



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, September 03, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Council Chambers - 331 First Street East

AGENDA

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Workshops are not Public Hearings. No member of the public or interested party has the right to make a presentation or address the Council on an item under consideration in a workshop or a study session.

During the City Council Work Session, the Council will primarily discuss and debate items intended to be formally considered at a future City Council Meeting. However, the Council may at any noticed meeting, including a City Council Work Session meeting, take action on any item shown on the posted agenda as a potential action item. The City Council Work Session meeting is a regular meeting of the Independence City Council.

MEETING OPENING

Call the Meeting to Order

PRESENTATIONS

- [1.](#) Buchanan County Economic Development Update

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- [2.](#) Department Report – Fire Department
- [3.](#) Department Report – Library
- [4.](#) Department Report – Parks & Recreation
- [5.](#) Department Report – Police Department

NEW BUSINESS

- [6.](#) Traffic Signal – 5th Ave. NE (150 Hwy) and 3rd St. NE
- [7.](#) Potential FEMA Buyout Property – 67 10th St. NE
- [8.](#) Storm Warning Sirens
- [9.](#) Airport SWPP Plan
- [10.](#) Prioritization Discussion
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12. Mayor Topics
13. City Manager Topics

ADJOURNMENT

This agenda is subject to change.



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: September 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Buchanan County Economic Development Update

DISCUSSION:

Lisa Kremer, Executive Director for Buchanan County Economic Development (BCEDC) will be present to introduce the Council to their new Communications Manager, Shawn Bainbridge, and give an update.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.

INVOICE

**Buchanan County Economic
Development Commission**
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Buchanan County Economic
Development Commission

**Bill to**

Independence, City Of
City of Independence
331 First Street, East
Independence, IA 50644

Ship to

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Invoice details

Invoice no.: 23559
Terms: Due 30 days
Invoice date: 07/15/2024
Due date: 08/14/2024

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		FY25 Community Support	Community FY 2025 BCEDC support of Per Capita funding at \$2.90 x 6064. Thank you for your consistent and continued support of BCED as we work to GrowBuchanan.	1	\$17,585.60	\$17,585.60

Total**\$17,585.60****Note to customer**

Thank you for your continued investment in BCEDC

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Dear Mayor Bleichner, City of Independence City Council Manager and Clerk,

While the City of Independence was preparing its budget for FY25, the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC) submitted a funding request. The requested amount for the City of Independence was \$17,585.60. This is based on \$2.90 per capita on a population of 6064.

Please accept the included invoice from the BCEDC to request payment for continued support of Buchanan County Economic Development.

On behalf of the BCEDC Board of Directors, we wish to extend our appreciation for your support of economic development in Buchanan County and the region. In 2023 BCEDC directly wrote grants that brought in \$219,000 in grant dollars to Buchanan County. This spurred over \$518,000 in private investment in infrastructure improvements. BCEDC provided 3 \$25,000 Business Growth Loans from our Revolving Loan Fund and two Key Business Grants of \$10,000 each. Between the RLF and Key business grant we saw these businesses add an equivalent of 17 new full-time positions and an additional \$770,000 for a total of \$1,288,000 private investment in business and infrastructure in Buchanan County. BCEDC has been working extensively with tourism as the growth of the organization has moved forward. We continue to provide informative programing, valuable data gathering tools such as the Housing Needs Assessment and much, much more to help support the development and growth of our county, its communities, businesses, and organizations.

BCEDC Director Lisa Kremer will be visiting the city councils and Board of Supervisors to bring them up to date on BCEDC's activities over the last year, upcoming activities and provide the opportunity to ask questions and give input.

Thank you for your continued support of Buchanan County Economic Development.

Sincerely yours,



Gerald W. Dennie
Chair, BCEDC
Mayor, City of Winthrop



Lisa Kremer
Executive Director, BCEDC
director@growbuchanan.com



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: Blake Hayward – Fire Chief

DATE OF MEETING: September 3rd, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Department Report – Fire Department

Independence Fire has been very busy with calls and training since the last update. I have attached a report sent to us by the State of Iowa. This report shows call volumes for all fire departments across the state that report using the State Funded ELITE reporting system. There are a few departments that either use other reporting systems or, unfortunately, do not report to the state level as required by law. You will see highlighted that Independence Fire is the 64th busiest department in the state (at the time of this report and of those reporting). We, as a department, feel like our call volume has gone up, but it's interesting to see the numbers that show that evidence as well. We are currently on track for another record call volume year this year as well. As we continue to get numbers and data from the State level, we will be sure to keep you all updated with that data as well.

Since the last update, we have made a few changes with our department. We had a member step down as a Lieutenant. We have since promoted Jacob Wolf to be our newest Lieutenant. He has been with our department for five years and has been a great asset and inspiration to many newer firefighters. We are excited to bring him up the ranks! We also made some changes in the area of our Training Officer. We promoted FF Christian Blad & Lt. Wolf to Training Officers. These members will work together to coordinate trainings, schedule drills for the year, and assign training nights to members to help teach. Both members are very excited about their new roles, and I think they will be a great addition to helping us grow as a department.

We have been working with Buchanan County Emergency Management on updating our radio system. Our current system is running out of space, and we have found some issues with our interoperability between departments and other agencies in our area. Over the last few months, we have been working with Fire Departments, EMS, Law Enforcement, and other agencies to come up with better solutions to work emergency incidents. As a group, we have come up with a plan to add/change some radio channels around to help with interoperability. Racom, our service vendor for the County has the plans and will be going around the entire County to reprogram each radio as well as update all the radios, per our user agreement. This update should help increase the ability to communicate with more agencies during an event and open more opportunities for departments and/or groups to operate on our radio system.

Our MDA Boot drive was another HUGE success again this year! We raised over \$5,800+ for MDA of Iowa. This partnership has been a great success for both us and MDA for over 20 years. MDA of Iowa will provide information on money raised later this year. In the past, we have been top 15 STATEWIDE for numerous years! We can only attribute our great achievements to the amazing support of our community. We honestly couldn't do it without the generous donations of everyone who stops by or donates driving through town. To raise \$5,800+ in a matter of 4 hours seems impossible, and yet, our department and community are doing it year after year. We really want the community to know how much we appreciate all their support!

