

The Lamont City Council met in regular session on Wednesday April 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Present: Wulfekuhle, Klingner, Haynes, Rawson, Dozark, Riley.

Motion by Haynes, second by Klingner to approve the consent agenda. All ayes; motion carried. At request of Council Member Rawson the check for payment to Swales Construction in the amount of \$4580.00 will be held until gap in fence can be inspected by maintenance.

Angie Happel	wages 03-14-15	343.15
Terry Crow	wages 03-14-15	111.36
Joe Opperman	wages 03-14-15	1254.79
Diane Anderson	wages 03-14-15	1288.67
Kurt Haynes	wages 03-14-15	1433.13
Angie Happel	cleaner,swiffer,pens,glue,paint	24.02
JD Financial	ladder,crimper,tubing,connectors	221.70
US Cellular	shop phone	55.27
Alliant Energy	electric service	1630.24
Windstream	phone service	256.31
Black Hills Energy	natural gas service	930.55
Amazon	books, av	71.37
Center Point Lg Print	books, av	41.94
DEMCO	labels, protectors, cd cases	132.89
Angie Happel	wages 03-28-15	350.36
Rebecca Berger	wages 03-14-15, 03-28-15	46.01
Diane Anderson	wages 03-28-15	1288.66
Joe Opperman	wages 03-28-15	1254.79
Kurt Haynes	wages 03-28-15	1433.13
Viafield	grass seed	72.00
MSA-PS	STWT Utility implementation	5688.00
Dubuqueland Door Co.	keys/lock	9.59
Trott Trophy	plaque	38.00
IA League of Cities	handbook	20.00
RSPG, PLC	legal fees	542.96
Lamont Leader	Jan, Feb minutes, Budget FY16	195.30
Diane Anderson	mileage-certify FY16 budget	22.79
McDermott Oil	fuel	47.75
Iowa DCI	background check	15.00
Keystone Lab	testing	11.00
Buchanan Co. Auditor	4th Q law contract	4379.50
Waste Management	March hauling	3239.14
US Treasury	March 941 tax	2719.07
IPERS	March contributions	1525.20
Treasurer St of Iowa	1st Q withholding	1698.00
Treasurer St of Iowa	1st Q sales tax	808.00
Sandra Heins	deposit refund	75.00
Cary Gentz	mileage - Hazmat training	23.10
Becker Tree Service	tree removal (4)	1400.00

Expenditures by fund: General 18126.80, Road Use Tax 3772.20, Trust & Agency 2734.44, LOST 5332.75, Water 1257.47, Sewer 164.37, Landfill 3309.71 **TOTAL 34697.74**

March receipts: Local Option Sales Tax 2822.93, Putnam Township 2582.00, Rent/deposits 1050.00, Property tax 1420.89, Interest 976.78, Road Use Tax 3919.35, Franchise fees 1044.75, City Services 14760.57, Copies 25.00, Donation 100.00 **TOTAL 28702.27**

Deputy Dallenbach gave a quick overview of calls for service for March. 38.25 hours were logged.

After much discussion and due consideration, motion made by Klingner, second by Haynes to approve first reading of Storm Water Utility Ordinance #90. Aye: Wulfekuhle, Dozark, Rawson, Haynes, Klingner. Motion carried; all ayes.

No action on resolutions to set ERU rate and appoint Storm Water Utility Supervisor.

Randy Kramer, Prairie Road Builders, presented pricing information for FY16 road work. Motion by Wulfekuhle, second by Dozark to accept the pricing proposal and contract for same. Aye: Haynes, Rawson, Klingner, Dozark, Wulfekuhle. Resolution 15-08 was approved.

Discussion with Gary Reed on serving as temporary water and wastewater operator for the city. Mr. Reed was recommended by Kurt, has the required operator certificates and served in this capacity for other cities. Motion by Dozark, second by Haynes to hire Mr. Reed as temporary water and wastewater consulting operator until August 31st (approx). All ayes; motion carried. Contract for employment and job description will be drawn for final approval.

