

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, July 25, 2022.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Kurtz opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Callahan, Huston, Hanna, O'Loughlin, and Jensen in attendance. Council Member Prusator was excused.

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 July 25, 2022. Ayes: All. Absent: Prusator

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe issued the oath of office to Brad Bleichner to finish the term of Mayor with a term expiring on December 31, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member O'Loughlin, second by Council Member Callahan to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting. 2) The minutes of the July 18, 2022, Special Meeting. 3) Independence BrewBQ Special Class C Liquor License Application with Outdoor Service, August 25, 2022, thru August 29, 2022. Ayes: All. Absent: Prusator.

FINANCIALS

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

ACCO	CHEMICALS-PR	\$ 2,149.80
AIRGAS	RENTAL-ST	\$ 33.51
ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	SERVICES-F,W	\$ 132.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 974.52
BARRY, TAD	REFUND-PR	\$ 250.00
BOCKENSTEDT, BRAD	TOURNEY FEE-PR	\$ 250.00
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT 01	REPAIRS-PR,ST	\$ 1,870.48
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	SERVICES-A	\$ 10,796.50
BRODART CO	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 1,367.89
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 150.00
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN	ROAD ROCK-W	\$ 88.78
BUCHANAN COUNTY ECONOMIC	DUES-CH	\$ 17,585.60
BUCHANAN COUNTY HEALTH CE	SERVICES-CH,W	\$ 6,899.02
BUCHANAN COUNTY HISTORICA	LEE MANSION-CH	\$ 5,000.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY RECORDER	Record Fees-CH	\$ 153.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY TOURISM B	ADVERT-CH	\$ 2,000.00
CARD SERVICES-LIBRARY	MISC EXP-L	\$ 1,962.64
CARD SERVICES-VISA	Misc Exp-PD	\$ 235.20
CEDAR BEND HUMANE SOCIETY	ANIMAL CONTROL-B	\$ 108.00
CENGAGE LEARNING	BOOKS-L	\$ 395.09
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS-L	\$ 325.84
CHRISTIAN, MACKENZIE	REIMBURSE-PR	\$ 25.00
D & K PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 947.35
DECKER SPORTING GOODS	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 410.00
DEMCO	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 229.76
DICK'S PETROLEUM COMPANY	REPAIR-A	\$ 1,132.17
EAST-CENTRAL IOWA R.E.C.	Utility-A,PR,ST,W	\$ 2,110.37
EDDY, RACHEL	REIMBURSE-PR	\$ 25.00

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING &	REPAIR-L	\$ 125.24
ENVISIONWARE, INC	DUES-L	\$ 595.00
ESRI	FEES-W	\$ 600.00
FAREWAY STORES INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 34.39
GREINER, ELLE	REIMBURSE-PR	\$ 25.00
GREINER, SARAH	REIMBURSE-PR	\$ 25.00
GROUP SERVICES INC	\$afe-T Fund-All	\$ 7,676.78
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 1,391.40
HEARN, GRACE	REIMBURSE-PR	\$ 25.00
HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC.	VEH REPAIR-ST	\$ 131.28
HILLTOP MOTORS INC	VEH. REPAIR-PD	\$ 3,456.00
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	Sales Tax-W	\$ 15,083.54
ICAP	Insur-ST	\$ 837.00
INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER OF C	EVENTS-CH	\$ 10,000.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWE	UTILITIES-ALL	\$ 104,021.99
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING HEA	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 142.16
INDEPENDENCE ROTARY CLUB	DUES-L	\$ 139.00
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	BOOKS-L	\$ 176.99
INRCOG	SERVICES-CH	\$ 473.36
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 28,149.62
J.P. SCHERRMAN INC	EQUIP MAINT-PR	\$ 61.02
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES-B,PR,ST,W	\$ 1,251.33
LAGRANGE, AARON	Misc Exp-PR	\$ 1,275.00
LIBRARY IDEAS LLC	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 26.36
LYNCH DALLAS, PC	LEGAL EXP-CH	\$ 1,426.50
LYNCH, DAVE	SERVICES-ST	\$ 6,042.00
M&T BANK- 305533	ICMA-RC \$	\$ 1,677.97
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPAN	Utility-CH,L,W	\$ 3,360.22
MORONEY, CREIGHTON	SERVICES-ST	\$ 9,210.00
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMEN	EQUIPMENT-ST	\$ 139,500.00
MYERS-COX CO	CONCESSIONS-PR	\$ 5,120.22
NORTHEAST IA NUISANCE ANI	MAINT-PR	\$ 340.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 91,565.16
PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC	BOOKS-L	\$ 117.75
PENWORTHY COMPANY, THE	BOOKS-L	\$ 226.52
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	CONCESSION-PR	\$ 2,304.85
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINAN	FEES-PR	\$ 32.00
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	MAINT-L	\$ 192.50
PURCHASE POWER	POSTAGE-B,CH.PR.W	\$ 270.99
R & E REAL ESTATE, LLC	RENT-PD	\$ 2,700.00
RACOM CORPORATION	EQUIP MAINT-F	\$ 465.00
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS CO I	EQUIPMENT-ST	\$ 211.93
RAY O'HERRON CO.	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 153.09
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC	Pest Control-CH,PR,PD	\$ 150.00
SENSOURCE	COMP EXPENSE-L	\$ 216.00
SHEETZ TOWING	SERVICES-PD	\$ 200.00
SIGNS & MORE	Supplies-PD,PR	\$ 94.09
SILL, ALEXANDRA	Misc Exp-PR	\$ 1,025.00
SILL, CHERYL	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 184.06
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPA	SUPPLIES-PR,B,ST	\$ 601.06
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 13.50
STEVE GEE CONSTRUCTION	SERVICES-W	\$ 113,463.00
STOREY KENWORTHY - MATT P	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 300.33
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG-MAINT-L	\$ 1,750.00
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,188.19
TRIMBLE, ALISON	Reimburse-PR	\$ 25.00