Agency Name	FDID	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Sep-24	Total Incidents	Rank
Ackley Fire Department	42001		7							7	Item #2.
Adair Fire Department	1001	3	4		2		3			12	
Adel Fire and Rescue	25001	52	23	33	35	27	16			186	54
Akron Fire Department	75001	7	3	9	13					32	196
Albert City Fire Department	11001	3	2	3			1			9	374
Albia Fire Department	68001	4	13	5	12	13				47	152
Albion Fire & EMS	64001	4	8	5	8	3				28	216
Algona Fire Department	55001	6	4	1						11	349
Allerton Fire Department	93001	3	6							9	374
Alta Fire and Rescue	11002				5					5	454
Alta Vista Fire Department	19001	1	3	5	4	3				16	287
Alton Fire/Ambulance	84001	5	6							11	349
Altoona Fire Department	77002	897	545	563	258	243				2,506	14
Amana Fire District	48012	1	2	11						14	315
Ames Fire Department	85001	829	898	576	485	523				3,311	11
Anamosa Fire Department	53001	8	7	9	11	12	6			53	136
Andover Ambulance Service	23001	1	5	5	2	2				15	301
Anita Volunteer Fire & Rescue	15001		2	1	2					5	454
Ankeny Fire Department	77003	740	604	592	737					2,673	12
Anthon Fire Department	97001		1	2						3	491
Anytown Iowa Fire Department	1234		3	6	4	1	2			16	287
Aplington Fire Department	12002	2	3	2	2	3				12	335
Arcadia Fire Department	14001	3		3	1					7	414
Archer Fire Department	71001	1								1	529
Armstrong Fire Department	32001			3	2	2				7	414
Arthur Fire Department	47001	2	1	5						8	394
Asbury Community Fire Department	31001	141	61	57	22	39				320	39
Ashton Fire Department	72001				1					1	529
Atalissa Volunteer Fire Department	70001	5	3	3	4					15	301
Atkins First Responders	6001	17	10	16	5	1				49	146
Atlantic Fire & Rescue	15002	13	14	13	16	19	4			79	90
Auburn Fire Department	81001	2	4	6						12	335
Audubon Fire and Rescue	5001	5	6	2	5	5	3			26	223
Aurelia Community Fire Dept	18001		5	8	9	7	5			34	192
Aurora Fire and Rescue	10001		4	1	1					6	433
Avoca Volunteer Rescue & Fire	78001	29	22	22						73	101
Baldwin Fire Department	49002		1							1	529
Barnes City Fire Department	62001	1	2	3	2					8	394
Batavia Fire Department	51001	3	1	7	7	1	1			20	253
Battle Creek Fire Department	47002		5	3	7					15	301
Baxter Fire Department	50001	5	8	13	9	1				36	185
Belle Plaine Fire Department	6002	4	3	7	6	4	2			26	223
Bellevue Fire & Rescue	49003	5	7	2						14	315
Bernard Rescue Unit, Inc.	31004	14	4							18	272
Bettendorf Fire Department	82001	442	436	402	430	421	297			2,428	15
Birmingham Fire Department	89001	2	4	1	2	3				12	335
Blakesburg Fire Department	90002	11	11	11	8	6	4			51	140

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Blencoe Fire Department	67001		2	1						3	Item #2.
Bloomfield Fire Department	26001	32	20	13	10	28	23			126	
Blue Grass Fire Department	82002	44	37	38	42	47	22			230	50
Bondurant Emergency Services	77005	124	87	122	60	98				491	36
Boone Fire Department	8003	545	290	305	139	163				1,442	22
Bouton Fire Department	25002	2	1	4	2					9	374
Boyden Ambulance	84002	3	1	7	4		2			17	277
Braddyville Rescue	73002	1		1						2	505
Bradgate Fire Department	46002		2	4	1					7	414
Brandon Fire Department	10002	1								1	529
Brayton Fire Department	5002	1	1	3	3					8	394
Breda Fire Department	14002		1	2	4					7	414
Brighton Fire Department	92002	8	7	3	3	3				24	235
Britt Fire Department	41001	10	1	7						18	272
Bronson Fire Department	97002	2	2	2	1					7	414
Brooklyn Fire Department	79001	1								1	529
Buffalo Center Fire Department	95001	1		5						6	433
Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department	82003	12	8	5	27	30	20			102	79
Burlington Fire Department	29001	1,677	993	1,068	528	512				4,778	5
Bussey Vol Fire Department	63001	2	7	4	8	6	2			29	206
Callender Community Fire Dept	94003	5	5	10	13					33	194
Camanche Fire Department	23003	64	57	52	46	59				278	44
Cambridge Fire and Rescue	85002	17	17	29	20	31	16			130	67
Cantril Fire Department	89003	1	3							4	470
Carlisle Fire Rescue	91002	173	121	164	75	78				611	35
Carroll Fire Department	14003	7	10	7	12	5				41	171
Carson Fire Department	78002	9		6						15	301
Carter Lake Fire Department	78003	46	29	42						117	72
Cascade Fire Department	31005	5	4	7	9	9	8			42	166
Cedar Falls Fire & Rescue	7001	71	152	208	192	185	136			944	27
Cedar Rapids Fire Department	57003		373	1,266	1,229	1,255				4,123	9
Center Point Fire Department	57006				4	1				5	454
Centerville Fire Department	4001	18	21	15	11	10	3			78	91
Centralia/Peosta Emergency Services	31006	68	20	26	14	12				140	62
Chariton Fire Department	59001	9	14	16	20	13				72	103
Charles City Fire Department	34001	1				1				2	505
Charter Oak Emergency Medical Service	24004	2	1		3	2	1			9	374
Chelsea Fire Department	86001	1	2	3	3					9	374
Chester Fire Department	45001	2		3	2	1	1			9	374
Churdan Fire Department	37001	3	1	4	1	3				12	335
Clare Rescue	94004	9	1	3	2	1				16	287
Clarinda Fire Department	73003	9	17	18	10	12	7			73	101
Clarion Fire Department	99002	2	4	6	4					16	287
Clay Lincoln Fire Agency	21008	3		2	4	1	3			13	322
Clay Township Fire Rescue	63016	6	5	4	5	3				23	240
Clear Lake Fire Department	17001	305	165	208	125	127				930	28
Clemons Fire Department	64002	2	2	1						5	454

