

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, August 12, 2024.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen in attendance. Council Member Huston was excused.

This meeting was available for public attendance. The meeting was also broadcast on the local access channel, YouTube, and Facebook.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hanna, second by Council Member Moore to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held August 12, 2024. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Bleichner read a proclamation declaring September 23 – 29, 2024, as National See Tracks? Think Train ® Week. He also read a proclamation declaring August 23 – 24, 2024, as Poppy Days.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Prusator, second by Council Member O'Loughlin to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the July 22, 2024, Regular Meeting. 2) The minutes of the August 5, 2024, work session/special meeting. 3) Independence BrewBQ Special Class C Retail Alcohol license application effective August 23, 2024, through August 27, 2024. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston.

FINANCIALS

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

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	EQUIP CONTRACT-ALL	\$ 1,528.41
ACCO	CHEMICALS-PR	\$ 5,457.95
ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ST,PR,W,F,PD	\$ 4,821.58
ADP	FED/FICA	\$ 75,877.12
ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	SERVICES-F,ST,W	\$ 170.00
ALTORFER INC	EQUIP MAINT-W	\$ 4,972.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PD,CH.F	\$ 4,604.48
AMERICAN TEST CENTER INC	SERVICES-F	\$ 1,750.00
APPLIANCE PLUS OF INDEPEN	EQUIP-PR	\$ 1,978.20
ASCAP	FEES-CH	\$ 442.75
ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE	ASSUR CRIT ILL	\$ 461.34
AVFUEL CORPORATION	MISC EXP-A	\$ 21,688.34
BAGBY'S AUTOMOTIVE	VEH REPAIR-PR	\$ 755.28
BANK IOWA	FEES-CH	\$ 50.00
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN LLC	VSP-BEAM GROUP IA00505	\$ 452.64
BEATTY, ROBERT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
BEENBLOM, NATHAN	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 250.00
BLACK HAWK CO HEALTH DEPT	SERVICES-PR	\$ 418.00
BLAD, CHRISTIAN	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 678.57
BLEICHNER, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 100.00
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT 01	MISC EXP-A,PR	\$ 2,059.27
BOWMAN, RICHARD	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 187.50
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN	ROAD ROCK-PR	\$ 322.33
BUCHANAN COUNTY ECONOMIC	DUES-CH	\$ 17,585.60
BULS, JANET L	INSTRUCTOR-PR	\$ 348.75
BUTLER, JOHN R	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
CABELL, TRENTON	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-A,B,CH,F,PD,PR,W	\$ 13,396.51

CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES,	FLAGS-CH	\$ 375.96
CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 1,250.00
CHRISTIE DOOR CO, INC.	SERVICES-F	\$ 1,570.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO INC	BLDG MAINT-PD	\$ 154.14
CIVICPLUS	WEBSITE FEE-ALL	\$ 6,695.57
CLINTON, CHAR	HOST-PR	\$ 600.00
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	FUEL-ALL	\$ 6,312.42
CORE & MAIN LP	SUPPLIES-W	\$ 589.21
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SU	SERVICES-ST,SW	\$ 6,344.00
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	SERVICES-PR	\$ 272.00
D & K PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 1,020.00
D & S PORTABLES INC	SERVICES-PR	\$ 4,900.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	SERVICES-F	\$ 9,580.42
DECKER SPORTING GOODS	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 8,897.40
DECKER, JASON	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 297.90
DELGADO-CONNOR, TONY	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 267.86
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 4,273.50
DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 2,062.50
DITCH WITCH	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$ 733.32
DUGGER, BENJAMIN	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 116.07
DUNLAP MOTORS INC	TRUCK-ST	\$ 67,822.70
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 6,069.30
ERICKSON-DALE, TANNER	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 339.29
ESCH, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
FANGMAN, TY	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 303.57
FENNER, GORDY	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 89.29
FISCHELS, AARON	REFUND-PR	\$ 35.00
FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO	SERVICES-ST	\$ 736.00
FOLEY, TRAVIS	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
HAWKEYE ALARM SIGNAL COMP	SERVICES-F	\$ 190.00
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 4,501.00
HAYWARD, BLAKE	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
HOOKEM, WES	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 196.43
HYDRITE CHEMICAL CO	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 1,305.08
IA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOC	DUES-PD	\$ 360.00
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING HEA	SERVICES-PR	\$ 338.02
INRCOG	DUES-CH	\$ 3,274.56
JACOBS, MORGAN	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 241.07
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES-PR,W,ST,A	\$ 1,116.71
JOHNSON PLBG HEATING & AI	SERVICES-PR	\$ 551.50
KILER, ANGELA	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
LAU, BRIAN	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
LEGALSHIELD	LEG/ID 07122024 FAM	\$ 138.66
LUMBER RIDGE HOME SOURCE	RENTAL-PR	\$ 83.00
LYNCH DALLAS, PC	LEGAL EXP-CH	\$ 1,836.60
MAIN, TIMOTHY E	INSTRUCTOR-PR	\$ 1,595.82
MANATT'S INC	CEMENT-W	\$ 1,410.75
MAVERICK POWERSPORTS	EQUIP REPAIR-PR	\$ 787.80
MAYNER, MATTHEW	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 26.79
METLIFE	MET ER LIFEAD&D	\$ 1,759.59
MICROSOFT CORPORATION	FEES-ALL	\$ 50.41
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR L.L	SERVICES-F	\$ 708.00
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	EQUIP REPAIR-PD	\$ 328.00
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	SERVICES-B,W,SW	\$ 4,380.00
MYERS POLARIS	SERVICES-W	\$ 189.99
MYERS-COX CO	CONCESSIONS-PR	\$ 1,641.77

NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES-F,ST,W	\$ 143.03
NEJDL, MICHELLE	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
NICK'S FAMILY GROCERY	CONCESSIONS-PR	\$ 7,479.86
NICOLAS, ROY	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 205.36
NORTHEAST IOWA RC&D	FEES-SW	\$ 5,000.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPAN	PUBLICAT-B,CH,PD	\$ 634.00
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-A,F,PD,PR	\$ 834.76
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$ 1,272.57
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 204,247.91
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	CONCESSION-PR	\$ 314.16
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINAN	EQUIP LEASE-PR	\$ 167.64
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATI	SERVICES-PR	\$ 802.25
PRINT EXPRESS	MISC EXP-CH,W	\$ 1,511.10
PURCHASE POWER	POSTAGE-PR	\$ 214.99
RATCHFORD, DANIEL	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 339.29
RECK, BRENT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
REICKS, DREW	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 330.36
REXCO EQUIPMENT, INC	VEH REPAIR-PR	\$ 129.25
RICK RATCHFORD, INC.	SERVICES-PR	\$ 8,597.76
RJS WELDING LLC	SERVICES-ST	\$ 100.00
ROMAN, ANDREW	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 696.43
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	VEH MAINT-PD	\$ 333.95
S & K COLLECTIBLES	SHIPPING-W	\$ 205.54
SCHMITZ, MATTHEW	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 100.00
SIGNS & MORE	SERVICES-CH,ST,PR,PD	\$ 2,243.04
SIMMERING-CORY IA CODIFI	CODE UPDATES-CH	\$ 2,241.00
SIMMONS, JENNIFER	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 125.00
SIMMONS, TAYLOR	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 125.00
SOUKUP, BRETT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPA	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 431.80
SPEER FINANCIAL INC	SERVICES-CH	\$ 500.00
STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD	EQUIP-ST	\$ 10,345.00
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST	MISSIONSQUARE ICMA RC BENEFIT	\$ 17,791.48
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$ 2,670.00
T MOBILE	PHONE-PD,F	\$ 752.98
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 2,553.42
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 2,432.27
THE LIFEGUARD STORE INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 370.70
TILL, BRODY	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 160.71
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX W/H PAYABLE	\$ 8,609.71
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-AC,F,PR,ST,W	\$ 388.92
US CELLULAR	PHONE-B,PD	\$ 351.21
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE-CH,PD,PR,F	\$ 172.74
VISU-SEWER INC	SERVICES-W	\$ 171,609.00
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-PR,W,ST	\$ 705.99
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-A,G,PR,W	\$ 48,893.55
WELLMARK BCBS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$ 42,716.47
WOLF, JACOB	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 517.86
WULFEKUHLE, JORDON	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 142.86
ZIMMER & FRANCESCON INC	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$ 1,663.34
ZIMMERLY, MIKE	VOLUNTEER-F	\$ 8.93

CLAIMS TOTAL \$871,808.78; General Fund \$243,582.80; Library \$8,693.68; Hotel/Motel Tax \$19,764.08; Streets Dept-Road Use \$17,639.74; Employee Benefits \$22,959.42; Cap Project-Street Improvement \$4,970.00; Parks & Rec Projects \$5,375.40; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$110,967.67; Water Fund \$22,064.63; Sewer Utility Fund \$198,879.26; Storm Water \$5,045.93; Storm Water Projects \$1,374.00; Self Insurance \$5,984.35; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$84.95. The payrolls for July 22, 2024, July 26, 2024, and August 9, 2024, are not included in

the fund breakdown due to a payroll conversion.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$109,392.07; General Fund \$24,295.36; Library \$282.24; Economic Development \$35,145.00; Water Fund \$15,261.73; Sewer Utility \$26,444.11; Storm Water \$2,253.93; Self Insurance \$5,669.70; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$40.00.

The revenues and expenses by department to date were available for council review and discussion.

The Fiscal Year 2024 Outstanding Debt Obligation report was presented to the Council.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member Jensen with a motion to set a public hearing on August 26, 2024, at 5:00 pm for consideration of an ordinance amending water and sewer rate charges within Section 1.15 – Fines and Fees Schedule of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, and Weber. Absent: Huston.

