

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

#### OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Hill opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Callahan, Huston, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen in attendance. Council Member Hanna 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 Jensen, second by Council Member Prusator to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held April 11, 2022. Ayes: All. Absent: Hanna.

Mayor Hill read a proclamation declaring April 2022 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Callahan, second by Council Member Jensen to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the March 28, 2022, Regular Meeting. 2) Independence Baseball/Softball Complex Class B Beer Permit (BB) Liquor License Renewal, with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales, April 1, 2022, thru December 1, 2022. Ayes: All. Absent: Hanna.

#### FINANCIALS

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS	Equip Contract-ALL	\$ 70.99
AIRGAS	Equipment-ST	\$ 122.41
ALTORFER INC	Equip Maint-W	\$ 876.69
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Uniform-PD	\$ 274.00
AVFUEL CORPORATION	Fuel-A	\$ 21,314.65
BEATTY, ROBERT	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
BOUBIN TIRE & AUTOMOTIVE	Veh Repair-W	\$ 588.60
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	Supplies-W	\$ 83.08
BROWN-LANE INSURANCE	Insur-A	\$ 6,976.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	Bldg Maint-A	\$ 756.02
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	Fuel-All	\$ 9,923.86
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP	Supplies-PR	\$ 229.41
CORBETT, LUCAS	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	Engineering-ST,W	\$ 4,528.00
CULLIGAN TOTAL WATER MONT	Commercial Salt-A	\$ 19.50
D & K PRODUCTS	Supplies-PR	\$ 1,702.25
DECKER SPORTING GOODS	Supplies-PR	\$ 3,044.25
DON'S TRUCK SALES INC	Veh Maint-ST	\$ 3,037.54
DSC BASEBALL	Tourneys-PR	\$ 275.00
DUNLAP MOTORS INC	Veh Maint-W	\$ 37.95
ESCH, BRAD	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
FAMILY ANIMAL CARE	Animal Control-B	\$ 86.00
FELD FIRE	Supplies-FD	\$ 580.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUR	Training-FD	\$ 50.00
FOLEY, TRAVIS	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
GALLS INC	Uniform-PD	\$ 156.24
GROUP SERVICES INC	Safe-T Fund-All	\$ 8,754.10
HACH COMPANY	Supplies-W	\$ 185.80
HARDWARE HANK	Supplies-W	\$ 168.09
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY COM	Equipment-PR	\$ 210.05

HAWKINS, INC.	Chemicals-W	\$ 1,447.50
HAYWARD, BLAKE	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
HILL, ROBERT	Phone Allowance	\$ 100.00
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	Sales Tax-W	\$ 7,307.35
IA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC.	Training-PD	\$ 300.00
ICAP	Insurance-ALL	\$ 145,446.00
INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER OF C	Dues-CH	\$ 2,200.00
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING HEA	Services-PR	\$ 171.07
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 21,648.94
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	Lab Analysis-W	\$ 99.75
KILER, ANGELA	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
KNAPP'S SERVICE	Repair-ST	\$ 83.99
LAU, BRIAN	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
M&T BANK	ICMA-RC \$	\$ 1,665.65
MAVERICK POWERSPORTS	Veh Repair-PR	\$ 66.94
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHE	Supplies-W	\$ 195.36
MID-MICHIGAN POLICE K9	Canine Purchase-PD	\$ 13,500.00
MOTION INDUSTRIES	Equip Maint-W	\$ 239.29
MPH INDUSTRIES, INC.	Supplies-PD	\$ 1,999.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	Supplies-ST,PR,W	\$ 904.44
NBS CALIBRATIONS INC	Supplies-W	\$ 140.00
NEWTON, DICK	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPAN	Publicat-CH,A	\$ 570.00
OFFICE TOWNE INC	Supplies-PR	\$ 1,242.84
P & N CORPORATION	Fuel Profits-A	\$ 215.21
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 68,842.77
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	Repair-PR	\$ 105.68
PUSH-PEDAL-PULL INC	Equip Maint-PR	\$ 3,136.56
RACOM CORPORATION	Equip Maint-PD	\$ 250.00
RECK, BRENT	Phone Allowance	\$ 45.00
RODER, ALBERT W.	Phone Allowance	\$ 100.00
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC	Pest Control-PD	\$ 156.00
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	Veh Maint-PD	\$ 1,244.00
SHIVE HATTERY	Water Tower Insp-W	\$ 5,180.80
SIGNS & MORE	Supplies-PR	\$ 2,798.14
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	Bldg Maint-PR	\$ 367.50
SUPERIOR CLEANING SERVICE	Bldg Maint-PR	\$ 2,748.34
T & W GRINDING & COMPOST	Servcies-ST	\$ 6,500.00
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,188.12
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES	Lab Analysis-W	\$ 1,236.90
THE CABINET SHOP	Capital Equip-FD	\$ 7,337.00
THOMA, TIFFANY	Instructor-PR	\$ 720.00
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	Supplies-A,PR,FD,ST,PD	\$ 643.29
TSCHIGGFRIE EXCAVATING IN	Services-W	\$ 13,929.50
US CELLULAR	Phone-PD,B	\$ 494.79
VERIZON WIRELESS	Utility-CH,PD,PR	\$ 169.60
WALMART COMMUNITY	Supplies-PR,PD,W,ST	\$ 1,048.84
WASTE MANAGEMENT	Garbage-All	\$ 44,528.43
WINTHROP NEWS, THE	Publicat-CH,A	\$ 663.94