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Clermont Fire Department	33002	3		4	1					8	Item #2.
Clinton Fire Dept - Ambulance	23005	1,457	1,169	778	388	444				4,236	
Clive Fire Department	77006	331	262	298	332	317	6			1,546	21
Coggon Fire Department	57007	17	6	15	14	10	3			65	115
Colesburg Fire Department	28001		3	4						7	414
Colfax Fire Department	50002	4	9	9	9	17	5			53	136
College Springs Fire Department	73006				1		1			2	505
Colo Fire and Rescue	85004		1		1					2	505
Columbia Fire and Rescue	63015	1	3	6	2	1	1			14	315
Columbus Benefited Fire District	58002	7	12	18	1	1				39	178
Colwell Fire Department	34002	3	4	3	6	5	4			25	232
Conrad Fire Department	38002	1								1	529
Coralville Volunteer Fire Dept	52001	134	51	77						262	45
Corning Fire Department	2002	7	12	11	11					41	171
Correctionville Fire and Rescue	97003		1							1	529
Corydon Fire Department	93003	7	17	9	10	9	3			55	130
Council Bluffs Fire Department	78004	984	824	863	1,941	960				5,572	4
Crawfordsville Fire Department	92003	4		1						5	454
Crescent Fire Department	78005	11	8	7						26	223
Cresco Fire Department	45002	6	4	11	11	9	6			47	152
Creston Fire Department	88003	67	70	77	66	59	39			378	38
Crystal Lake Fire Department	41003			1	1					2	505
Cumberland Vol Fire Dept	15003	9	8	11	10	7				45	159
Cushing Fire Department	97004	2	1	1	2		1			7	414
Dallas Center Emergency Rescue	25003	12	8	9	10	12	18			69	107
Danville Fire Department	29002	3	3	3	5	1				15	301
Davenport Fire Department	82004	1,930	1,585	1,616	2,504	1,859	934			10,428	1
Dayton Fire Department	94005	4	2							6	433
De Soto Fire Rescue	25005	36	20	22	15	13	8			114	73
Decorah Fire Department	96003	10	8	6	7	17	10			58	124
Deep River Volunteer Fire Co, Inc.	79002		3	1	1					5	454
Defiance Fire Department	83001	1								1	529
Delaware Fire Department	28002			4						4	470
Delaware Township Fire Dept	77007	54	33	21						108	76
Delhi Fire Department	28003			1	3	1	1			6	433
Delmar Volunteer Fire Department	23006	2	1	1	1	2				7	414
Deloit Fire Dept	24005		1	2						3	491
Delta Fire Department	54001	1								1	529
Denison Fire Department	24006	11	8	1						20	253
Denmark Fire Department	56002	21	12	14	13	20	6			86	84
Denver Fire Department	9001	7	3	2						12	335
Des Moines Township Fire & Rescue (Arglye)	56001	6	9	4	5	3	2			29	206
DeWitt Fire Department	23007	7	9	5	10	11	5			47	152
Dexter Fire and Rescue	25006	6	7	4	4					21	248
Dickens Fire Department	21001		2	2	5					9	374
Dike Fire Department Ambulance	38003	2	2							4	470
Dixon Fire Department	82005			2	1	4				7	414

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Donahue Volunteer Fire Department	82006	2	2	1	2	2	1			10	Item #2.
Donnellson Fire Association	56003	19	19	16	15	7	2			78	
Douds First Responders	89004		7	3						10	359
Dougherty Fire Department	17002			1						1	529
Dow City Fire Department	24007	6	2	1	1					10	359
Drakesville Fire Department	26002	2	5	5	2					14	315
Dubuque Fire Department	31007	2,454	1,307	1,238	593	643				6,235	3
Duncombe Fire & Rescue	94006	1	5	9	8	3	5			31	200
Dunlap Fire & Rescue	43001		2							2	505
Durant Fire Department	16003	13	7	9	8	16	6			59	122
Dyersville Fire Department	31009	5	6	11	5	11	4			42	166
Dysart Fire Department	86003	10	4	2	7	4				27	219
Eagle Grove Fire Department	99004	5	3	9	3					20	253
Earlham Rescue	61002	5	11	14	12	9	5			56	128
Earling Fire Department	83002	1	1	3	2	4				11	349
Earlville Fire Department	28005	3		6	1					10	359
Early Fire Department	81002	8	3	9	5	1				26	223
East Peru Fire Department	61003	1		3	3					7	414
Eddyville Fire Department	90004					1				1	529
Edgewood Fire Department	28006	1	4	3	4	3	2			17	277
Elberon Fire Department	86004	2	3		3					8	394
Eldon Fire & Rescue Inc.	90005	17	10	11	6	5	6			55	130
Eldora Fire Department	42004	14	3	8	5	5	2			37	184
Eldridge Volunteer Fire Dept	82007	68	54	48	40	61	46			317	41
Elk Horn Fire Department	83003				5					5	454
Elkader Fire Department	22002	1	6	7	5	2				21	248
Elkhart Fire Department	77009	4	3	10	12	9	5			43	164
Elma Fire Department	45003				1					1	529
Ely Fire Department	57008	20	13	15	13	11	9			81	86
Epworth Community Volunteer Firemen, Inc.	31010	23	18	17	16	23				97	80
Essex Fire and Rescue Dept	73007		1		5	1	1			8	394
Estherville Fire Department	32003	7	5	5	3					20	253
Evansdale Fire Rescue	7004	11	11	12	8	9	3			54	133
Exira Fire Department	5003		1							1	529
Fairbank Fire Department	10003	4	4	5	4	1	1			19	265
Fairfax Fire and Rescue	57009	34	20	15	31	20	4			124	71
Fairfield Fire Department	51002	24	48	46	23	19	10			170	57
Farley Fire Department	31011	1	3	5	5	2				16	287
Farmington Fire Department	89005	1	5	3	4	2	2			17	277
Farragut Fire & Rescue	36001	9	13	12	4	5	3			46	155
Fenton Fire Department	55004	3		4	1					8	394
Ferguson Fire Department	64003	1								1	529
Floyd Fire Department	34003	10	6	7	8	10	1			42	166
Fontanelle Fire And Rescue	1003		1	4		1	2			8	394
Forest City Fire Department	95002				2					2	505
Fort Atkinson Fire Department	96004		1		1					2	505
Fort Dodge Fire Department	94007	459	391		419	448				1,717	20

