

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, July 11, 2022.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Kurtz opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Callahan, Huston, Hanna, 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 Hanna, second by Council Member Callahan to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held July 11, 2022. Ayes: All.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Callahan, second by Council Member Huston to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the June 27, 2022, Regular Meeting. 2) Bill's Pizza & Smoke House, LLC, Class C Liquor License renewal that includes Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales, and Catering, July 20, 2022, thru July 19, 2023. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

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

ACCO	Chemicals-PR	\$ 3,130.25
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	Supplies-PD,B	\$ 209.69
AHERN	Services-PR	\$ 320.00
ALEX AIR APPARATUS, INC.	Supplies-FD	\$ 1,650.36
ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	Training-PR	\$ 76.81
ANDERSON, AIDAN	Umpire-PR	\$ 495.00
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO. INC	Repair-W	\$ 853.00
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	Equip-PD	\$ 158.46
B & B FARM STORE INC	Equip. Maint-PR	\$ 574.92
BACHMAN TOOL & DIE CO	Supplies-PD	\$ 504.08
BEATTY, DREW	Umpire-PR	\$ 480.00
BEATTY, MARCUS	Umpire-PR	\$ 1,450.00
BEATTY, ROBERT	Reimburse-PR	\$ 715.00
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT 01	Repair-PR	\$ 215.37
BROWN, CODY	Umpire-PR	\$ 390.00
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN	Road Rock-PR	\$ 1,982.68
BSN SPORTS, INC.	Supplies-PR	\$ 2,462.50
BUCHANAN COUNTY AUDITOR	Dispatch Serv-PD	\$ 70,912.00
BULS, JANET L	Instructor-PR	\$ 1,491.06
C23 GRAPHIC DESIGN	Supplies-PR	\$ 171.00
CARD SERVICES-VISA	Misc Exp-CH,B,St,W,PR	\$ 14,327.65
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES	Repair-PR	\$ 95.71
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	Bldg Maint-W	\$ 857.63
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	Fuel-All	\$ 19,521.36
COPENHAVER, NATE	Umpire-PR	\$ 1,145.00
CORBETT, LUCAS	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
CORNWELL, GRADY	Umpire-PR	\$ 185.00
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	Engineering-W,ST	\$ 26,963.50
CULLIGAN TOTAL WATER MONT	Commercial Salt-A	\$ 38.00
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	Services-CH	\$ 5,865.41
D & K PRODUCTS	Services-PD,ST,W,PR	\$ 2,102.00
D & S PORTABLES INC	Rental-PR	\$ 2,240.00

DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	Supplies-F	\$ 134.00
DAVE SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION	Hwy 150 Recon-ST,W	\$ 417,757.45
DECKER SPORTING GOODS	Supplies-PR	\$ 1,490.40
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASUR	PCORI Fee-CH	\$ 125.55
DITCH WITCH	Services-W	\$ 785.37
DON'S TRUCK SALES INC	Veh Maint-ST	\$ 602.49
DOUBLE A ARMORY	Supplies-PD	\$ 7,664.00
DUNLAP MOTORS INC	Veh Maint-PR	\$ 384.90
EAST-CENTRAL IOWA R.E.C.	Utility-A,PR,ST,W	\$ 235.83
EISELE, DYLAN	Supplies-PR	\$ 12.00
ERICKSON-DALE, TANNER	Reimburse-ST	\$ 150.00
ESCH, BRAD	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
FAHR BEVERAGE INC	Supplies-PR	\$ 255.06
FAREWAY STORES INC	Supplies-PR	\$ 4,117.71
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies-ST	\$ 16.03
FELD FIRE	Supplies-F	\$ 68.40
FINAL NOTICE, LLC	Services-PD	\$ 415.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUR	Training-FD	\$ 500.00
FOLEY, TRAVIS	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
FOX, ETHAN	Umpire-PR	\$ 125.00
FRONTLINE PUBLIC SAFETY	Supplies-PD	\$ 1,000.00
G & L LAWN RANGERS LLC	Supplies-PR	\$ 540.00
GROUP SERVICES INC	\$afe-T Fund-All	\$ 12,142.00
HARDWARE HANK	Supplies-PR	\$ 371.51
HAWKEYE ALARM SIGNAL COMP	Maint-CH	\$ 190.00
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION	Card System-PR	\$ 105.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY COM	Supplies-PR	\$ 58.60
HAWKINS, INC.	Chemicals-W	\$ 3,020.44
HAYWARD, BLAKE	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
HILLTOP MOTORS INC	Repair-PR	\$ 65.00
HOOVER, DALTON	Umpire-PR	\$ 725.00
HUPKE, KORVER	Umpire-PR	\$ 210.00
HUPKE, MCKENZIE	Umpire-PR	\$ 600.00
HYDRITE CHEMICAL CO	Chemicals-W	\$ 2,276.60
IA DNR	FY23 Fee-W	\$ 667.91
IMWCA	Work Comp Prem-PR	\$ 4,189.31
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWE	Utilities-All	\$ 6,763.98
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING HEA	Repair-PR	\$ 2,341.27
INDEPENDENCE ROTARY CLUB	Dues-CH	\$ 139.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 25,855.27
JACOBS, MORGAN	Reimburse-W	\$ 150.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies-PR	\$ 150.45
JOHNSON PLBG HEATING & AI	Equipment-PR	\$ 3,005.00
JOHNSON, LUKE	Umpire-PR	\$ 240.00
JOHNSON, MITCH	Umpire-PR	\$ 250.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	Lab Analysis-W	\$ 184.75
KILER, ANGELA	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
KILER, KARL	Umpire-PR	\$ 100.00
KOBLINSKA, BOBBY	Umpire-PR	\$ 305.00
KREMER, KADEN	Umpire-PR	\$ 920.00
KRESS, KIMBERLY	Refund-PR	\$ 25.00
KUENNEN, GABE	Umpire-PR	\$ 165.00
KURT, BRADY	Umpire-PR	\$ 280.00
KURT, DYLAN	Umpire-PR	\$ 320.00
KURTZ, JOHN	Phone Allowance	\$ 100.00
LAMPARTER CONSTRUCTION	Repair-PR	\$ 540.00

LAMPHIER, KALEB	Umpire-PR	\$ 235.00
LAU, BRIAN	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
