

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, August 8, 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

Motion by Council Member O'Loughlin, second by Council Member Hanna to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held August 8, 2022. Ayes: All.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Jensen, second by Council Member O'Loughlin to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the July 25, 2022, Regular Meeting. 2) Special Event Application – Blue Block Party Saturday, September 17, 2022. Ayes: All.

### FINANCIALS

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

911 CUSTOM	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 150.00
ADB SAFEGATE AMERICAS LLC	SUPPLIES-A	\$ 498.00
AFLAC	AFLAC PRE-TAX	\$ 301.36
AIR SERVICES INC	REPAIR-FD	\$ 750.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-CH,F,PD	\$ 989.09
ASCAP	DUES-CH	\$ 404.37
AVFUEL CORPORATION	EQUIP RENTAL-A	\$ 20.00
B & B FARM STORE INC	REPAIR-PR	\$ 118.91
BLACK HAWK CO HEALTH DEPT	SERVICES-PR	\$ 418.00
BLAD, CHRISTIAN	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 528.00
BOWMAN, RICHARD	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 165.00
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN	ROAD ROCK-W	\$ 79.50
BURNS, JEFFERY	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 429.00
CERAS, JOSHUA	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 275.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-W,A,CH,PR,PD	\$ 747.90
CLINTON, CASEY	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 176.00
CLOSE, NATHAN	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 176.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT	COLONIALPRETAX	\$ 940.80
CORNWELL, GRADY	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 290.00
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	SERVICES-PR,ST,W	\$ 37,268.10
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	SERVICES-PD,PR,W	\$ 2,039.73
DAVE SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION	SERVICES-ST,W	\$ 292,261.34
DECKER, JASON	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 132.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL BENEFIT	\$ 3,409.36
DITCH WITCH	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$ 1,060.95
DUNLAP MOTORS INC	VEH MAINT-W	\$ 172.30
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 6,339.29
ERICKSON-DALE, TANNER	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 286.00
FAMILY ANIMAL CARE	CANINE PURCH-PD	\$ 664.88
FAREWAY STORES INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 100.64
FENNER, GORDY	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 176.00
GALLS INC	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 98.04
HANNA, DEB	REIMB-CH	\$ 24.49

HARDWARE HANK	SUPPLIES-CH,W	\$ 65.61
HOOKEM, WES	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 242.00
IA DNR	NPDES FEE-W	\$ 1,275.00
IA FIRE CHIEFS' ASSN	DUES-FD	\$ 25.00
IA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC.	TRAINING-PD	\$ 60.00
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING HEA	SERVICES-W	\$ 263.91
INRCOG	DUES-CH	\$ 3,153.28
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 26,651.95
INTOXIMETERS INC	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 415.00
IPERS	IPERS-PROTECTIV	\$ 47,209.59
IRVINE, TRENT	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 22.00
J.P. SCHERRMAN INC	EQUIP MAINT-PR	\$ 90.03
JACOBS, MORGAN	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 385.00
JSX TECHNOLOGY	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 13,040.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 254.25
KIECK'S CAREER APPAREL	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 28.50
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEG	TRAINING-FD	\$ 55.00
KOBLINSKA, BOBBY	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 350.00
KREMER, KADEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 150.00
KUENNEN, GABE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 80.00
LORENZEN, LISA	REIMBURSE-CH	\$ 307.80
LOVELESS, MIKE	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 594.00
LYON, DANE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 85.00
M&T BANK- 305533	ICMA-RC \$	\$ 1,686.17
MAVERICK POWERSPORTS	REPAIR-PR	\$ 267.87
MAYNER, MATTHEW	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 242.00
MCCARDLE, CINDY	REIMBURSE-W	\$ 27.80
MCGRAW'S CARPETS	MAINT-PR	\$ 63.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPAN	UTILITY-PR,ST,W	\$ 1,023.31
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT-PD	\$ 320.00
MILLER QUARRY	ROCK-PR	\$ 30.29
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	SERVICES-W	\$ 1,871.25
MYERS-COX CO	CONCESSIONS-PR	\$ 1,152.58
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,W	\$ 223.69
NEJDL, MICHELLE	REIMB-CH	\$ 324.24
NICOLAS, ROY	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 165.00
NORTHERN ESCROW, INC.	SERVICES-CH	\$ 73,000.77
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPAN	PUBLICAT-CH	\$ 519.00
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-PR,CH,W,PD	\$ 604.40
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$ 1,013.61
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 88,151.34
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	CONCESSION-PR	\$ 573.74
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	REPAIR-PR	\$ 561.36
PRICE, TRAVIS	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 99.00
PRODUCTS INCORPORATED	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$ 1,078.63
RACOM CORPORATION	EQUIP MAINT-FD,PD	\$ 16,517.37
RAY O'HERRON CO.	UNFIORM-PD	\$ 156.52
REED, NOLAN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 120.00
RODER, ALBERT W.	REIMB-CH	\$ 714.92
ROTO-ROOTER	SERVICES-W	\$ 310.00
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	VEH MAINT-PD	\$ 896.26
SIDLES, JAKE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 30.00
SIGNS & MORE	Services-PR,ST	\$ 1,039.50
SIMMERING-CORY IA CODIFI	CODE UPDATES-CH	\$ 363.00
SIMMONS, JENNIFER	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 143.00
SIMMONS, TAYLOR	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 55.00