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Fort Madison Fire/Rescue	56004	426	246	269	127	146				1,214	Item #2.
Fostoria Fire and Rescue	21003	1	1	4	5	6	2			19	268
Frankville FD First Responders	96007	1		1	1	1				4	470
Fredericksburg Fire Department	19003	1	6	7	2	2	2			20	253
Fruitland Fire Department	70003	1	3	1	3	4	1			13	322
Garden Grove Fire Department	27002		3	2	3					8	394
Garner Fire Department	41004	6	3	4	5	5	3			26	223
Gilbert First Response Team	85005	3	4	5	11	3	1			27	219
Gilbertville Fire Department	7005	2	1	3	9	7				22	243
Gilman Fire & Rescue	64004	8	13	10	13	2	2			48	150
Gladbrook Fire Department	86006	1	2	3	6					12	335
Glenwood Fire Department	65002	115	134	118	117	140	74			698	30
Glidden First Response Unit	14006	1	1							2	505
Goldfield Fire Department	99006		3	3	2					8	394
Goodell Fire Department	41005			1						1	529
Goose Lake Fire Department	23008	1								1	529
Gowrie Fire Department	94008	1	1	2	4	2				10	359
Graettinger Fire Department	74005	1								1	529
Grafton Fire Department	98002			2						2	505
Grand Junction Rescue Unit	37003	3	3	4	1	3	1			15	301
Grand Mound Volunter Fire Dept	23009				1					1	529
Granger Community Ambulance	25007	3		1	2	2				8	394
Grant Fire Department	69003	2	5	2	3	1				13	322
Granville Fire & Rescue	84004	3	1	1	4	1	1			11	349
Gravity Fire Department	87006		1							1	529
Greeley Fire Department	28007	7	7	14	11	1				40	175
Green Mountain Fire & First Responders	64005	16	18	19	13	5	9			80	88
Greene Fire Department	12007	9	3	17	16	11	7			63	119
Greenfield Fire and Rescue	1004	15	11	7	8	15	8			64	118
Grinnell Fire Department	79003	145	95	114	122	133	80			689	33
Griswold Fire & Rescue	15004	10	13	14	4	12	6			59	122
Grundy Center Fire Department	38004	1	2							3	491
Gruver Fire Department	32004	1								1	529
Guthrie Center Fire Department	39004	4	4	4	7	3	3			25	232
Guttenberg Fire Department	22007						1			1	529
Halbur Fire Department	14007		2	5	3	2				12	335
Hamburg Fire Department	36002		2	1						3	491
Hampton Fire Department	35005		6	3	1					10	359
Hancock Fire Department	78006	5	2	8						15	301
Harcourt Community FD	94009	1	2							3	491
Harlan Fire Department	83004	17	7	20	21	10	1			76	98
Harpers Ferry Rescue Squad	3001	3	2	1	3					9	374
Hartford Vol Fire & Rescue	91004	65	47	33	20	31				196	51
Hartley Fire Department	71005	6	2	2	4	2				16	287
Hartwick Fire Department	79005				1					1	529
Hastings Fire Department	65004		2	4	3					9	374
Haverhill Fire Department	64006	4								4	410

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Hawarden Fire Department	84005	5	1	13	8	8	3			38	Item #2.
Hawkeye Fire Department	33006	2	2							4	
Hazleton First Responders	10004	2	4	6	1		2			15	301
Hedrick Fire Department	54005	16	11	22		1				50	142
Henderson Fire Department	65005	3	2	1						6	433
Hiawatha Fire Department	57010	236								236	48
Hills Fire & First Responders	52002	12	12	15	2	1	2			44	161
Hinton Fire Department	75004	2	4	3	7	4	6			26	223
Holland Fire Department	38005		2		3		1			6	433
Holstein Fire Department	47004	1								1	529
Hopkinton Fire Department	28008	1		2	3	3				9	374
Hospers Fire Department	84006	2	1							3	491
Houghton-Cedar Fire Department EMS	56006	3	4	1	1					9	374
Hudson Vol Fire Ambulance	7006	3	10	10	6					29	206
Humboldt Fire Department	46006			1						1	529
Humeston Fire Department	93004	6	11	9	6	5	3			40	175
Huxley Fire & Rescue	85006	28	17	27	25	31	9			137	63
IA Army Ammunition Plant FD	29004	21	15	9	13	11				69	107
Ida Grove Fire Department	47005	3	1	3	5	5	1			18	272
Independence Fire Department	10005	11	16	22	28	43	15			135	64
Indiana Twp Fire Department	63014	7	7		4	3	1			22	243
Indianola Fire Department	91005	494	447	420	552	262	84			2,259	18
Inwood Fire Department	60004	5								5	454
Iowa City Fire Department	52003	856	735	724						2,315	17
Ireton Fire Department	84008	6	5	15	5					31	200
Irwin Fire Department	83005	3	1	1	8					13	322
Jackson Township Fire Association	56007	7	8	11	3	7				36	185
Jamaica Fire Department	39005	1	2	2						5	454
Jefferson Fire Department	37004	3	5	2	2	1				13	322
Jefferson Monroe Fire Dept. (Swisher)	52009	28	23	21	29	16	11			128	68
Jesup Fire Department	10007	4	6	3	13	3				29	206
Jewell Fire Department	40003	1	5	3	10	5	4			28	216
Johnson/Douglas Twp.-Barnum Fire Dept.	94002	2								2	505
Kamrar Fire & Rescue	40004	2	4		3					9	374
Kanawha Fire Department	41006	3	1	1	1	1				7	414
Keokuk Fire Department	56008	460	313	274	143	163				1,353	23
Keota Fire Department	54006	5	5	9	6	5	2			32	196
Keswick Fire & Rescue	54007				1					1	529
Key West Fire and EMS	31015	75	28	31	22	15				171	55
Kimballton Fire Department	5005		1	3	3					7	414
Kingsley Fire Department	75005	3	5	5	5	1				19	265
Kirkman Fire Department	83006		1							1	529
Knoxville Fire and Rescue	63005	197	169	189	188	253	136			1,132	25
Knoxville Rural Fire Dept	63006	3	6							9	374
La Motte Fire and Rescue	49006	13	10	10	2	4				39	178
La Porte City Fire/Rescue	7007	2	8	20	12	9	2			53	11
Lacona Fire Rescue	91006	7	11	10	15	8	7			58	11