Motion by Klingner, second by Wulfekuhle to approve agreement for flood debris removal and clean-up on the property at the site of the 730 Prospect Street overflow. All ayes; motion carried (Resolution 15-10). Mr. Hernandez stated that he and Kathy would now like to keep the tree on the terrace instead of having the city remove it. Hernandez asked if the city could do something about the junk, debris, household waste, etc in the yard at 705 Washington. Owner will be contacted.

Public hearing for Budget Amendment FY15 was opened. Hearing notice had been published as required by law. No one appeared for or against the proposed amendment. No comments written or oral had been received. Motion by Wulfekuhle, second by Klingner to approve the proposed budget amendment for FY15. Aye: Rawson, Dozark, Haynes, Wulfekuhle, Klingner. Motion carried as Resolution 15-09.

Discussion on ordinance to set minimum water/service charges for vacant properties postponed until next meeting since ordinance revisions were not complete.

Fire Chief Terry Crow reported that sirens had been tested in conjunction with Severe Weather Week. Soup Supper went well. Department had two CRP burns. The blood pressure machine is not working. It will cost about \$3000.00 to replace. Buchanan County Health Trust should announce grant awards soon. Walmart Grant announcement will take another 60 days.

BCEDC met in Brandon. George Lake had attended expo in Atlanta to highlight opportunities in Buchanan Co. Eleanor will graduate from Leadership Training tomorrow night. Meeting will be held here in Lamont April 27th at 5:30 pm. Council members are invited to attend.

Council was given written report from IMWCA for Safety Review. Requirements: high visibility apparel for work in streets or right-of-way, helmet and chaps for employees operating chainsaws, purchase of gas meter for confined space, adopt "no entry policy" for emergency responders to confined space incidents, update written programs, adopt a "return to work program". Motion by Rawson, second by Haynes to purchase 2 sets of chainsaw chaps and helmets and 6 high visibility vests. All ayes; motion carried. Information and pricing on gas meter will be researched. Maintenance employees will be reimbursed for one set (only) of steel-toed work shoes.

Motion by Klingner, second by Wulfekuhle to accept the resignation of Kevin Streicher from and approve the membership application of Doug Davis for the Lamont Fire Department. Motion carried; all ayes.

Motion by Klingner, second by Haynes to purchase laptop computer (871.00) and approve installation of internet hookup to city shop (470.00). All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Wulfekuhle, second by Klingner to purchase five 4'-4½' lilac bushes from Greentree Landscaping at \$58.00 each to plant along the south end of Prospect Street. Motion carried; all ayes.

Opperman will get estimates to repair civil war monument in the city park and additional estimates for stump removal.

Motion by Wulfekuhle, second by Klingner to pay out 127 hours of vacation time accrued in FY15 to Kurt Haynes upon his retirement. Motion was approved; all ayes.

Motion by Haynes, second by Wulfekuhle to accept the resignation of Kurt Haynes as Director of Public Works. All ayes; motion carried. Kurt's last day of employment will be April 16.

The city's current web site software is now obsolete and web site is not functional. Estimates and information on rebuilding website will be researched.

Survey will be conducted to see if there is enough interest in set up an automatic payment system for city services.

Special meeting to review insurance package for the next year was set for April 22nd. Heather Hiemes, DC Stars, will be required to pick up and return all keys for access to ball diamond facilities for the coaches and other staff.

City will offer to pay Wilken & Sons for trip to Lamont to assess situation at nuisance property that owner subsequently cleaned up.

Now that court case regarding vandalism on door at ball diamond has been resolved, city will pursue replacing the door as soon as possible.

Mayor Riley presented Kurt Haynes with a plaque commemorating his service to the city. Refreshments and cake were enjoyed by all.

Motion by Haynes, second by Dozark to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Diane S. Anderson
City Clerk

Eleanor McGraw-Riley
Mayor

Others present: Mike and Bonnie Estling, Joe Elsinger (MSA-PS)

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