SKYLINE CONSTRUCTION, INC	SERVICES-PR	\$ 143,361.64
STEVE GEE CONSTRUCTION	SERVICES-W	\$ 5,358.00
STRAND ASSOCIATES	SERVICES-W	\$ 10,960.00
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,188.19
TILL, BRODY	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 99.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	\$ 12,539.00
UNUM	LTD-ALL	\$ 1,014.98
US CELLULAR	PHONE-FD	\$ 299.04
VERIZON WIRELESS	UTILITY-F	\$ 9.59
VISION SERVICE PLAN	VISION PRETAX	\$ 305.70
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-B,PR,W	\$ 410.92
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-ALL	\$ 47,622.43
WEBER, TREY	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 70.00
WELLMARK BCBS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$ 50,740.38
WINTHROP NEWS, THE	PUBLICAT-CH	\$ 438.12
WOLF, JACOB	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 1,264.50
WULFEKUHL, JORDON	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 242.00
YOUNG'S PAINTING	SERVICES-PD	\$ 337.00
ZIMMERLY, MIKE	VOLUNTEER FIRE-FD	\$ 99.00

**CLAIMS TOTAL \$915,997.08;** General Fund \$229,134.34; Library \$21,075.88; Hotel-Motel Tax \$404.37; Streets Dept-Road Use \$24,273.74; Employee Benefits \$4,084.19; Economic Development \$73,000.77; Cap Project-Visioning Project \$157,116.24; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$29,517.37; Cap Project Highway 150 \$316,244.84; Water Fund \$10,776.41; Sewer Utility Fund \$44,029.64; Self Insurance \$6,339.29.

**REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$200,488.67;** General Fund \$110,664.20; Employee Benefits \$763.74; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$4,345.00; Cap Project Highway 150 \$55,144.28; Water Fund \$9,172.74; Sewer Utility \$12,420.11; Storm Water \$1,287.31; Self Insurance \$6,643.29; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$48.00.

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

### PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ian Klemen introduced himself to the City Council as the new Independence High School Principal.

Council heard City Manager Recruitment proposals/presentations from Hinson Consulting and Midwest Management Consultants. Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the City Manager recruiting proposal from Hinson Consulting, second by Council Member Kurtz. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen. Nays: Huston and Callahan.

### HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve the second reading of Code Section 69.30 Loading Zones, second by Council Member Hanna. 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 set a public hearing for August 22, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., to amend Code Section 1.15 Fines and Fees Schedules related to Code Section 122.05 License Fees, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. Ayes: All.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to set a public hearing for August 22, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., to amend Code Section 20.05 City Attorney Attendance at Meetings, second by Council Member Hanna. Ayes: All.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to set a public hearing for August 22, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., to amend Code Section 52.03 Mowing of Properties Definitions, second by Council Member Hanna. Ayes: All.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to set a public hearing for August 22, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., to amend Code Sections affected by the 2022 Legislative Changes, second by Council Member Jensen. Ayes: All.

### RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve a resolution that accepts the work covering the Enterprise RISE

Project, second by Council Member Hanna. 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. 2022-102 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member Hanna with a motion to approve a resolution approving the Professional Services Agreement with Strand Associates to design the new wastewater treatment plant, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, and Kurtz.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-103 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve a resolution that appoints S. Sailer to the Planning & Zoning Commission, 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. 2022-104 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 Third Party Non-Profit Organizations, second by Council Member Huston. Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to table the resolution until the August 22, 2022, Council Meeting, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Prusator, and O'Loughlin. Nays: Kurtz.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve staff to proceed with the projects that were identified in order to prepare information in terms of funding and viability of the projects, 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. 2022-105 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Fiscal Year 2022 Outstanding Debt Obligation report was presented to the Council.

Council Member Huston with a motion to authorize the Airport Manager to move forward with the purchase of a new pick-up truck with plow and trade in the current Airport truck, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve a one-year lease of property located at 1013 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE, second by Council Member Kurtz. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the \$2,000 funding request for a Housing Study by Buchanan County Economic Development, second by Council Member Kurtz. 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 Streets Operator/Parks Laborer job description for hire, 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 Kurtz with a motion authorizing the Police Department to increase staffing to 12 Full-Time certified officers, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, and Prusator. Nays: O'Loughlin.

Council Member Hanna with a motion to adopt Strategic Planning directions 1 - 3, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, and O'Loughlin.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to adopt Strategic Planning direction #4 and amend the Personnel Policy accordingly, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Callahan, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen. Nays: Huston.

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

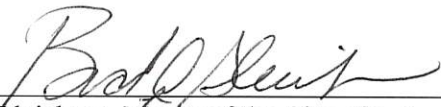
**REPORTS**

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Huston- Congratulations to the High School Baseball team. Jensen- Cemetery east entrance on Highway 150 had a washout. City Manager- That cemetery entrance falls under Iowa DOT jurisdiction and would require them to clean it up. City Clerk- Reminder to Council about the Iowa League of Cities Conference in Waterloo. Would like to get people registered this Friday, if possible.

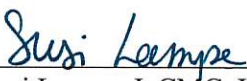
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

  
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Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:

  
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Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO, City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, Iowa