-ST	\$	4,532.21
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	FUEL-ALL	\$	9,182.42
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	SERVICES-ST	\$	34,903.75
CULLIGAN TOTAL WATER MONT	COMMERCIAL SALT-A	\$	20.50
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	SERVICES-PD,ST,W	\$	791.62
DAVE SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION	SERVICES-ST,W	\$	129,183.61
DECKER SPORTING GOODS	SUPPLIES-PR	\$	2,499.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL BENEFIT	\$	4,107.08
DEMCO	SUPPLIES-L	\$	103.86
DGR ENGINEERING	SERVICES-A	\$	4,000.00
DICK'S PETROLEUM COMPANY	MAINTENANCE-A	\$	714.10
DON'S TRUCK SALES INC	VEH MAINT-ST	\$	8,698.00
DOUBLE A ARMORY	SUPPLIES-PD	\$	516.00
DUNLAP MOTORS INC	VEH EQUIP-ST	\$	850.00
EAST-CENTRAL IOWA R.E.C.	UTILITY-A,PR,ST,W,CH	\$	3,256.29
EBSCO	DUES-L	\$	1,051.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$	12,723.98
ESCHEN'S CLOTHING	UNIFORM-ST	\$	69.00
FAMILY ANIMAL CARE	SERVICES-B,PD	\$	776.08
FERTILIZER DEALER SUPPLY	EQUIPMENT-PR	\$	3,278.23
FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO	BLDG REPAIR-PR	\$	130.00
FUTURE LINE LLC	VEH MAINT-ST	\$	5,240.80
GALLS INC	UNIFORM-PD	\$	643.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLI	SUPPLIES-PR	\$	130.53
GRAINGER INC	SUPPLIES-F	\$	81.98
HANSEN, ROBERT	SERVICES-PR	\$	80.00
HARDWARE HANK	SUPPLIES-A,B,CH,PR,ST,W	\$	493.50
HAWKEYE ENVIRONMENTAL	SERVICES-CH	\$	435.00

HEARTLAND MECHANICAL LLC	MAINT-L	\$ 200.00
HINSON CONSULTING, LLC	SERVICES-CH	\$ 6,762.44
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	Sales Tax-W	\$ 7,960.23
IA DIVISION OF LABOR	SERVICES-CH,W	\$ 80.00
IA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC.	DUES-PD	\$ 200.00
IA STATE UNIVERSITY	TRAINING-CH	\$ 256.00
IACP	DUES-PD	\$ 190.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWE	UTILITIES-ALL	\$ 31,796.62
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING HEA	BLDG MAINT-CH,PR	\$ 1,276.51
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	BOOKS-L	\$ 228.46
INRCOG	SERVICES-CH	\$ 4,582.17
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 47,041.60
IPERS	IPERS-PROTECTIV	\$ 47,019.23
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES-PR,PD,W,ST,B,A	\$ 878.25
JOHNSON PLBG HEATING & AI	LMI REHAB-CH	\$ 4,900.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 115.25
KIDA, ANDREW	REIMBURSE-CH	\$ 270.84
KIECK'S CAREER APPAREL	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 2,200.00
KILER, CHASE	SERVICES-PR	\$ 100.00
LEVI ARCHITECTURE	SERVICES-PD	\$ 35,334.00
LUMBER RIDGE HOME SOURCE	RENTAL EQUIP-PR	\$ 62.25
LYNCH DALLAS, PC	LEGAL EXP-CH	\$ 2,224.00
MCDONALD, CONNIE	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 7.50
MICHAEL, BROOKLYN	SERVICES-PR	\$ 20.00
MICHAEL, MADISON	SERVICES-PR	\$ 60.00
MICROSOFT CORPORATION	OFFICE BASIC-ALL	\$ 720.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPAN	UTILITY-W,ST,PD,CH,PR	\$ 9,051.19
MIKE FLAUCHER PAINTING	SERVICES-A	\$ 3,423.00
MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIPM	EQUIPMENT-PR	\$ 1,401.90
MOORE, JERRY	REIMBURSE-CH	\$ 277.04
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 5,105.00
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	SERVICES-W	\$ 3,235.13
MYERS POLARIS	VEH MAINT-F	\$ 383.36
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIE	LAB ANANYSIS-W	\$ 18.81
NUTRI-JECT SYSTEMS, INC.	SERVICES-W	\$ 500.00
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-PD,PR,W	\$ 2,076.87
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PRFOFIS-A	\$ 63.28
PALMER, CARTER	SERVICES-PR	\$ 10.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 144,858.96
PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 88.50
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	CONCESSION-PR	\$ 791.08
PETERS & LONGMUIR PLC	COM REHAB-CH	\$ 5,000.00
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	BLDG MAINT-L,PR	\$ 1,766.33
PRINT EXPRESS	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 65.00
PURCHASE POWER	POSTAGE-B,PR,CH,W	\$ 541.98
R & E REAL ESTATE, LLC	RENT-PD	\$ 2,700.00
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS CO I	SAFETY EQUIP-ST	\$ 680.43
RESTORATION SERVICES INC	SERVICES-CH	\$ 1,915.00
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC	PEST CONTROL-PD,PR	\$ 151.00
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	VEH MAINT-PR	\$ 355.39
S.T.A.N. DEVELOPMENT	GRANT MATCH-CH	\$ 21,593.27
SCHMITZ, MATTHEW	REIMBURSE-CH	\$ 751.56
SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY	BOOKS-L	\$ 157.65
SHIVE HATTERY	SERVICES-W	\$ 1,738.60
SIGNS & MORE	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 510.00
SMITH FILTER CORPORATION	MAINT-L	\$ 605.19

SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPA	SUPPLIES-	\$ 1,169.27
SPEER FINANCIAL INC	SERVICES-CH,PR	\$ 1,575.00
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST	ICMA-RC \$ PRE	\$ 11,762.60
STOREY KENWORTHY - MATT P	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 352.32
STRAND ASSOCIATES	SERVICES-W	\$ 19,200.00
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-L	\$ 2,012.50
SYNTECH	SERVICES-A	\$ 109.00
T & W GRINDING & COMPOST	SERVICES-ST	\$ 8,915.40
TANNER MICHAEL	SERVICES-PR	\$ 30.00
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 2,157.32
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 1,695.17
THEEL, TRAVIS	REFUND-PR	\$ 150.00
THOMA, TIFFANY	INSTRUCTOR-PR	\$ 720.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	\$ 11,569.00
TSCHIGGFRIE EXCAVATING IN	SERVICES-W	\$ 4,907.00
UMB BANK NA	BOND FEES-CH	\$ 1,300.00
UNUM	LIFE/AD&D INS	\$ 933.35
US CELLULAR	PHONE-L	\$ 173.96
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 597.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	UTILITY-CH,PR,F,PD	\$ 172.26
VISU-SEWER INC	SERVICES-W	\$ 13,629.61
VOLTMER, INC.	SERVICES-A	\$ 148,984.46
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 711.45
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-ALL	\$ 46,508.89
WEBER PLBING HEATING,COOL	SERVICES-PR	\$ 2,631.58
WEBER, ERIC	REIMBURSE-ST	\$ 119.99
WELLMARK BCBS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$ 48,598.17
WICKS CONSTRUCTION, INC.	SERVICES-A	\$ 25,755.21
WINTER WONDERLAND, INC	VEH REPAIR-ST	\$ 599.40
WINTHROP NEWS, THE	PUBLICAT-CH,PR	\$ 705.95
ZERO9 SOLUTIONS	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 185.35
ZIMMER & FRANCESCON INC	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$ 705.17

