

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, June 27, 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 O’Loughlin, second by Council Member Jensen to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held June 27, 2022. Ayes: All.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hanna, second by Council Member Jensen to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the June 13, 2022, Regular Meeting. 2) The Sanity Room Class C Liquor License Renewal that includes outdoor service and Sunday sales, June 19, 2022, thru June 18, 2023. 3) Buchanan County Historical Society request to hold the annual Oakwood Cemetery Tour on July 16, 2022. 4) Independence Celebration Committee, Inc. Class B Beer permit Application that includes outdoor service and Sunday sales, July 2, 2022, thru July 6, 2022. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS	Equip Contract-ALL	\$ 1,337.50
AFLAC	AFLAC PRE-TAX	\$ 301.36
AIRGAS	Equipment-ST	\$ 33.89
ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	Training-L	\$ 416.69
ALTA COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Books-L	\$ 16.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books-L	\$ 629.57
AVFUEL CORPORATION	Fuel-A	\$ 27,926.05
BAGBY’S AUTOMOTIVE	Repair-ST	\$ 1,368.98
BLACK EARTH LANDSCAPE	Services-L	\$ 447.91
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	Engineering-A	\$ 5,436.37
BOOK FARM LLC	Books-L	\$ 7,103.26
BOOS, CHRISTOPHER	Reimburse-PD	\$ 40.67
BRODART CO	Supplies-L	\$ 1,071.45
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	Supplies-W	\$ 3,932.52
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN	Road Rock-W	\$ 391.60
CARD SERVICES-LIBRARY	Misc Exp-L	\$ 345.69
CEDAR BEND HUMANE SOCIETY	Animal Control-B	\$ 54.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT	COLONIALPRETAX	\$ 627.20
CY & CHARLEY’S FIRESTONE	Services-PD,ST,W	\$ 3,057.88
DAVE SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION	Repairs-W	\$ 2,976.40
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL BENEFIT	\$ 3,602.00
DEMCO	Supplies-L	\$ 1,299.40
EAST-CENTRAL IOWA R.E.C.	Utility-A,PR,ST,W	\$ 1,251.87
ELECTRIC PUMP INC	Equipment-W	\$ 61,984.00
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING &	Supplies-L	\$ 31.75
FAMILY ANIMAL CARE	Animal Control-B	\$ 101.77
FAREWAY STORES INC	Supplies-PR	\$ 2,894.70
FELDMAN CONCRETE	Sidewalk Replace-ST	\$ 24,367.12
FERTILIZER DEALER SUPPLY	Services-B	\$ 404.22
FREDERICK, MICHAEL MR.	Books-L	\$ 30.00

GREEN PRO SOLUTIONS	Supplies-ST	\$ 611.15
GROUP SERVICES INC	\$afe-T Fund-All	\$ 3,417.83
HANNA, DEB	Reimburse-CH	\$ 24.49
HAWKINS, INC.	Chemicals-W	\$ 1,004.13
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS	Maintenance-St	\$ 199.73
HYDROTEX	Supplies-W	\$ 315.95
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	Dues-CH	\$ 3,159.00
IA STATE UNIVERSITY	Training-CH	\$ 256.00
IMWCA	Work Comp Prem-All	\$ 69,436.69
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS	4th of July-CH	\$ 3,840.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWE	Utilities-All	\$ 25,969.20
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	Supplies-L	\$ 77.61
INRCOG	Services-B	\$ 90.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 26,106.17
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CE	Supplies-W	\$ 35.10
IPERS	IPERS-PROTECTIV	\$ 30,480.08
J & R RENTAL	Equip-ST	\$ 22,200.00
J & R SUPPLY INC	Supplies-W	\$ 344.20
J.P. SCHERRMAN INC	Equip Maint-W	\$ 1,085.41
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies-ST,W,A,B	\$ 1,413.72
KLUESNER CONSTRUCTION INC	Repair-W	\$ 2,255.00
LOCKSPERTS, INC	Services-W	\$ 160.00
L-TRON CORPORATION	Equipment-PD	\$ 45.06
LYNCH DALLAS, PC	Legal Exp-CH	\$ 3,053.66
M&T BANK- 305533	ICMA-RC \$	\$ 1,665.65
MANATT'S INC	Cement-W	\$ 2,285.44
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL	Supplies-W	\$ 1,021.89
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPAN	Utility-W	\$ 4,341.09
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR L.L	Services-FD	\$ 182.70
MIKE'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	Veh Repair-A	\$ 100.00
MYERS-COX CO	Concessions-PR	\$ 11,073.52
NORTHERN ESCROW, INC.	Facade-CH	\$ 100,130.57
OFFICE TOWNE INC	Supplies-PD	\$ 177.31
PAULSON ELECTRIC CO	Repair-W	\$ 490.75
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 88,727.15
PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC	Supplies-L	\$ 22.50
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	Concession-PR	\$ 3,473.50
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	Services-FD	\$ 595.50
PRINSCO INC	Repair-W	\$ 210.85
PURCHASE POWER	Postage-B,CH,W	\$ 270.99
R & E REAL ESTATE, LLC	Rent-PD	\$ 2,700.00
RETROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL	Waste Amnesty-CH	\$ 4,016.55
RODER, ALBERT W.	Reimburse-CH	\$ 32.76
SIGNS & MORE	Supplies-PD	\$ 47.65
SPARRGROVE ENTERPRISES	Services-CH	\$ 60,000.00
STOREY KENWORTHY - MATT P	Supplies-L	\$ 183.48
STRAND ASSOCIATES	SERVICES-W	\$ 9,800.00
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	Bldg Maint-L	\$ 2,150.00
T & W GRINDING & COMPOST	Services-ST	\$ 8,650.00
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,188.19
THIELEN BROTHERS FLOOR CO	Bldg Maint-L	\$ 26,275.00
TRAVELERS PDCM INSURANCE	Insure-CH	\$ 2,706.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	\$ 7,960.00
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	Supplies-L	\$ 16.67
TSCHIGGFRIE EXCAVATING IN	Services-W	\$ 3,965.00
UMB BANK NA	Bond Fees-CH	\$ 1,300.00