Council Member O’Loughlin with a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 50.08 Adult Establishment, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, and Hanna. Absent: Huston. Council Member Weber with a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, and Moore. Absent: Huston. Council Member Moore with a motion to have this ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 50.08 Adult Establishment be 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: O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Huston.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-586 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

Council Member Hanna with a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 5.02 Bonds, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O’Loughlin. Absent: Huston. Council Member Jensen with a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, and Jensen. Absent: Huston. Council Member Jensen with a motion to have this ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 5.02 Bonds be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3, second by Council Member O’Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, and Weber. Absent: Huston.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-587 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

Council Member Weber with a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 5.06 Electronic Meetings, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, and Hanna. Absent: Huston. Council Member Jensen with a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, and Moore. Absent: Huston. Council Member Hanna with a motion to have this ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 5.06 Electronic Meetings be 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: O’Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Huston.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-588 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 35.14 Fire Officials Authority, second by Council Member O’Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Weber, Hanna, More, Prusator, and O’Loughlin. Absent: Huston. Council Member Moore with a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, and Jensen. Absent: Huston. Council Member Weber with a motion to have this ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 35.14 Fire Officials Authority be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the

following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Weber. Absent: Huston.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-589 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 7.05(4) Fiscal Management, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, and Hanna. Absent: Huston. Council Member Moore with a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, and Moore. Absent: Huston. Council Member Prusator with a motion to have this ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 7.05(4) Fiscal Management be 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: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Huston.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-590 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 60.02 Pedestrians' Right-of-way, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin. Absent: Huston. Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, second by Council Member Weber. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen. Absent: Huston. Council Member Moore with a motion to have this ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 60.02 Pedestrians' Right-of-way be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Weber. Absent: Huston.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-591 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 18.03 Publication of Minutes, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, and Hanna. Absent: Huston. Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, and Moore. Absent: Huston. Council Member Jensen with a motion to have this ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 18.03 Publication of Minutes be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3, second by Council Member Weber. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Huston.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-592 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

Council Member Moore with a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 136.04 Sidewalk Liability, second by Council Member Weber. Council Member Hanna asked if the sidewalk liability change is regarding if a person falls on the sidewalk or if a person is not allowed to park on the sidewalk. City Manager Schmitz stated this does not mention anything about parking on the sidewalk. Cities used to be able to transfer the liability if a person trips on the sidewalk to the property owner for not properly maintaining the sidewalk. The Supreme Court has made it so cities can no longer do this. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin. Absent: Huston. Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Jensen. Absent: Huston. Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to have this ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 136.04 Sidewalk Liability be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3, second by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, and Weber. Absent: Huston.

Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-593 in the Official Book of Ordinances.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution accepting and approving the preliminary plat of MBH Addition within two miles of the city limits of the City of Independence, Iowa, second by Council Member Hanna. City Manager Schmitz explained the property is located at the intersection of Golf Course Boulevard and 218th Street. Currently, it is one parcel with two houses on it. The preliminary plat purposes to divide the area into three parcels. Future agreements between the property owners will need to be made regarding driveway, water, and septic tank access. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, and Hanna. Absent: Huston.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-55 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Prusator with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached resolution outlining changes to longevity, second by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, and Moore. Absent: Huston.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2024-56 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Prusator with a motion to authorize the City Manager and the Mayor to move forward with signing documentation relating to a letter of understanding with Teamsters Local 238 to implement these changes to longevity, second by Council Member Jensen. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Jensen, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Huston.

Council Member Jensen with a motion to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the attached Wastewater Plant Design Contract Amendment No. 1, second by Council Member Moore. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Jensen, Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin. Absent: Huston.

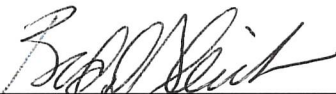
REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Hanna – Talked about the clean-up work going on at Oakwood Cemetery every other Saturday and encouraged people to come help clean stones. Asked if there were efforts in place to work on cleaning up buildings in the 200 block of 2nd Ave NE. Moore – Asked if he could be excused as he had another meeting to attend. He left at 5:28 pm. O'Loughlin – Asked for an update on 812 10th Street NE asbestos removal. Gave a shout out to the Independence Chamber for Meet Me on Main last Friday. Building Inspector – Spoke to Iowa DNR and OSHA about asbestos removal and the proper steps needing to be taken for work to be done at 812 10th St NE. The City will be starting the RFP process to get quote for asbestos abatement and then the Street Department will do the demolition work. He is working with property owners in the 200 block of 2nd Ave NE about getting things cleaned up. Jensen – Kudos to Council Members Hanna and Moore and everyone that is working to clean and repair headstones at Oakwood Cemetery. City Manager – The City is going through the remediation process for the property at 812 10th St NE. Fire Chief Hayward has scheduled a Fire Station Site Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, August 29th at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers. The Council Members that are on this committee are Weber, Hanna, and Prusator.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Council Member Prusator, second by Council Member Jensen to adjourn. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston and Moore.

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.



Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:



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