CLAIMS TOTAL \$1,122,876.77; General Fund \$443,683.03; Library \$40,681.27; Streets Dept-Road Use \$69,757.80; Employee Benefits \$2,031.88; Urban Renewal-LMI Housing \$4,900.00; Economic Development \$31,610.44; Debt Service \$1,300.00; Cap Project-Bridges \$1,476.00; Cap Proj-City Buildings Fund \$36,534.00; Cap Project-Airport \$174,739.67; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$31,696.83; Cap Project Highway 150 \$137,945.69; Water Fund \$35,362.39; Sewer Utility Fund \$87,139.79; Storm Water Projects Fund \$11,544.00; Self Insurance \$12,354.79; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$119.19.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$718,150.53; General Fund \$12,519.21; Cap Project-Highway 150 \$674,886.31; Water Fund \$10,217.80; Sewer Utility \$16,066.92; Storm Water \$1,544.01; Self Insurance \$2,846.87; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$69.41.

The December 2022 bank reconciliation, the December 2022 budgeted monthly transfers, and the revenues and expenses by department to date were available for council review and discussion.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve the City's support of funding and in-kind services for the Catalyst grant application for Pete and Terry Gaumer, second by Council Member Jensen. Council Member O'Loughlin requested that TIF be used as a funding source for this. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe said she would reach out to Dorsey and Whitney to verify if TIF can be utilized. Council Member O'Loughlin asked if the grant amount would be sufficient enough for the proposed work being done. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Hanna.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the application for a grant for the Rural Childcare Market Study with a \$5,000 match by the City, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. Lisa Kremer, Buchanan County Economic Development, said the deadline on her handout has been revised and is now January 31, 2023. She explained the study will provide for community input on childcare needs. Council Member Huston asked what this study will do that isn't already known. Lisa explained that citizens will be able to note their specific needs for

childcare and the study can be used for future grants. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and Moore.

LMI HOMEOWNER/AGENCY REHAB

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve a homeowner/agency repair program/project for 911 8th Avenue NE, 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.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-03 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve the homeowner/agency repair project contract for 911 8th Avenue NE, second by Council Member Huston. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Council Member Prusator with a motion to approve a homeowner/agency repair program/project for 808 3rd Street NE, second by Council Member Jensen. 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. 2023-04 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve the homeowner/agency repair project contract for 808 3rd Street NE, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a resolution that amends the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, second by Council Member Moore. Council Member Huston asked what this for. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe said this is for invoices that were held in June and paid in July as the City did not have spending authority. This amendment grants the spending authority in this Fiscal Year and includes other items that were not originally anticipated when doing the budget. Another amendment will be done in the spring to include items not done in this amendment. 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. 2023-05 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Moore with a motion to approve a resolution that adopts the Slips, Trips, and Falls Policy, second by Council Member Jensen. Mayor Bleichner shared that Richard Newton prepared this policy with department head input. This policy is required as part of the safety grant the City applied for to purchase shoe grips. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-06 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a resolution that adopts the Seatbelt/Restraint Policy, second by Council Member Jensen. Mayor Bleichner shared that Richard Newton also prepared this policy with department head input. 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. 2023-07 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

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

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-08 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve a resolution designating the Bulletin Journal and The News as the official paper(s) for the City of Independence, second by Council Member Moore. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe stated that both papers can be designated as the official paper for the City. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-09 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a resolution setting the mileage rate annual designation at 65.5