UNUM	LIFE/AD&D INS	\$ 924.04
USA BLUE BOOK	Supplies-W	\$ 780.77
VISION SERVICE PLAN	VISION PRETAX	\$ 305.70
VISU-SEWER INC	Equipment-W	\$ 192,415.00
WALMART COMMUNITY	Supplies-L	\$ 197.93
WBC MECHANICAL INC	Equip Repair-W	\$ 3,384.00
WELLMARK BCBS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$ 50,646.82

CLAIMS TOTAL \$943,477.72; General Fund \$219,122.95; Library \$52,180.75; Hotel-Motel Tax \$3,840.00; Streets Dept-Road Use \$32,459.58; Employee Benefits \$68,299.39; Economic Development \$160,130.57; Debt Service \$1,300.00; Cap Project-Street Improvement \$24,367.12; Cap Project-Airport \$5,436.37; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$31,367.97; Water Fund \$27,149.20; Sewer Utility Fund \$313,463.47; Storm Water \$942.52; Self Insurance \$3,271.03; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$146.80.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$585,528.44; General Fund \$179,534.51; Library \$29,168.91; Streets Dept – Road Use \$106,337.00; Employee Benefits \$11,283.77; Emergency Levy \$564.45; Tax Increment Financing \$4,969.16; Economic Development \$76,472.75; Debt Service \$7,957.48; Debt-Special Assessment \$1,721.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$282.22; Water Fund \$45,650.31; Sewer Utility \$88,935.38; Sewer Sinking Revenue Bond \$13,161.50; Storm Water \$6,623.35; Self Insurance \$12,621.93; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$244.72.

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

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the third and final passage of the amendment to Code Section 55.17 Number of Animals Limited for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-559 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Hanna with a motion to approve a resolution that amends the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, second by Council Member Huston. 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. 2022-95 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve a resolution to assess property owners for Chapter 52 Mowing of Properties – Failure to Comply, 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. 2022-96 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Hanna with a motion to approve a resolution that approves the 2nd Story Housing Development Agreement with Hardware Hank, 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. 2022-97 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve the annual renewal of the listed tobacco, hauling, and home occupation permits, second by Council Member Jensen. 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 grant an exemption to City Code Section 52.05 Uniform Height Specifications for the growing season of 2022, second by Council Member Hanna. Council Member Huston said he had been contacted by the property owner at 312 4th Ave NW to have a small section of the backyard become a pollinator garden. Council Member Huston went over to the property to see that the area is being maintained and was told that the area would not get any longer than it already is. Further discussion was held on what the City needs to do if more property owners wish to do something similar. City Clerk/Treasurer Lampe said she would contact different agencies to see if they could provide information on pollinator gardens for more discussion at the July 5th

Committee of the Whole meeting. 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 change the 1st Ward Park water tower color to red, white, and blue with the City logo, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Callahan, Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen.

Council Member Hanna with a motion to enter into an agreement with MSA for sanitary sewer GIS mapping, second by Council Member Jensen. Ayes: All.

Council Member Prusator with a motion to approve the agreement with T & W for grinding and composting services, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Hanna, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan.

Council Member Hanna with a motion approve Change Orders #1, #2, #4, #5, #6, #8, and #9 with no contract cost changes for the Independence Façade Phase 1 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.

Council Member Huston with a motion to approve the updated CDBG Procurement Policy, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Hanna.

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

REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Huston- Thanked the Street Department for cleaning the storm drains on 3rd St NW. Also thanked Todd and Al for helping him with the property exemption that was on the agenda. Hope to have a good 4th this weekend. Hanna- The Street Department did a good job of getting the streets cleaned up after the storms. O'Loughlin- Happy 4th to all. Kurtz- With the 4th of July and 175th events, it looks to be a full weekend of events. Thanks to everyone involved in them. Reminder that July 19th is the Special Election for the Mayor position and there are three candidates that turned in papers to the Buchanan County Auditor. Police- Provided an update on two dog issues the department had received calls on last week. Chief commented that the brush dump was being used by several individuals this past weekend and it looked as if it was being used appropriately. Fire- The golf tournament last Saturday appeared to be a success, but the final numbers aren't in yet. The department has been busy with calls and gas meters downtown the past week. City Clerk- The Iowa League of Cities Conference information is attached for anyone interested in attending. Since the Conference is in Waterloo, carpooling arrangements will be made for those attending.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Pro Tem Kurtz declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

ATTEST:



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


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