LYNCH, DAVE	Services-ST	\$ 4,028.00
LYON, DANE	Umpire-PR	\$ 880.00
M & K DUST CONTROL INC	Supplies-ST	\$ 1,865.90
M&T BANK- 305533	ICMA-RC \$	\$ 1,665.65
MAIN, TIMOTHY E	Instructor-PR	\$ 1,403.15
MALEK, JOHN	Refund-PR	\$ 50.00
MAVERICK POWERSPORTS	Repair-PR	\$ 1,145.96
MAXIMOVICH, NATALIE	Refund-PR	\$ 70.00
MCGRAW'S CARPETS	Carpet-PR	\$ 3,147.43
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPAN	Utility-PR	\$ 6,600.77
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS	Repair-W	\$ 370.00
MTCCA	Training-CH	\$ 80.00
MYERS-COX CO	Concessions-PR	\$ 8,160.19
MYERS-PETERSON, ROXIE	RV Host-PR	\$ 500.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	Supplies-PR	\$ 840.88
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIE	Lab Analysis-W	\$ 27.31
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPAN	Publicat-CH	\$ 349.31
OFFICE TOWNE INC	Supplies-PR	\$ 4,637.04
P & N CORPORATION	Fuel Profits-A	\$ 726.39
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 88,318.91
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	Concession-PR	\$ 4,914.06
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINAN	Services-PR	\$ 167.64
PIZZA RANCH	Concessions-PR	\$ 2,789.00
PORTZEN CONSTRUCTION, INC	Repair-PR	\$ 7,606.10
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	Repair-PR	\$ 800.88
PRINT EXPRESS	Supplies-PR	\$ 150.00
PURCHASE POWER	Postage-PR	\$ 518.12
RACOM CORPORATION	Equip Maint-PD	\$ 84.77
RECK, BRENT	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
REED, NOLAN	Umpire-PR	\$ 200.00
REED, RANGER	Umpire-PR	\$ 515.00
RJS WELDING LLC	Services-PR	\$ 459.15
RODER, ALBERT W.	Phone Allowance	\$ 100.00
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC	Pest Control-PR	\$ 55.00
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	Veh Maint-PR	\$ 119.84
S & K COLLECTIBLES	Shipping-F,W	\$ 85.74
SHANNON, HUNTER	Umpire-PR	\$ 315.00
SHIVE HATTERY	Services-W	\$ 793.10
SIDLES, JAKE	Umpire-PR	\$ 520.00
SIGNS & MORE	Supplies-PR	\$ 2,489.38
SKYLINE CONSTRUCTION, INC	Services-PR,ST	\$ 62,982.19
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPA	Supplies-PR	\$ 2,867.38
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	Training-W	\$ 100.00
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	Bldg Maint-PR	\$ 577.50
SUPERIOR CLEANING SERVICE	Bldg Maint-PR	\$ 8,716.37
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,188.19
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES	Lab Analysis-W	\$ 1,877.92
THE LIFEGUARD STORE INC.	Supplies-PR	\$ 58.50
THOMA, TIFFANY	Instructor-PR	\$ 720.00
THOMAS ELECTRIC MOTOR SER	Repair-PR	\$ 38.00
TROTT TROPHIES	Supplies-PR	\$ 609.72
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	Supplies-PR	\$ 1,726.21
TRUMBLEE, ERIN	Refund-PR	\$ 10.00
TSCHIGGFRIE EXCAVATING IN	Services-W,ST	\$ 880.00