**CLAIMS TOTAL \$427,389.01;** General Fund \$264,796.97; Library \$17,607.94; Hotel-Motel Tax \$2,200.00; Streets Dept-Road Use \$29,912.56; Economic Development \$110.07; Cap Project-Street Improvement \$650.00; Cap Project-Visioning Project \$668.00; Cap Project-Airport \$51.63; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$8,196.08; Cap Project Highway 150 \$2,260.00; Water Fund \$24,602.65; Sewer Utility Fund \$67,579.01; Self Insurance \$8,696.10; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$58.00.

**REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$61,095.95;** General Fund \$31,463.37; Library \$303.97; Employee

Benefits \$3,368.07; Water Fund \$6,506.07; Sewer Utility \$9,993.84; Storm Water \$1,058.53; Self Insurance \$8,392.10; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$10.00.

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

#### **PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Pete Gaumer and Taylor Ahrenholz, Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity, spoke on their involvement with the organization and their hopes of being able to do home rehabilitation projects for residents in Independence. Mayor Hill reminded Council that the amended LMI agreement with INRCOG will now allow for agencies to receive funds to do home rehabilitation projects.

#### **GENERAL OBLIGATION LOAN AGREEMENT**

Council Member Jensen with a motion to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing for entering into a General Obligation Loan Agreement, second by Council Member Callahan. Ayes: All. Absent: Hanna. Council Member Callahan with a motion to hold the public hearing, second by Council Member Huston. Ayes: All. Absent: Hanna. Council Member O'Loughlin asked how much was left over from the street project money and would prefer that the proceeds not be moved for other projects. He would prefer to see the funds used to reduce the debt level. City Manager Roder explained this is going to allow the City to use a portion of the 2021 GO Bond proceeds that were designated as essential purpose to be used for a general purpose designation. Council Member Callahan with a motion to close the public hearing, second by Council Member Huston. Ayes: All. Absent: Hanna.

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve a resolution to take additional action on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement and repurpose the bond proceeds, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Kurtz, Prusator, Jensen, and Callahan. Nays: O'Loughlin. Absent: Hanna.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-76 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

#### **HEARINGS & ORDINANCES**

Council Member Callahan with a motion to set a public hearing for April 25, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. to amend Code Section 63.04 Special Speed Zones, second by Council Member Jensen. Ayes: All. Absent: Hanna.

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to receive and file proof of publication of notice of public hearing for amending Code Section 167.05 Floodplain Management Standards, second by Council Member Prusator. Ayes: All. Absent: Hanna. Council Member Callahan with a motion to hold the public hearing, second by Council Member Huston. Ayes: All. Absent: Hanna. City Manager Roder shared the reasoning for the ordinance amendment and pointed out the changes. Council Member Callahan with a motion to close the public hearing, second by Council Member Jensen. Ayes: All. Absent: Hanna. Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve the first reading, second by Council Member Huston. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston. Absent: Hanna. Council Member Kurtz with a motion to waive the requirement of three considerations of this ordinance prior to final passage, and have this measure placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Kurtz. Absent: Hanna.

**Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-556 in the Official Book of Ordinances.**

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve the second reading of the amendment to Code Section 17.02(8), second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Kurtz, and Prusator. Absent: Hanna.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve a resolution to enter into a contract with INRCOG to perform income verifications, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Callahan, Huston, Kurtz, Prusator, and O'Loughlin. Absent: Hanna.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-77 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve a resolution to set a public hearing for May 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers for the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Taxiway & Apron Expansion, and the taking of bids therefor, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being

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

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-78 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve a resolution that approves the contract for the Downtown Façade Phase 1 Project, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Huston, Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Callahan. Absent: Hanna.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-79 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve a resolution that approves the contract for the Downtown Façade COVID-19 Project, second by Council Member Callahan. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Kurtz, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, and Huston. Absent: Hanna.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2022-80 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Kurtz with a motion to approve the Commercial Restoration-Rehab Application for the Trendy Tulip for \$4,995.00, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Callahan, Huston, and Kurtz. Absent: Hanna.

Mark Crawford, Crawford Engineering, spoke on the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Trail Project and the Highway 150 Reconstruction Phase 2 Project.

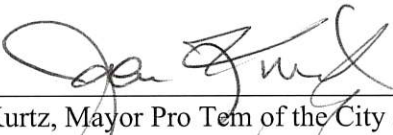
**REPORTS**

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: O'Loughlin- Happy Easter everybody. City Manager- Reminder that there is the Planning & Zoning workshop in Waterloo this Thursday night for those interested in attending. The Northeast IA Regional League meeting will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> in Dyersville for those interested in attending. Police- Chief Niedert estimated the overall truck traffic seems to be lower going through Independence. Cement barricades have been put up on the north entrance to the pool to cut down on people cutting through the pool parking lot. It was mentioned that a stop sign may be placed at 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE to help traffic flow. There was an outdated clean up post being shared on Facebook that had been taken down to prevent confusion for this year's event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Whereupon Mayor Hill declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

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