US CELLULAR	Phone-B,L,PD	\$ 698.36
UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC.	TOWER MAINT-W	\$ 264,444.00
VESSCO INC	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$ 3,520.26
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 325.63
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-PR	\$ 393.70
WBC MECHANICAL INC	REPAIR-W	\$ 707.00
WENDT, TAYLOR	Reimburse-PR	\$ 25.00

CLAIMS TOTAL \$887,570.86; General Fund \$155,600.12; Library \$21,220.66; Hotel-Motel Tax \$34,585.60; Streets Dept-Road Use \$20,358.72; Economic Development \$626.36; Cap Project-Airport \$10,796.50; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$140,176.93; Water Fund \$369,542.12; Sewer Utility Fund \$126,987.07; Self Insurance \$7,660.78; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$16.00.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$470,073.10; General Fund \$168,707.04; Library \$31,292.97; Streets Dept-Road Use \$64,167.18; Employee Benefits \$7,918.95; Emergency Levy \$366.94; Tax Increment Financing \$3,924.49; Debt Service \$5,248.00; Debt-Special Assessments \$2,880.00; Cap Proj-Airport \$12,154.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$10,782.04; Water Fund \$47,261.53; Sewer Utility \$72,293.20; Sewer Sinking Revenue Bond \$16,266.67; Storm Water \$6,991.31; Self Insurance \$19,744.78; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$74.00.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Lisa Kremer, Buchanan County Economic Development Director, presented updates within Buchanan County Economic Development. She also introduced Buchanan County Tourism Director Rob Heilmann and Molly Hocken who work with both Economic Development and Independence Area Chamber of Commerce.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to set a date of August 22, 2022, at 5:00 pm 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 O'Loughlin. Ayes: All. Absent: Prusator.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing for Code Section 69.30 Loading Zones, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. Ayes: All. Absent: Prusator. Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to hold the public hearing, second by Council Member Hanna. Ayes: All. Absent: Prusator. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe reported that no comments were received by the Clerk's office regarding this matter. Council Member Hanna with a motion to close the public hearing, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. Ayes: All. Absent: Prusator. Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve the first reading, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan. Absent: Prusator.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member O'Loughlin 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 Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Kurtz, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Hanna. Absent: Prusator.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-101 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Hanna with a motion to formally accept City Manager Roder's resignation effective August 16, 2022, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Hanna, and Kurtz. Nays: Huston. Absent: Prusator.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to start the process to fill the City Manager vacancy including the possibility of retaining a search firm, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, and O'Loughlin. Absent: Prusator.

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

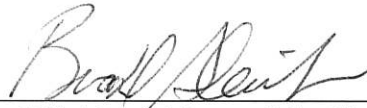
REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Huston- Best wishes to City Manager Roder. Congratulations to Mayor Bleichner. Hanna- Congratulations to both City Manager Roder and Mayor Bleichner. Kurtz- Had sent an email to City Manager Roder and Street Superintendent Esch regarding damaged asphalt by the Buchanan County Courthouse. He then asked if it is known what caused the damage and when it will be repaired. O'Loughlin- Congratulations and is looking forward to working with Mayor Bleichner. Jensen- Congratulations to both City Manager Roder and Mayor Bleichner. City Manager- Sent an email out late this afternoon about a small group meeting regarding the Highway 150 corridor for those that are interested in attending. The Independence School Board would like to meet with Council on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 6:30 pm at City Hall to talk about sharing the cost of a school resource officer. City Clerk- The 2022 Legislative Update order form has been attached for informational purposes and has been sent into Iowa Codification. This has been put on the August 1st Committee of the Whole as an agenda item for more discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:48 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