

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, September 12, 2022.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, 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

Mayor Bleichner stated that Item 7.C. First Responder Program for the Fire Department needs to be removed for further discussion. Motion by Council Member Hanna, second by Council Member Callahan to approve the agenda as amended for the regular meeting held September 12, 2022. Ayes: All.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Callahan, second by Council Member Hanna to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the August 22, 2022, Regular Meeting. 2) The minutes of the August 29, 2022, Special Meeting. 3) Old Rush Park Tavern Class C Liquor License Ownership Amendment. 4) Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh Class E Liquor License renewal that includes Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit, and Sunday Service, November 9, 2022, thru November 8, 2023. 5) Approval of the bow hunting request from Kent and Daniel Young for the 2022 bow season. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

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

AFLAC	AFLAC PRE-TAX	\$	301.36
AIRGAS	EQUIP RENTAL-ST	\$	34.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-CH,F	\$	1,462.22
ATLANTIC SIGNAL LLC	CANINE-PD	\$	1,451.00
AVFUEL CORPORATION	Supplies-A	\$	21,726.13
BAGBY'S AUTOMOTIVE	VEH REPAIR-ST	\$	1,106.65
BEATTY, ROBERT	Phone Allowance	\$	45.00
BLEICHNER, BRAD	Phone Allowance	\$	100.00
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT 01	EQUIPMENT-ST	\$	382.88
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	SUPPLIES-W	\$	1,283.35
BUCHANAN COUNTY TREASURER	PROPERTY TAX-CH,W	\$	414.00
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-PD,CH,F,B	\$	3,782.18
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-A,PD,CH,W,PR,B	\$	1,329.59
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT	COLONIALPRETAX	\$	627.20
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	FUEL-ALL	\$	9,055.92
CORBETT, LUCAS	Phone Allowance	\$	45.00
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	SERVICES-PR,ST	\$	56,631.08
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE	SUPPLIES-PD	\$	320.65
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	SERVICES-PD,PR,ST,W	\$	571.44
DAVE SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION	SERVICES-ST,W	\$	507,002.38
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL BENEFIT	\$	3,248.92
DICK'S PETROLEUM COMPANY	MAINT-A	\$	3,154.14
DOUBLE A ARMORY	SUPPLIES-PD	\$	157.84
DUNLAP MOTORS INC	VEH MAINT-W	\$	42.95
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$	8,884.27
ESCH, BRAD	Phone Allowance	\$	45.00
ESCHEN'S CLOTHING	UNIFORM-PD,W	\$	405.00
EVIDENT, INC.	SUPPLIES-PD	\$	118.70
FAREWAY STORES INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$	1,953.99