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Lake City Fire Department	13005	1	2	1	3					7	Item #2.
Lake Mills Fire Department	95003	2	5	10	4	2				23	
Lamont Fire Department	10008	2	8	2						12	335
Larchwood Fire Department	60005	5	1	3	2	4	2			17	277
Latimer Fire Department	35007			4		3				7	414
Lawler Fire Department	19005	2	2	2	2	3	2			13	322
Lawton Fire Department	97007	4	1	9	11	3	1			29	206
Le Mars Fire Department	75006	45	39	67	59	44	33			287	43
LeClaire Fire Department	82008	175	71	86	44	59				435	37
LeGrand First Responders	64008	3	7	4	8					22	243
Lehigh Fire Rescue	94010		3	7	5	1				16	287
Lenox Fire Department	87007	1	1	3	3	1				9	374
Leon Fire Department	27005	8	15	18	20	6				67	109
Letts Fire Department	58006	2	1	3	1	1				8	394
Lewis Township Fire & Rescue	78007	57	39	48						144	61
Lidderdale First Responder	14009	2	3	1	1					7	414
Lime Springs Fire Department	45004	2		3	2	2				9	374
Linn County 3rd Fire District	57022	11	7	13	20	13	3			67	109
Lisbon Fire and Rescue	57011	16	9	7						32	196
Liscomb Fire Department	64009	1	1							2	505
Little Rock Fire Department	60007			2	8	1	2			13	322
Lockridge Fire Department	51004	2								2	505
Logan Fire Rescue Association	43003	2	6	6	7	5				26	223
Lohrville Fire Department	13006	1	1		1	1				4	470
Lone Rock Fire Department	55007			5						5	454
Lone Tree Fire & Rescue	52004		3	16	12	20	7			58	124
Long Grove Fire Department	82009	14	18	7	8	20				67	109
Low Moor Fire Department	23011	1								1	529
Lowden Fire Department	16004	1	1							2	505
Luana Fire Department	22009	2		4	2	2	2			12	335
Lucas EMS	59003	2	7	8						17	277
Luzerne Fire Department	6006			10						10	359
Macedonia Volunteer Fire Department	78009	2	1	3						6	433
Madrid Fire Department	8007	9	11	10	11	4	1			46	155
Malcom First Responders	79006	7	5	5	5	5				27	219
Malvern Fire Department	65006	12	16	12	13	7	5			65	115
Manchester Fire and Rescue	28009	11	7	8	22	17	6			71	105
Manly Fire & Rescue Dept	98006	10	7	12	9	10				48	150
Manson Fire Department	13007	3	3							6	433
Mapleton Fire Department	67003			1						1	529
Maquoketa Fire and Rescue	49007	19	20	28	7	3				77	95
Marble Rock First Resp Service	34004	3	2	13	11					29	206
Marcus Fire Dept Ambulance	18006	2	1	1	6	2				12	335
Marengo Fire Department	48004	2	4	5	6	2				19	265
Marion Fire Department	57012	465	341	430	413	410	288			2,347	16
Marne Fire and Rescue Department	15006	1		2	1	1				5	414
Martelle First Responders	53004	2	4	1	3	7	3			20	219

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Mason City Fire Department Ambulance	17003	1,770	957	1,032	502	504				4,765	Item #2.
Masonville Fire Department	28010		1	2	2					5	187
Maxwell Fire Department	85009	4	4	6	4	3	1			22	243
Maynard Fire Department	33007		1		1					2	505
Mc Clelland Fire Department	78008	11	13	5						29	206
McCausland Vol Fire Department	82010	5	4	2	1	1				13	322
Mechanicsville Fire & Ambulance	16005	8	10	11	10	15				54	133
Mediapolis Fire Department	29003	12	10	9	6	3	2			42	166
Melbourne Fire Department	64011	8	11	2	3					24	235
Melcher Dallas Emergency Response	63009		2	8	6	1	2			19	265
Melrose Volunteer Fire Department	68003	1	3	8	4					16	287
Menlo Fire and Rescue	39006	1	4	6	7	4	2			24	235
Meriden Fire Department	18007	2	2		2		1			7	414
Merrill Fire Department	75007	2	1			1				4	470
Meservey Fire and Rescue	17004			2						2	505
Miles Fire Department	49008	4	6	6	7	7				30	204
Milford Community FD	30003	5	8	2						15	301
Milo Fire Rescue	91008	1								1	529
Milton Fire Department	89007		2	2						4	470
Minburn Emergency Rescue Team	25009	5	5	6	4	8	7			35	188
Minden Volunteer Fire & Rescue	78010	10	6	4						20	253
Mingo Fire Department	50007	3	6	2	5	3	1			20	253
Missouri Valley Fire & Rescue	43005	46	50	41	25	35	36			233	49
Mitchellville Fire Department	77012	82	59	60	27	24				252	47
Modale Fire Department	43006	6	3	3	14	7	1			34	192
Monroe Twnsp Fire Department	57018	6	9	7	14	12	1			49	146
Montezuma Fire Department	79007			2	1					3	491
Monticello Fire Department	53005	2	4	11	12	6	4			39	178
Montpelier Vol Fire Dept.	70005	1								1	529
Montrose Fire Department	56009	6	10							16	287
Moorhead Fire Department	67004			2	1	3				6	433
Moravia First Responders	4004	9	9	10	5	10	1			44	161
Morning Sun Fire Department	58007	15	8	4	10	10	3			50	142
Moulton Vol Ambulance Service	4005	1					3			4	470
Mount Ayr Fire Department	80008	6	8	13						27	219
Mount Pleasant Fire Department	44003	22	22	17	17	24	11			113	74
Moville Fire Department	97008	1	8	4	5	2	1			21	248
Muscatine Fire Department	70006	1,544	909	973	522	460				4,408	7
Mystic Fire Department	4006	1	4	4	6	5	3			23	240
Nashua Fire Department	19006	2	3	6	5					16	287
Neola Volunteer Fire Department	78011	15	17	17						49	146
Nevada Public Safety Department	85010	31	12	28	12	28	39			150	59
New Albin Vol Fire Dept	3003	6	2	4						12	335
New Hampton Fire Department	19007	4	5	9	13	7	8			46	155
New Hartford Fire Department	12008			2	3					5	454
New Liberty Fire Department	82012	3		2	1	2				8	351
New London Fire & Rescue	44006	1			1					2	501

