

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday January 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm, Mayor Pro-Tem Wulfekuhle presiding. Present: Wulfekuhle, Haynes, Rawson, Dozark. Absent: Riley, Klingner.

Motion by Haynes, second by Rawson to approve the consent agenda: a) January agenda b) Bills c) December Treasurer's Report d) December minutes e) December receipts. All ayes; motion carried.

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| Angie Happel          | wages 12-06-14                            | 252.61  |
| Kim Cook              | wages 12-06-14                            | 10.05   |
| Dian Smith            | wages 12-06-14                            | 13.39   |
| Rebecca Berger        | wages 12-06-14                            | 50.62   |
| Terry Crow            | wages 12-06-14                            | 20.72   |
| Joe Opperman          | wages 12-06-14                            | 561.27  |
| Ev Gilson             | wages 12-31-14                            | 444.79  |
| Diane Anderson        | wages 12-06-14                            | 1285.66 |
| Kurt Haynes           | wages 12-06-14                            | 1431.13 |
| JD Financial          | tools                                     | 50.88   |
| Windstream            | phone service                             | 256.22  |
| Alliant Energy        | electric service                          | 1540.60 |
| Black Hills Energy    | natural gas service                       | 841.14  |
| US Cellular           | phone service                             | 55.12   |
| AMAZON                | books, av                                 | 510.67  |
| Center Pt LG Print    | books, av                                 | 41.94   |
| DEMCO                 | labels, protectors, cases, circ.extenders | 131.94  |
| Dian Smith            | wages 12-20-14                            | 26.78   |
| Angie Happel          | wages 12-20-14                            | 309.70  |
| Rebecca Berger        | wages 12-20-14                            | 27.60   |
| Joe Opperman          | wages 12-20-14                            | 1182.32 |
| Diane Anderson        | wages 12-20-14                            | 1285.66 |
| Kurt Haynes           | wages 12-20-14                            | 1431.72 |
| Eleanor McGraw-Riley  | wages 12-31-14                            | 600.27  |
| Mary Ann Dozark       | wages 12-31-14                            | 387.87  |
| Mark Klingner         | wages 12-31-14                            | 360.16  |
| Joe Rawson            | wages 12-31-14                            | 361.13  |
| Ann Wulfekuhle        | wages 12-31-14                            | 360.16  |
| Keith Haynes          | wages 12-31-14                            | 333.36  |
| Terry Crow            | wages 12-31-14                            | 88.98   |
| Solomon Lodge         | children's holiday activities             | 500.00  |
| Angie Happel          | wages 01-03-15                            | 218.62  |
| Dian Smith            | wages 01-03-15                            | 26.78   |
| Joe Opperman          | wages 01-03-15                            | 1254.79 |
| IA DCI                | background check                          | 15.00   |
| Diane Anderson        | wages 01-03-15                            | 1288.66 |
| Kurt Haynes           | wages 01-03-15                            | 1364.40 |
| Del Co Mem. Hospital  | physical                                  | 590.00  |
| Radiology Consultants | xrays                                     | 30.00   |
| Unity Point Clinic    | drug test                                 | 37.00   |
| Leon's                | flapper, lever, labor                     | 33.75   |
| Knapp's               | sharpening set                            | 21.95   |
| Schroeder's           | caulk                                     | 44.70   |
| Pathways              | FY15 appropriation                        | 300.00  |
| GUMC Food Pantry      | FY15 appropriation                        | 200.00  |
| Cedar Valley Hospice  | FY15 appropriation                        | 200.00  |
| Volunteer Co-op       | FY15 appropriation                        | 250.00  |
| Operation Threshold   | FY15 appropriation                        | 700.00  |
| Inde Area Food Pantry | FY15 appropriation                        | 200.00  |

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| Buch Co. Senior Center  | FY15 appropriation               | 200.00  |
| Bob's Plg               | trip, labor                      | 30.00   |
| Starmont Post Prom      | donation                         | 100.00  |
| Starmont PTO            | Family Fun Night                 | 100.00  |
| Banklowa                | box rent                         | 25.00   |
| Eleanor McGraw-Riley    | mileage-REAP, Buch Co Library    | 39.78   |
| IMFOA                   | dues                             | 40.00   |
| RSPG, PLC               | legal fees                       | 259.22  |
| Press Journal           | job ad                           | 28.10   |
| Rite Price              | chair, calendar, tape, envelopes | 189.41  |
| Crawford Transport      | hydraulic fluid, jack            | 103.95  |
| ST PT Ambulance         | FY15 appropriation               | 500.00  |
| Pipestone               | euthanize city stray             | 50.00   |
| Buch Co. Auditor        | 3rd Q law contract               | 4379.50 |
| Terry Crow              | mileage-Buch Co 911              | 36.72   |
| Feld Fire               | face mask lens holder            | 48.00   |
| VISA                    | fuel, lights, postage            | 94.00   |
| Katie Brown             | meter deposit refund             | 75.00   |
| Keystone                | testing                          | 82.50   |
| Municipal Supply        | marking paint                    | 16.60   |
| GQI                     | road rock, screenings            | 289.37  |
| Buch Co. Landfill Comm. | FY 15 assessment                 | 1383.00 |
| Waste Management        | December hauling                 | 3239.20 |
| Iowa One Call           | July-December locates            | 16.20   |
| IPERS                   | December contributions           | 1574.71 |
| IA Dept of Revenue      | 4th Q withholding                | 1102.00 |
| IA Dept of Revenue      | 4th Q sales tax                  | 919.00  |
| US Cellular             | shop phone                       | 55.27   |
| US Treasury             | December 941 tax                 | 2810.71 |
| Windstream              | phone service                    | 256.43  |