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUR	TRAINING-PD	\$	150.00
FOLEY, TRAVIS	Phone Allowance	\$	45.00
FUTURE LINE LLC	VEH MAINT-PR	\$	3,767.47
G & L LAWN RANGERS LLC	SERVICES-ST	\$	362.12
GALLS INC	UNIFORM-PD	\$	65.83
GRAINGER INC	SUPPLIES-W	\$	376.95
HARDWARE HANK	SUPPLIES-CH,ST,W,PR,B	\$	343.20
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY COM	SUPPLIES-F,PD	\$	192.80
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS-W	\$	1,792.68
HAYWARD, BLAKE	Phone Allowance	\$	45.00
HILLTOP MOTORS INC	VEH REPAIR-PD	\$	1,644.23
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS	REPAIR-ST	\$	859.03
HYDRITE CHEMICAL CO	CHEMICALS-W	\$	3,255.80
IA DEPT OF JUSTICE	FORFEITURE-PD	\$	179.20
IA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOC	DUES-PD	\$	330.00
IA STATE UNIVERSITY	TRAINING-CH	\$	288.00
ICAP	INSURANCE-CH	\$	500.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$	56,803.36
IPERS	IPERS-PROTECTIV	\$	31,746.01
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES-W,A,PR,ST,B	\$	752.05
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$	15.50
KILER, ANGELA	Phone Allowance	\$	45.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEG	TRAINING-F	\$	55.00
KNUDSON, SAM	SERVICES-B	\$	250.00
LAU, BRIAN	Phone Allowance	\$	45.00
LL PELLING COMPANY	REPAIR-ST	\$	1,691.68
LYNCH DALLAS, PC	LEGAL EXP-CH	\$	1,267.76
M&T BANK- 305533	ICMA-RC \$ PRE	\$	12,514.54
MANATT'S INC	CEMENT-ST,W	\$	3,209.62
MAVERICK POWERSPORTS	EQUIPMENT-A	\$	155.70
MIDWEST FIELDTURF	EQUIPMENT-PR	\$	3,200.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES-PD	\$	57.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,F,W	\$	699.46
NORTHERN ESCROW, INC.	SERVICES-CH	\$	54,883.09
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPAN	PUBLICAT-CH	\$	907.41
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-CH,PD,W	\$	2,567.90
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$	1,475.27
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$	169,527.69
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	CONCESSION-PR	\$	205.71
PETROLEUM MARKETERS MANAG	TANK INSURE-A	\$	1,255.00
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINAN	EQUIP LEASE-CH	\$	315.48
PIZZA RANCH	CONCESSIONS-PR	\$	790.00
PRAIRIE ROAD BUILDERS INC	REPAIRS-ST,W	\$	49,066.14
PURCHASE POWER	POSTAGE-PR	\$	49.99
RACOM CORPORATION	EQUIP MAINT-PD	\$	747.10
RAY O'HERRON CO.	UNIFORM-PD	\$	163.48
RECK, BRENT	Phone Allowance	\$	45.00
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC	PEST CONTROL-PR	\$	55.00
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	TRUCK-A	\$	59,231.76
S.T.A.N. DEVELOPMENT	GRANT MATCH-CH	\$	58,216.98
SERVPRO	SERVICES-W	\$	4,775.04
SHIVE HATTERY	SERVICES-W	\$	281.80
SIGNS & MORE	UNIFORM-CH	\$	16.00
SKYLINE CONSTRUCTION, INC	SERVICES-PR,ST	\$	163,334.80
STOREY KENWORTHY - MATT P	SUPPLIES-CH,ST	\$	321.93
SUPERIOR CLEANING SERVICE	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$	3,340.03

TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$	2,266.76
TEAM WENDY	CANINE PURCH-PD	\$	1,045.84
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$	3,625.64
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	\$	8,934.00
TSCHIGGFRIE EXCAVATING IN	Services-ST,W	\$	13,048.95
UNUM	LIFE/AD&D INS	\$	909.42
US CELLULAR	PHONE-F,B,PD	\$	780.28
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES-W	\$	1,015.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Phone-CH,F,PD,PR	\$	172.86
VISION SERVICE PLAN	VISION PRETAX	\$	286.27
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-ST,W,CH	\$	148.54
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-A,CH,PR,W	\$	48,430.58
WBC MECHANICAL INC	REPAIR-W	\$	2,175.70
WELLMARK BCBS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$	50,862.74
WINTHROP NEWS, THE	PUBLICAT-CH	\$	576.91

CLAIMS TOTAL \$1,458,240.32; General Fund \$329,974.15; Library \$29,633.68; Streets Dept-Road Use \$91,938.38; Employee Benefits \$3,102.04; Economic Development \$113,100.07; Cap Project – Street Improve \$30,344.39; Cap Project-Visioning Project \$155,208.03; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$64,812.84; Cap Project Highway 150 \$547,075.68; Water Fund \$28,654.36; Sewer Utility Fund \$55,309.43; Storm Water Fund \$203.00; Self Insurance \$8,577.17; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$307.10.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$83,476.68; General Fund \$47,200.31; Library \$315.30; Employee Benefits \$763.74; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$306.56; Water Fund \$10,653.60; Sewer Utility \$14,242.72; Storm Water \$1,454.18; Self Insurance \$8,281.17; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$259.10.

