

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, July 22, 2024.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Hanna, Moore, O’Loughlin, and Jensen in attendance. Council Members Huston and Prusator were 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 O’Loughlin, second by Council Member Jensen to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held July 22, 2024. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston and Prusator.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Jensen, second by Council Member Weber to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: 1) The minutes of the July 8, 2024, Regular Meeting. Ayes: All. Absent: Huston and Prusator.

FINANCIALS

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

ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	SERVICES-A,F,ST,W	\$ 247.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MISC EXP-CH,F,L,PD,W	\$ 1,768.31
ASPRO INC	SERVICES-ST	\$ 328,067.49
AVFUEL CORPORATION	FUEL-A	\$ 33,229.44
BANK IOWA	FEE-CH	\$ 25.00
BEATTY, ROBERT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
BENESH, CAEL	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 210.00
BLACK HAWK COUNTY SHERIFF	TRAINING-PD	\$ 500.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 212.30
BLEICHNER, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 100.00
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	SERVICES-A	\$ 897.50
BROCKMEYER, DEVON	REFUND-PR	\$ 35.00
BRODART CO	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 1,157.59
BUCHANAN COUNTY HEALTH CE	AMB SVC-CH	\$ 11,271.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY TOURISM B	H/M ALLOCAT-CH	\$ 1,000.00
BUTLER, JOHN R	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
CABELL, TRENTON	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
CARD SERVICES-LIBRARY	MISC EXP-L	\$ 291.57
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-PR,PD,F,CH	\$ 36,106.15
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 221.66
COPENHAVER, NATE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 65.00
CORNWELL, GRADY	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 30.00
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE	SERVICES-PD	\$ 60.92
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	EQUIP-F	\$ 20,056.54
DEMCO	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 113.35
DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS	SUPPLIES-ST	\$ 1,516.70
DUERLING, COLTON	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 315.00
DUNLAP MOTORS INC	TRUCK-W	\$ 40,781.30
EAST-CENTRAL IOWA R.E.C.	UTILITY-A,PR,ST,W,CH	\$ 2,491.18
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	SAFE-T FUND-ALL	\$ 5,407.82
EPIC CLEAN, LLC	BLDG MAINT-L	\$ 1,400.00
ESCH, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
FAIRCHILD FEED & SUPPLY	CHEMICALS-W	\$ 574.20

FOLEY, TRAVIS	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
GRAWE, NOLAN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 315.00
GREEN PRO SOLUTIONS	SERVICES-SW	\$ 2,499.97
HAUSERS WATER SYSTEMS INC	SOLAR SALT-ST	\$ 33.85
HAYWARD, BLAKE	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
HOMAN, CARTER	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 75.00
HUPKE, BEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 540.00
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 81.95
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX-PR,W	\$ 11,098.31
INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER OF C	MISC EXP-PR	\$ 2,010.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWE	UTILITIES-ALL	\$ 34,425.51
INDEPENDENCE ROTARY CLUB	DUES-L	\$ 152.00
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	BOOKS-L	\$ 298.62
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 37,301.28
INTOXIMETERS INC	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 830.00
JOHNSON, MITCH	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 270.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 391.00
KIECK'S CAREER APPAREL	UNIFORM-PD	\$ 1,375.00
KILER, ANGELA	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
KILER, CHASE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 270.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEG	TRAINING-F	\$ 70.00
KITNER, ALAN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 45.00
KOBLINSKA, BOBBY	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 360.00
KUENNEN, GABE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 585.00
LAU, BRIAN	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
LOUVAR, BELLA	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 210.00
LYON, DANE	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 75.00
MESTAD, GAVIN	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 200.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPAN	UTILITY-CH,L,PD,PR,ST,W	\$ 3,684.21
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES-PD	\$ 98.00
MYERS-COX CO	CONCESSIONS-PR	\$ 3,987.00
NEJDL, MICHELLE	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIE	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 24.75
OFFICE EXPRESS OFFICE PRD	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 32.96
OFFICE TOWNE INC	SUPPLIES-PD,PR	\$ 249.01
ON SCENE ARMS	CANINE PURCH-PD	\$ 1,639.00
OVERDRIVE INC.	SERVICES-L	\$ 1,755.36
P & N CORPORATION	FUEL PROFITS-A	\$ 385.18
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 98,278.86
PENWORTHY COMPANY, THE	BOOKS-L	\$ 270.02
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	CONCESSION-PR	\$ 2,513.34
PERMA-BOUND	BOOKS-L	\$ 55.59
PERMANENT ROOFING SPECIAL	SERVICES-L	\$ 46,115.00
PRINT EXPRESS	POSTAGE-W	\$ 970.70
PUFFETT, JACOB	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 175.00
PURCHASE POWER	POSTAGE-CH,PR,W	\$ 539.88
RECK, BRENT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00
REED, RANGER	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 430.00
ROTTINGHAUS, ANDY	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 555.00
RUMMEL, CARSON	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 20.00
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC	PEST CONTROL-CH	\$ 69.85
S & K COLLECTIBLES	SHIPPING-W	\$ 13.50
SCHMITZ, MATTHEW	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 100.00
SENSOURCE	SERVICES-L	\$ 228.00
SIDLES, LUCAS	UMPIRE-PR	\$ 60.00
SOUKUP, BRETT	PHONE ALLOW	\$ 50.00