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New Providence Fire Department	42007	1		4	1	1				7	Item #2.
New Sharon Fire & Rescue	62006	1	11	3	6	2	2			25	
New Vienna - Luxemburg Fire Department	31017	2	1	8	3	5				19	265
New Virginia Fire Rescue	91009	14	29	12	21	19	13			108	76
Newhall Fire Department	6008	1	3	2	5	4	1			16	287
Nora Springs Fire Department	34005	10	6	10	17	8	5			56	128
North English Fire Department	48007	1								1	529
North Keokuk Co Fire Department	54017	2	6							8	394
North Liberty Fire Department	52005	311	164	132	85	1				693	32
Northwood Vol Fire and Rescue	98007	5	1	6	4	5				21	248
Norwalk Fire Department	91010	182	119	121	117	158				697	31
Norway Fire & Rescue	6009	9	11	1	5	11	1			38	182
Oak Twp Fire Department	65007	12	19	16	9	11	8			75	100
Oakland Volunteer Fire & Rescue	78012	30	25	34						89	83
Odebolt Fire Department	81006	4	1	7	2					14	315
Oelwein Fire Department	33008	7	6	2	6	5	4			30	204
Ogden First Responders	8008	10	10	12	9	8	5			54	133
Olin Fire Department	53007	1	5	3	4					13	322
Onawa Fire Department	67005	3	6	7	6	7				29	206
Oran Fire Department	33009	5	1	7	5	2				20	253
Orient Vol Fire Dept	1005	2	1		1					4	470
Osage Fire Department	66005	2	1	5	4	1				13	322
Osceola Fire Department	20002	11	23	17	12	13	4			80	88
Oskaloosa Fire & Rescue	62007	56	42	55	64	47	34			298	42
Ossian Fire Department	96006					2	4			6	433
Otho Community Fire & Rescue	94012	10	15	1	5	10				41	171
Otter Creek/Alburnett FD	57001	9	5	8	7	7	4			40	175
Ottumwa Fire Department	90009	385	343	368	375	351	264			2,086	19
Oxford Fire Department	52006	35	13	9	1	2				60	121
Oxford Junction Fire Department	53009		3	6	2					11	349
Packwood First Responders	51005				4	2	2			8	394
Palo Fire Department	57014	9	11	13	10	6	6			55	130
Panora Fire Department	39007	2	4	4	8					18	272
Parkersburg Fire Department	12009	2	2	4	5					13	322
Paullina Fire Department	71006	2	1				1			4	470
Pella Fire Department	63010	52	41	39	21	17				170	57
Perry Fire Department	25010	2		1	11	2				16	287
Persia Fire & Rescue	43008	2	4	3	5					14	315
Peterson Fire Department	21006	1	2	2	6	1				12	335
Plainfield Fire Department	9004	1	2	3						6	433
Pleasantville EMS	63012	12	15	10	11	14	5			67	109
Plymouth Fire Department	17005	1	1	2						4	470
Polk City Fire Department	77014	57	43	52	54	54				260	46
Postville Fire Department	3004	7	6	13	11	4	3			44	161
Prairieburg Fire Department	57015	2	1	8	4					15	301
Prescott Fire & Rescue	2004	4			2					6	470
Preston Fire Department	49010	11	8	12	11	3	4			49	14

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Primghar Fire Department	71007	5	3	1	4	1	3			17	Item #2.
Princeton Fire Department	82016	15	19	13	8	8	3			66	
Protivin Fire Department	45005		4	1	2	2	1			10	359
Quasqueton Fire Department	10009	9	10	7	5	10	6	1	3	51	140
Quimby Fire Department	18008		1	5	14	7	6			33	194
Rake First Responders	95005						2			2	505
Randolph Community Fire Department	36005		1	2	6	1	1			11	349
Reading-Cedar (Farnhamville) Fire Department	13001					1	1			2	505
Readlyn Fire Department	9005			3			1			4	470
Reasnor Fire Dept	50012	1	2	1	2	1	2			9	374
Red Oak Fire Department	69004	15	20	25	14	10	6			90	82
Redfield EMS	25011		1							1	529
Reinbeck Fire Rescue	38007	2	2	2		1	3			10	359
Rembrandt Fire and Rescue	11007	2	3							5	454
Remsen Fire Department	75009	2	1	4	3	3	1			14	315
Renwick Fire Department	46009	4		5	2					11	349
Rhodes Fire Department	64012	1	3			2				6	433
Ricketts Fire Department	24010				3					3	491
Ridgeway Fire Department	96008			1	2	1				4	470
Ringsted Benefited Fire Dept	32005	1	1							2	505
Riverdale Fire Department	82017	5	9	5	5	12				36	185
Riverside First Responders	92005	40	33	34	20	22				149	60
Riverton Fire & Rescue	36006			2						2	505
Robins Fire Rescue & EMS	57016	11	24	13	24	30	7			109	75
Rock Valley Fire Department	84012		2	2						4	470
Rockford Fire Department	34006	2		1						3	491
Rockwell City Fire Department	13010	3	2			1	2			8	394
Rockwell Fire Department	17007		4	5	5	1				15	301
Roland Fire Department	85011		2							2	505
Sabula Fire Department	49011	3	4	1	1	2				11	349
Sac City Fire Department	81007	4	3	6	7					20	253
Saint Ansgar Fire Department	66007	1	2	3	2	8				16	287
Saint Lucas Fire Department	33011	1	1	2	1	1				6	433
Salem Fire & Rescue	44008	3	5	2	2	3				15	301
Salix Ambulance Service	97011	1	3	4	4		1			13	322
Sanborn Fire Department	71008	6	8	4	3	1				22	243
Saylor Township Fire Department	77016	233	215	225						673	34
Scarville Fire Department	95006	1	1	2		1				5	454
Searsboro Fire Department	79008	1	6	2	2					11	349
Sharpsburg Fire Department	87009		1	4	1					6	433
Sheffield Fire Department	35009	1	3	4	2					10	359
Shelby Fire Department	83009		2	1	4	1				8	394
Sheldon Fire Company	71009	18	5	14	7	2	4			50	142
Shell Rock Fire Department	12010	1	1	5	4	5	1			17	277
Shellsburg First Responders	6010	3	5	11						19	265
Shenandoah Fire Department	73011	14	20	12	21	8	11			86	8
Sherrill Fire Department	31021	17	12	24	14					67	10