cents per mile, second by Council Member Prusator. 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. 2023-10 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve a resolution that sets January 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers for a public hearing on a proposed grant of a perpetual easement, second by Council Member Callahan. Mayor Bleichner shared this is with Nielsen Trust on 5th Avenue for the dock issue. The City Attorney has been involved with this and has sent a copy of the easement to the Mayor for review. 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. 2023-11 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a resolution to provide for a notice of hearing on February 13, 2023, at 5:00 pm at City Hall on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 12th Street NE 2023 Storm Sewer Improvements Project, and the taking of bids therefor, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. 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. 2023-12 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve a resolution that approves the engineering services agreement with Crawford Engineering for the 2023 2nd St SW Bridge and 8th Ave SW Pedestrian Bridge Rehab, second by Council Member Callahan. 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. 2023-13 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve a resolution that approves the engineering services agreement with Crawford Engineering for the 2023 Street Rehabilitation project, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. 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. 2023-14 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve a resolution that approves the professional services contract with Bolton & Menk for the North Aircraft Parking Apron, second by Council Member Callahan. Airport Manager Brett Soukup explained this is the agreement for Bolton & Menk to prepare the project scope. Council Member Huston asked what the purpose of the project was. Airport Manager Soukup explained this project is to expand the taxiway for more parking and install a self-contamination unit for fuel spills. Discussion was held on the liability for fuel spills and clean up. Mayor Bleichner reiterated that this is not Council approving the project or the project cost, it is just allowing Bolton and Menk to start working on the bid documents and provide engineering services. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-15 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve a resolution that approves the professional services contract with Bolton & Menk for the Install Runway and Taxiway Edge Lighting Project, second by Council Member Moore. Mayor Bleichner shared that the City match for this project is \$46,800 and has already been identified in the Airport's CIP account if the project moves forward. Airport Manager Soukup shared this is for the lights along the runway being upgraded to LED. He did share a concern of the lights giving enough heat to melt snow. Bolton & Menk replied that no other airports had issues with LED lighting. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2023-16 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve a resolution that supports the naming of the stretch of Highway 150 from West Union to Vinton as the "Sergeant Jim Smith Memorial Highway," second by Council Member Jensen. Dewey Hupke with Independence Community School District reached out to Mayor Bleichner on this topic and shared three other communities have shown their support for this. Discussion was held on the designated stretch being renamed. 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. 2023-17 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve the sewer maintenance agreement with Visu-Sewer, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Brian Crawford, Crawford Engineering, stated that the updates he had for Council were on the agenda and needed Council action.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve Change Order Number 4 in the amount of \$32,256.27 for the Highway 150 Reconstruction Project, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston.

Council Member Prusator with a motion to approve the General Traffic Controls, Inc. quote of \$2,300.00 to install a traffic syncing device to control the timing of the traffic lights at the 1st Street East and 2nd Street SE intersections, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve Change Order Number 1 in the amount of \$1,116.00 for the Airport AWOS Replacement Project, second by Council Member Moore. 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 approve Change Order Number 1 in the amount of \$8,800.00 for the Airport Taxiway and Apron Expansion Project, 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 Callahan with a motion to establish the Independence Fire Department as a First Responder, second by Council Member Jensen. Fire Chief Hayward and Mayor Bleichner explained this will allow the Fire Department to be allowed to perform First Responder duties until an ambulance crew arrives and takes over. Discussion was held on how this could impact the Fire Department responding to calls and if this would increase the City's liability. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the addendum to the development agreement with Dominick Sparrgrove, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. Mayor Bleichner gave an update of the work to be done for the upstairs housing above Hartig Drug with a proposed timeline to get the work done. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen.


REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Jensen- Spoke on work done by the 1st Street West Corridor and Green Space group and upcoming meetings. O'Loughlin- Congratulations to the Independence Girls Wrestling team. Prusator- Had someone reach out to him with a concern of business customer parking for downtown businesses, specifically Independence NAPA and Los Dos Maria. Moore- Thank you to everyone for their support in his appointment. Hanna- Congratulations to Ralph. Huston- Congratulations to Ralph. Would like to talk about Waste Management at the February Committee of the Whole Meeting. Asked if the City had ever done even/odd parking during snow emergencies. Mayor- Gave an update on the COVID-19 Façade project. Spoke on the Iowa DOT reaching out for input on a potential Highway 150 project from Oelwein to Urbana. An update was given regarding billboards and that the City Attorney is working on this and will be providing examples of how other cities handle this to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 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