STATE FARM	BENEFIT-CH,ST,W	\$ 32.72
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$ 14.50
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST CO	ICMA-RC \$ PRE	\$ 5,941.26
STOREY KENWORTHY - MATT P	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 193.43
STRAND ASSOCIATES	SERVICES-W	\$ 92,020.00
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-L,PR	\$ 4,487.50
TASC	FLEX MEDICAL	\$ 1,356.71
THE LIFEGUARD STORE INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$ 787.49
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,W	\$ 487.21
US CELLULAR	PHONE-PD,B	\$ 235.74
UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC.	SERVICES-W	\$ 264,444.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE-CH,PD,PR,F	\$ 165.64
WALMART COMMUNITY	SUPPLIES-L	\$ 95.26
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE-A,G,PR,W	\$ 6,152.81
WELLMARK BCBS	INSURE-CH	\$ 240.40

CLAIMS TOTAL \$1,121,119.39; General Fund \$111,924.88; Library \$10,838.18; Hotel/Motel Tax \$3,000.00; Streets Dept-Road Use \$6,957.43; Employee Benefits \$252.67; Cap Project-Street Improvement Project \$328,067.49; Cap Project-Airport \$897.50; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$84,761.84; Water Fund \$296,137.16; Sewer Utility Fund \$127,496.34; Storm Water Fund \$2,499.97; Self Insurance \$5,311.87; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$95.95. July 12, 2024, payroll is not included in the fund breakdown due to a payroll conversion.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$2,242,107.26; General Fund \$106,168.91; Library \$33,087.33; Streets Dept-Road Use \$68,998.72; Employee Benefits \$4,872.72; Tax Increment Financing \$5,126.99; Debt Service \$9,319.57; Debt-Special Assessments \$3,753.30; Parks & Rec Projects \$1,200.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$24,000.00; Water Fund \$45,826.31; Water Revenue Bond \$7,832.08; Sewer Utility \$1,861,730.61; Sewer SRF Sinking Fund \$7,996.66; Sewer Sinking Revenue Bond \$42,422.66; Storm Water \$7,236.01; Self Insurance \$11,997.06; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$538.33.

The July 2024 budgeted monthly transfers, and the revenues and expenses by department to date were available for council review and discussion.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Daniel Walter, Buchanan County EMS Association, provided an update on how the proposed funds from the proposed EMS levy would be distributed between entities within Buchanan County.


REPORTS


The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Weber – He had a good first experience at the recent Library board meeting. Jensen – Feels our library does a good job of staying current with technology and reaching people in the community. O’Loughlin – Commented that the Library is a good resource for the community. Asked the Police and Fire Departments if they could submit monthly reports to be added to council packets. The Upper Wapsi Watershed is looking at how to track chemicals in the water using water quality reports. Hanna – Heard positive comments about how the Police directed traffic for events for the 4th of July. City Manager – Will be out of the office starting this Friday, July 26th and will be back for the work session on Monday, August 5th. Mayor – Shared with the rest of the Council the statistics from the recent AMR quarterly meeting. Thanked Council Member Weber for becoming the liaison. He also shared library statistics from the recent library board meeting that he thought were amazing.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:20 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