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Sibley Fire Department	72006	1				1				2	Item #2.
Sidney Fire and Rescue	36007	7	14	19	18	11	9			78	
Sigourney Fire & Rescue	54012	10	7	14	4	3	3			41	171
Silver City Fire and Rescue	65009		6	2						8	394
Sioux Center Fire Department	84013	12	9	10	20	11	3			65	115
Sioux City Fire Rescue	97013	3,370	1,836	1,920	884					8,010	2
Sioux Rapids Fire Department	11008	3	6	4	2					15	301
Soldier Fire Department	67007	4	4	4	3	2				17	277
Spencer Fire & Rescue	21009	9	1	2	3	1	1			17	277
Spirit Lake Fire Department	30006	6		2		1				9	374
Springville Fire & Rescue	57017	6	7	5	8	7	2			35	188
St Charles Fire Rescue	61006	1	2	1						4	470
Stanley Fire & Rescue	10011	2	3	1	2		2			10	359
Stanwood Fire Department	16006		1	6						7	414
State Center Fire & EMS	64014	11	10	8	9	7	12			57	127
Steamboat Rock Fire and FRs	42010					1				1	529
Stockport Fire Department	89009		3	3		2				8	394
Storm Lake Fire Department	11009	35	21	22	13	17				108	76
Story City Fire Department	85013	2	7	12	12	9	3			45	159
Stratford Rescue	40007	5	5	7	5	2				24	235
Stuart Rescue Unit	39008	7	16	8	10	11				52	139
Sully Rural Fire & Ambulance	50013		5	4	1					10	359
Sumner Fire Department	9006	6	5	6	6	6	3			32	196
Swaledale Fire Department	17008		1	1		3				5	454
Tabor Fire Department	36008	37	49	32	10	4				132	65
Tama Fire Department	86009	13	4	4						21	248
Thornton Emergency Group	17009	1	1	2		2				6	433
Thurman Fire Department	36009	1	3	6	3	3				16	287
Tiffin Fire Department	52010	62	34	30						126	69
Tipton Fire Department	16007	9	9	14	11	15	5			63	119
Titonka Fire Department	55010			7	4					11	349
Toledo Emergency Service	86010	15	14	10	11	16	10			76	98
Traer Fire Department	86011	11	4	15	5					35	188
Treynor Fire Department	78013	15	20	11						46	155
Tripoli Fire Department	9007	3	1		3	2				9	374
Troy Mills Vol Fire Dept	57019	2	1	6	4	2				15	301
Truro Fire Department	61007	3	9	6	6					24	235
Underwood Rescue	78014	23	30	25						78	91
Urbana - Polk Township Fire Department	6011	13	14	21	2					50	142
Urbandale Fire Department	77018	537	451	499	542	527				2,556	13
Van Horne Fire Department	6012		4	2	3					9	374
Van Meter Fire Department	25012	10	13	19	9	12	7			70	106
Ventura Fire Department	17010		3	7	6	1				17	277
Victor Fire Department	48010		3							3	491
Villisca Fire Department	69006	4	4			1				9	374
Vincent Vol Ambulance Service	94013	1	1	3			1			6	470
Vinton Fire Department	6013	6	9	9	9	9				42	16

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Walcott Community Fire Dept	82018	56	21	35	33	30	19			194	Item #2.
Walker Fire Department	57020	7	1	8	7	10	2			35	
Wall Lake Fire Department	81009	2	2							4	470
Wallingford Fire Department	32006	10		7	4	3	5			29	206
Walnut Fire Department	78015	6	6	14						26	223
Wapello County Rural Volunteer Fire Dept.	90008	23	45	42	32	27	24			193	53
Wapello Fire Department	58009	48	28	24	24	26	21			171	55
Washington Fire Department	92006	14	20	14	14	12	3			77	95
Washta Fire and Rescue	18009					3	3			6	433
Waterloo Fire Rescue	7009	1,293	753	797	380	457				3,680	10
Waterville Fire Department	3005			1						1	529
Waukee Fire Department	25013	263	254	247						764	29
Waukon Fire Department	3006	11	15	13						39	178
Waverly Fire Department	9008	20	18	18	12	4				72	103
Wayland Volunteer Fire Dept.	44009	1	1	2	1	3				8	394
Webb Fire Department	21010			1						1	529
Webster City Fire Department	40008	30	25	40	18	19				132	65
Wellman Fire Department	92007	6	6	6	8	2				28	216
Welton Fire Department	23013		2	1	1					4	470
Wesley Fire Department	55011	2	2	3		2	1			10	359
West Branch First Responders	16008	27	10	11	10	13	6			77	95
West Des Moines Fire Department	77019	478	334	254						1,066	26
West Liberty Vol Fire Dept	70009	16	9	4						29	206
West Point Fire & Rescue	56011	12	17	18	11	11	12			81	86
West Union Fire Department	33015	7	8	7	11	7	3			43	164
Westphalia Fire Department	83011	1		2						3	491
Westside Fire Department	24013	4		6	8	2				20	253
Wever Fire Rescue Dept	56002			2	1					3	491
Wheatland Fire Department	23014		4	2						6	433
Whittemore Fire Dept	55012		2	4	4					10	359
Whitten Fire Department	42012	1								1	529
Williams Fire Department	40009	1			1					2	505
Williamsburg Fire Department	48011	4	5	5	6		6			26	223
Wilton Fire & EMS	70010	10	7	10	3	1				31	200
Windsor Heights Fire Department	77020	62	67	84	84	21				318	40
Winfield Fire & Rescue	44010		2	1						3	491
Winterset Fire Department	61008	10	23	15	19	18	6			91	81
Wiota Fire Department	15008	1	1	2						4	470
Woodbine Rescue	43010	1	8	4	4	2	1			20	253
Woodburn Rescue	20003	1	5	4						10	359
Woodbury County Emerg Services	97018	6	7	6	9	3				31	200
Woodward Fire Department	25014	5	1							6	433
Worthington Community Fire Dept	31022	2	2							4	470
Wyoming Fire Department	53010	1	3	2						6	433
Yale Fire Department	39009	1	3	5	7	2				18	272
Yarmouth Fire Department	29006		5	3	3	1				12	359
Zearing Fire Department	85014		1	6	3	3				13	359



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: Laura Blaker

DATE OF MEETING: Sept 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Department Report – Library

June and July – By the Numbers

881	Summer Reading Participants (babies, children, teens, & adults)
749,343	Summer Reading Minutes Read
11,415	Visits in June and July
14,925	Physical Checkouts
3,950	Bridges (Virtual Checkouts)
60	Programs
2257	Program attendees



We Promote Literacy and a Love of Reading!

Literacy rates and educational levels are closely connected with the ability to participate in the workforce and engage as citizens.

How does IPL promote literacy and reading?