US CELLULAR	Phone-F	\$ 583.08
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Supplies-W	\$ 620.95
VERIZON WIRELESS	Utility-CH,F,PR	\$ 252.32
WALMART COMMUNITY	Supplies-PR	\$ 1,562.83
WASTE MANAGEMENT	Garbage-PR,W,A	\$ 51,495.17
WEBER, TREY	Umpire-PR	\$ 70.00
WILSON, DAVID	Umpire-PR	\$ 3,285.00
WINTHROP NEWS, THE	Publicat-CH	\$ 498.19
YDH ENTERPRISES	Training-PR	\$ 600.00
YOUNGBLUT, FOXE	Umpire-PR	\$ 350.00
ZARNOTH BRUSH WORKS INC	Maint-ST	\$ 548.60
ZIMMER & FRANCESCON INC	Repair-W	\$ 1,384.17

CLAIMS TOTAL \$956,120.68; General Fund \$353,056.50; Library \$9,729.51; Streets Dept-Road Use \$19,094.89; Employee Benefits \$4,314.86; Cap Project – Street Improvement \$2,372.93; Cap Project-Visioning Project \$66,370.26; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$16,792.43; Cap Project Highway 150 \$438,959.95; Water Fund \$9,129.33; Sewer Utility Fund \$24,158.02; Self Insurance \$12,084.00; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$58.00.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$68,424.38; General Fund \$31,932.00; Library \$429.02; Employee Benefits \$763.74; Water Fund \$8,950.31; Sewer Utility \$13,052.17; Storm Water \$1,155.14; Self Insurance \$12,084.00; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$58.00.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Adam Schweitzer thanked City Clerk Lampe for her assistance in obtaining copies of records requested, the other Clerks in the office with their professionalism, and Police Chief Niedert for answering additional questions. Mr. Schweitzer asked questions regarding the events that occurred July 1st – 4th. If monies were exchanged between the organizations in charge and the City for use of location and staff to assist in setting up for the events. Why do some people have to pay to rent the Bandshell and some do not? City Manager Roder replied that question is more of a policy question, and this is not the appropriate time and place to talk about that but can be discussed privately. Mr. Schweitzer then asked questions and made comments regarding the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber's transparency.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member Jensen with a motion to set a date of July 25, 2022, at 5:00 pm for a public hearing to create Code Section 69.30 Loading Zones, second by Council Member Callahan. City Manager Roder shared that this will create a loading zone from the intersection of 1st Street East and 4th Avenue NE on the east side going north to the first driveway to the east. Council asked questions regarding how this would be marked/designated so people know it is not a normal parking area. Ayes: All.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the updated Council Rules of Procedure, second by Council Member Prusator. 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. 2022-98 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Callahan with a motion to approve a resolution that replaces and repeals Resolution 2022-06 that sets the mileage reimbursement rate, second by Council Member Hanna. 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. 2022-99 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 O'Loughlin. 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. 2022-100 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve the annual renewal of the home occupation permit for Etten Vinyl & Graphics, LLC, second by Council Member Hanna. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe explained Mr. Etten had missed the deadline for turning in the renewal form and turned it in after the June 27th City Council meeting where the others were approved. 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 three-year lease of property located at 109 3rd Ave NW, second by Council Member Jensen. City Manager Roder explained this is changing the person leasing the property as this property has been previously leased. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, and Prusator.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to allow Innovative Ag Services to have a holding tank installed, second by Council Member Hanna. Council Member O'Loughlin asked why they didn't want to connect into existing lines. City Manager Roder replied they are roughly 200 feet away from the nearest connection and it would require concrete to be ripped up to make the connection. City staff did reach out to Chad Beatty with Buchanan County to check on what could be installed, either a small septic tank or holding tank. Innovative Ag is planning on installing a scale and scale house where they just tore a building down. The scale house would have a restroom which would require the septic tank/holding tank. 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 enter into an agreement with HUB for third party administrator services, second by Council Member Prusator. City Manager Roder explained HUB would provide the same services for benefits that Alera Group currently provides for the City. There is no cost impact to the City with this change. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve the Airport Manager to dispose of the 2004 Chevrolet Venture, 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 Callahan with a motion to approve the revised Façade Project – Asbestos Abatement removal contract with ECCO Midwest, Inc., second by Council Member Prusator. Council Member O'Loughlin asked questions regarding the City's involvement for the asbestos removal for the project. City Manager Roder explained asbestos removal was planned to be a part of the project and was built into the contingency funds. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston.

Mark Crawford, Crawford Engineering, spoke on the Highway 150 Phase 2 Reconstruction Project and the Liberty Trail South Extension Project. Mayor Pro Tem Kurtz asked if there could be anything done to allow for easier access to Oakwood Cemetery for the tour this Saturday. Council Member Jensen asked if the City had a comprehensive trail plan for future trail projects.

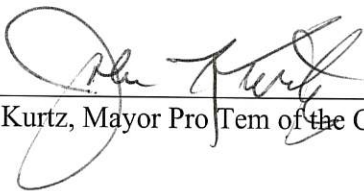
REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Callahan- Has heard lots of positive comments about Independence with the Our Town segments. Huston- Very positive for the 4th of July weekend. Hanna- Received a phone call from an individual who had received a speeding ticket by the school and had questions regarding the flashing lights not being on. Asked for clarification on yard nuisances and who should Council contact. Kurtz- Reminded everyone about the upcoming election on July 19th. Early voting can be done at the Buchanan County Auditor's office and then on July 19th, the voting will be held at the Falcon Civic Center. Thanked everyone that helped with the 175th Celebration and all the events over the July 4th weekend. Has heard lots of positive things. Jensen- The 4th of July was wonderful. Very impressed with how City Staff responded and had lots of the down tree branches already off the streets. City Manager- Council should contact himself or Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Sherrets directly with any yard nuisances. City Clerk- City Code Chapter 75 changes that were talked about at the Committee of the Whole meeting will be addressed in the 2022 Legislative Update that should be coming out later this week or next week. Police- All speeding tickets are reviewed before the ticket is mailed out. If people have questions, they are encouraged to contact the Police Department. Had a meeting with Street Superintendent Esch and Crawford Engineering regarding parking and traffic for businesses along the 300 block of 1st Street E once the Highway 150 Phase 2 Reconstruction Project reaches Segment 3.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Pro Tem Kurtz declared the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



John Kurtz, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:



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