

The Independence City Council met in special session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, August 29, 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 not broadcasted on the local access channel due to the anticipated short amount of time being in open session.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member O'Loughlin, second by Council Member Hanna to approve the agenda as presented for the special meeting held August 29, 2022. Ayes: All.

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

Mayor Bleichner 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 Kurtz with a motion to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(I); to evaluate professional competency of an individual at 5:02 p.m., 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. 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 5:32 p.m. Council Member Jensen made a motion to resume regular session, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston.

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

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

Mayor Bleichner 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)(J); to discuss the purchase of particular real estate at 5:36 p.m., second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and Kurtz. 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, and Council Member Jensen.

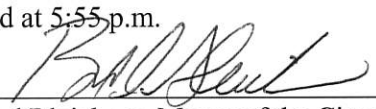
At 5:54 p.m. Council Member Jensen made a motion to resume regular session, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, and Prusator.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to provide authorization to Mayor and City Staff to proceed with negotiating the purchase of real estate as discussed in closed session, second by Council Member Huston. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 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