Expenditures by fund: General 17187.08, Road Use Tax 2836.90, Trust & Agency 2096.56, Local Option Sales Tax 5871.43, Water 1527.55, Sewer 5329.66, Landfill 4724.60 **Total 39573.78**

December receipts: Local Option Sales Tax 3139.30, Property tax 8265.36, Franchise fees 656.43, Road Use Tax 3230.36, City Services 16274.39, Copies 44.00, Interest 3.69 **TOTAL 31613.53**

Deputy Dallenbach reviewed the contract time for December. 32.07 hours were logged. Mayor Riley had asked that council revisit charges for damage at concession stand and consider lowering charges. Council stood firm on their previous decision to require full restitution for replacing door instead of repairing. Charges for youth involved will remain felony charges instead of misdemeanor charges.

Jeremie Steger and Kyle Stonebraker, J & R Land Solutions (formerly Frontier Land Improvements), requested an extension on the time to begin point repairs on sewer mains because performing work will be very difficult due to close proximity of other underground utilities and buildings, depth of sewer lines and sandy soil. Weather now is also a consideration. Council will reopen discussions on the proposed work at the April council meeting.

Fire Chief Terry Crow gave report on department's service calls for 2014. No BCEDC meeting. Court dates for code violations were given. Council member Rawson will testify at court hearing on January 28<sup>th</sup> on open burning charges. DNR has been advised of flood plain violations at 640 Pine Street and will be contacting owners. City attorney is also sending letter notifying owners of violations and need for flood plain permit from city for fill and building.

Joe Elsinger, MSA-PS, reported that the storm water utility preparations are nearly complete. Phone conference was held for IUP application to determine if storm water mitigation projects were eligible for SRF loan (3%). In attendance were Mayor Riley, City Clerk, Joe Elsinger, Mat Saur, Chris Janson (all MSA), Patti-Finnegan (DNR), Wayne Peterson (IDALS), Tony

Toigo (IDALS). Conference lasted about an hour. It was determined that the projects as they exist would not qualify for SRF loan. If projects were modified to become "green" projects then they would. However, those changes would make the projects unaffordable. Banklowa was contacted regarding loan. Current Interest rates on \$475,000 were 3.5% for 5-year fixed, 3.85% for 7-year fixed, and 4.25% for 10-year fixed. These rates are subject to change. CDBG was sent in. Award date is April 2015.

Mayor Riley will be participating in BCEDC Leadership Training. Council agreed to sponsor at least one more citizen.

Motion by Haynes, second by Dozark to accept bid of \$1925.00 from Becker Tree Services for removal of 5 trees from city property. All ayes; motion carried.

Underground wiring on Bush Street lights has deteriorated and will continue to cause lighting issues. Council agreed to send Terry Crow to Waste Water Class at Kirkwood in February if he agrees to go. Options for internet access and new computer for shop will be explored. Kurt will continue to work at his discretion.

Motion by Haynes, second by Dozark to approve applications by Joe Opperman and Brent Gould (pending favorable background check by IDC1) to join Lamont Volunteer Fire Department and to accept the resignation of Katie Weigel. Motion carried; all ayes.

Motion by Rawson, second by Haynes to approve vacation for Kurt Haynes from January 25-31. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Rawson, second by Dozark to approve vacation for Diane Anderson from January 21-February 4. Motion carried; all ayes. Wulfekuhle will cover office in clerk's absence – mail, phone calls, email, deposits, etc. Treasurer will be asked to fill if Wulfekuhle is unavailable. Emergency contact will be city maintenance.

Motion by Wulfekuhle, second by Haynes to purchase 4 sets of fire gear (\$8000). Motion carried; all ayes.

Discussion on requiring minimum water and sewer charges for vacant properties. Staff will put together a list of vacant structures.

Council discussed options should water/sewer customers need to let water run to prevent service line freezing. No abatement of charges for extra usage, full abatement, limited abatement. No decision was made.

Council member Rawson suggested that the city should install a slide-down door to secure clerk's office. It is too late to include in next FY budget because of time needed to gather prices. Will consider for following budget year.

Sample ordinance will be drawn up to implement pick-up charges for garbage and recycling left at curb past time allowed by city code.

Council agreed to join INRCOG Safety Program since training is required.

Inquiry regarding exact nature of IDNR Emergency Response Commission request for homeland security point of contact will be made before contact is appointed.

Council person Mark Klingner will be asked if he would attend the Landfill Commission meeting on behalf of city since neither Mayor Riley nor Council member Rawson can attend.

Motion by Haynes second by Dozark to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Diane S. Anderson  
City Clerk

Ann Wulfekuhle  
Mayor Pro-Tem

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