Programs provide exposure, motivation, and a love of reading:

- Summer Reading Program
- Story Times
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Early Literacy Stations

Programs provide exposure, motivation, and a love of reading: *(cont.)*

- Author Visits
- One Book Indee
- Book Discussions

A variety of formats provides reading accessibility for those of differing reading levels, interests, and abilities:

- Books
- Downloadable ebooks and audiobooks
- Board Books
- Large Print Books
- Just Right Books
- Audiobooks
- Vox Books
- Graphic Novels (similar to comic books)
- Periodicals (Newspapers and Magazines)

Building Maintenance

The library has had two compressors in our largest geothermal units/zones go out this summer. They have been replaced, and the building is cooling much better now. The steel shingles will be installed on the roof in September. We are thankful for the maintenance of the facility.

Tree Sculpture

Funds from several groups are being combined to allow the trunk of the oak tree that was removed last summer from the park north of the library to be turned into a sculpture. Chainsaw artist, Clint Henick, plans to create this sculpture in early October. This has been discussed with various people and groups, including the City Manager, Parks and Recreation, and the Historical Society.



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: Bob Beatty, Director
Independence Parks and Recreation

DATE OF MEETING: July/Aug 2024

ITEM TITLE: Department Report – Parks & Recreation

Parks & Forestry

Parks staff remain busy mowing and maintaining the Park System. We have lost all college and high school aged workers. The Inclusive playground has been very popular. We have also connected the Northwest shelter to the inclusive play area and added a couple of benches. Staff also got a new edger and have been busy with that as time allows.

Forestry

We have hired an employee to water the rest of the fall and fill in where needed in the Parks system. We may be switching some of the flowers over to mums.

Recreation

Flag football is being advertised. We have 7 coed teams this session, up from 4 in the first session. Hopefully, we can continue to grow adult sports and events in the new fields. Last year, we had ZERO. The fall softball league has completed its second weekend. The fall baseball schedules were posted, and we have 26 teams, a new all-time high.

River'sEDGE

We have finished the 2025 team placement. We will have 27 teams in 2025 (a new record): 20 baseball and 7 softball. The growth remains steady, but we will be eliminating the golf area for more cage space. River'sEDGE brought in over \$151,000, and golf accounted for \$162.00 of that.

Dog Park

Dog Park remains steady. Hopefully, some of the members made it to the Dog Swim at the pool.

Falcon Civic Center

The craft show is scheduled for October; we still have spots. We will be looking to upgrade the front entry. One door is beyond fixing. We will also be upgrading more weight equipment. The 24/7 has been amazing for us, and we hope to continue to upgrade even without the Civic Center Levy.

Aquatic Center

We are closed for the season. We had another solid revenue year, bringing in over \$130,000, exceeding the \$104,000 projection.

RV Park

RV Park remains busy. Strong construction has helped fill open spots. We had record revenue there, over \$95,000. Staying open in the winter helps, and we will try it again this season. We believe the WIFI dead spots have been addressed with the assistance of ILPT.

Complex

Fall baseball begins September 7, and we will have 26 baseball teams and 7 softball teams. We are excited about this season's league. Even with a shortened season and no fall leagues last year due to construction, the Complex brought in over \$100,000. We had a great (shortened) year and look forward to our first full year.

Cemetery

A group of volunteers has done significant work on the cemetery, including cleaning and stone repair. The before-and-after pictures are amazing. Thank you to all involved.



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: Dave Niedert – Police Chief

DATE OF MEETING: September 3rd, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Department Report – Police Department

- The first income from speed camera collections has come in. We have been getting numerous calls from people who just disregarded camera citations.
- School threat: We worked with Independence High School on a school threat investigation. One person was charged with felony terroristic threats. We will meet with the school administration to go over our response and look for ways to improve and things to change. This took place on a Tuesday morning, our lightest day of staffing, but we had a good response from held over or called back in.
- Lt. Isley has been elected to the LEIN executive board for the state of Iowa. The Law Enforcement Intelligence Network was set up to help departments around the state use and share information in criminal investigations.
- Chief Niedert is the local Iowa representative on the FBI/Criminal Justice Information Systems advisory panel. He attended the nationwide advisory panel meetings in Pittsburgh recently. This is funded entirely by the FBI.
- Captain Lau recently returned from a one-week police Leadership training. This is to continue to make the transition upon Chief Niedert's retirement.
- Officer Dilley recently resigned; he is going to work for the sheriff's office, and we wish him well. Advertising has started for a new officer.



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: September 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Traffic Signal – 5th Ave. NE (150 Hwy) and 3rd St. NE

DISCUSSION:

A resident has contacted Staff about the Traffic Signal at 5th Ave. NE (150 Hwy) and 3rd St. NE (by the County Courthouse). The resident asked if the signal could be put on flash, similar to the other signals during off-hours, as they feel it slows traffic down unnecessarily.

I contacted the Iowa DOT regarding this just to be sure that the City can make a change like this, but I have not heard back as of the authoring of this memo. Should updated information be obtained, I will present it during the Work Session.

For reference, this is the signal at this intersection:



RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: September 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Potential FEMA Buyout Property – 67 10th St. NE

DISCUSSION:

Over the past year or so, Staff has been talking with Buchanan County Emergency Management (BCEM) and the property owner of 67 10th St. NE, Barton Campbell, about a potential FEMA Buyout for his property. Staff from BCEM will be present to talk with the Council about this potential.

For reference, the property is highlighted in blue below:



RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: September 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Storm Warning Sirens

DISCUSSION:

During the last budget cycle, Staff included funding intended to be matching dollars so that the City could apply for grants to replace the Storm Warning Sirens in town and expand their coverage. Unfortunately, that funding was removed from the Budget due to budget constraints.

Buchanan County Emergency Management Staff will be present to talk about potential options for working towards the replacement of these essential warning sirens in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: September 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Airport SWPP Plan

DISCUSSION:

Through conversations with the Airport Engineers and the FAA, it was determined that the FAA would help fund 90% of updating the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP), which hasn't been updated in many years. The cost to the City for this service is approximately \$1,096 with a total contract price of \$10,960, and this can be completed by modifying the existing North Apron Project to include this work.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: September 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Prioritization Discussion

DISCUSSION:

During the August 26th City Council Meeting, Councilmember Hanna asked about discussing priorities for upcoming projects, etc. Below is a list, although not all-inclusive, of projects to discuss during this item:

- Property Taxes
- EMS Service Levy Tax
- Fire Station
- Wage Increases
- Independence Premium Foods
- Lead Pipe replacement
- 1st Street West Reconstruction

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.