The August 2022 bank reconciliation and the revenues and expenses by department to date were available for council review and discussion.

LMI HOMEOWNER REPAIR & HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a homeowner/agency repair program project at 815 1st Avenue NE, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-109 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the homeowner/agency repair project contract for 815 1st Avenue NE, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a homeowner/agency repair program project for 111 5th Avenue NE, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Hanna.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-110 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Hanna with a motion to approve the homeowner/agency repair project contract for 111 5th Avenue NE, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and Kurtz.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a homeowner/agency repair program project for 507 2nd Street SW, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, and Prusator.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-111 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve the homeowner/agency repair project contract for 507 2nd Street SW, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve a resolution for a homebuyer assistance program project for Balli, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Callahan,

Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-112 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve a resolution for a homebuyer assistance program project for Hocken, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-113 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to set a date of September 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., for a public hearing for detailed plans, specifications, notice of hearing, notice to bidders, and form of contract for the LMI Homeowner Repair Program, second by Council Member Huston. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe shared that one more property has been income verified and is able to be advertised for bids. Ayes: All.

Council Member Hanna with a motion to set a date of September 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., for a public hearing for an amendment to Code Section 52.02 Mowing of Properties - Exemptions, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. Mayor Bleichner shared this would add the word annually to the current City Code. Ayes: All.

Council Member Hanna with a motion to approve the second reading of the amendment to Code Section 1.15 Fines & Fees Schedules, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve the second reading of the amendment to Code Section 52.03 Mowing of Properties - Definitions, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Hanna.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve the second reading of the amendment to Code Section 41.14(3) Fireworks Sale Regulations, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Hanna, and Kurtz. Nays: Huston.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve a resolution to file the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Financial Report, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, and Prusator.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-114 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Street Finance Report and authorize the City Clerk/Treasurer to submit it to the Iowa DOT, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-115 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a resolution to assess a property owner for Chapter 52 Mowing of Properties – Failure to Comply, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-116 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve a resolution that establishes the use of American Recovery Plan Act funds for a designated project for the Police Department, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-117 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a resolution that approves the contract and performance and/or payment bonds for the Airport AWOS Project, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-118 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve the River's Edge Sport & Fitness/Complex Manager job description as revised 9/6/2022, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Hanna.

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to authorize the Fire Department to increase the number of Part-Time Staff to three, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and Kurtz.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to send a letter of opposition regarding the proposed CO2 pipeline project, second by Council Member Kurtz. Ayes: All.

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve City Administration to start the process to purchase Archive Social, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Mark Crawford, Crawford Engineering, spoke on the Highway 150 Reconstruction Phase 2 Project and the Liberty Trail South Extension Project.

REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: O'Loughlin- Received a phone call from someone who received a ticket for being parked on the sidewalk. Kurtz- The Fire Department did an excellent presentation for the 9/11 ceremony. Hanna- The 9/11 ceremony was excellent but wished there was a fire truck with a flag out, so people knew they were in the right location. Huston- Is thinking of getting a search firm to find a quarterback for Iowa. City Clerk- If everyone can wait a few minutes after the meeting to sign the pipeline letter.

CLOSED SESSION: PER IOWA CODE 21.5 (1) (I)

City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe sought the opinion of the City Attorney earlier in the day before the meeting about requesting a motion to enter into a closed session. City Attorney Herman stated it is appropriate to go into closed session. Council Member Jensen with a motion to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(I); to evaluate professional competency of an individual at 5:45 p.m., second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen. Those invited into the closed session were the following: Council Member Callahan, Council Member Huston, Council Member Hanna, Mayor Bleichner, City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe, Council Member Kurtz, Council Member Prusator, Council Member O'Loughlin, Council Member Jensen, and Brent Hinson with Hinson Consulting, LLC.

At 6:37 p.m. Council Member Jensen made a motion to resume regular session, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the agreement as discussed in closed session, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan. Nays: Huston.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 6:39 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