

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Present: Wulfekuhle, Klingner, Haynes, Rawson, Dozark, Riley.

Motion by Wulfekuhle, second by Klingner to approve the consent agenda: a) March agenda b) February minutes c) Bills paid in recess and presented for payment d) January/February Treasurer's reports e) February receipts. All ayes; motion carried.

Dian Smith	wages 02-14-15	26.79
Angie Happel	wages 02-14-15	338.53
Terry Crow	wages 02-14-15	260.99
Joe Opperman	wages 02-14-15	1254.78
Diane Anderson	wages 02-14-15	1288.66
Kurt Haynes	wages 02-14-15	1639.33
AMAZON	books, av	313.03
Center Point LG Print	books, av	41.94
Office Towne	labels, ink jets	144.95
Unity Point Occ Med	DATA membership dues	30.00
JD Financial	air tank, parts, fuses	59.37
US Cellular	shop phone	58.27
Black Hills Energy	natural gas service	842.89
Windstream	phone service	256.82
Alliant Energy	electrical service	1626.68
Dian Smith	wages 02-25-15	80.36
Angie Happel	wages 02-25-15	242.65
Rebecca Berger	wages 02-25-15	50.62
Terry Crow	wages 02-25-15	59.31
Joe Opperman	wages 02-25-15	1254.78
Diane Anderson	wages 02-25-15	1288.67
Kurt Haynes	wages 02-25-15	1433.12
BankIowa	return item fee 03-04-15	4.00
IPERS	February contributions	1539.35
US Treasury	February 941 tax	2739.38
Auditor of State	periodic exam fee FY15	900.00
Henderson Truck	motor, bolt - sander	284.00
McDermott Oil	fuel	42.00
Terry Crow	mileage-911, training	44.10
John Cook	mileage-HazMat Training	22.05
USPS	box rent	25.00
Heiman Inc.	4 sets boots	879.45
Joe Opperman	lenses	92.00
Del Co Memorial Hosp.	physical-Lahey	110.00
IAMU	dues, research assessment	439.45
HACH	chlorine test packets	189.79
IAMU	CCR Workshop	40.00
Municipal Supply	snap-on socket	49.63
Keystone	testing	221.00
Joe Opperman	lodging, mileage, meal	274.27

Others present: Mike & Bonnie Estling  
Dian Smith

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RSPG, PLC	legal fees	556.75
Waste Management	February hauling	3239.14
VISA	fuel,postage,hand soap	136.33

Expenditures by fund: General 10722.37, Road Use Tax 3724.40, Trust & Agency 2759.08, Local Option Sales Tax 2027.29, Water 1516.98, Sewer 399.52, Landfill 3270.59 **TOTAL 24420.23**

February receipts: Local Option Sales Tax 3139.31, Property Tax 76.35, Rent 675.00, Black Hills franchise fees 1245.25, Road Use Tax 3771.90, City Services 11739.12, Interest 3.14 **TOTAL 20650.07**

No deputy present for Buchanan County Deputy's Report. 31.67 hours of service were logged in February.

Roger Erickson, NRCS, and Jeff Tisl, Iowa Division of Soil Conservation, discussed options available for storm water mitigation outside the city limits. Both had received copies of the city's storm water study for review prior to meeting. No real funding is available through their departments for large projects. Mr. Erickson will send out letters on availability of money for construction of buffer strips. Participation from land owners is strictly voluntary and often difficult to get. Suggestions were to contact INRCOG, Iowa Flood Center, Northeast Iowa RC&D, and state/federal legislators for possible funding. Mr. Tisl would be willing to facilitate meeting between city and area land owners to discuss possibilities for projects.

Mike Hernandez asked that the council enter into an agreement for removal of flood debris and repairs (wash-outs) at his property if flood waters should overflow at the area which was lowered on Prospect Street. He further asked that any work be done after ground has dried so no damage would be done to yard. Agreement will be drawn up. He further recommended that the slopes along that area be reseeded since it does not appear the grass is growing and that a block wall be placed around the last remaining tree to prevent erosion. It was suggested that maybe it would be better to remove the tree. Kurt will inspect and make final determination.

Hearing for Budget FY16 was opened. Notice of proposed budget had been published according to law. No one appeared for or against FY16 Budget proposal. No comments oral or written were received. Fire Chief Terry Crow asked why fire budget was so much lower. It was explained that the fire department had spent its existing reserve on the tanker truck upgrade and bunker gear. Also the budget line items were lowered on possible grant money which inflates actual budget. Can be amended later, if necessary. There being no additional comments, motion made by Klingner, second by Haynes to approve the budget proposal for FY16. Aye: Dozark, Rawson, Wulfekuhle, Haynes, Klingner. Motion carried as Resolution 15-05.

Chief Crow gave a brief update on fire department training. BCEDC will be held in Lamont on April 28<sup>th</sup> and Leadership Training on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Flood plain permit application has not been filed with state for work at 640 Pine Street. No progress on nuisance abatement at 675 Concord Street. Mayor and city clerk had telephone conference with INRCOG for city's input on Buchanan County REAP Plan update. Council was asked to think about any other ideas which might be included.

Joe and possibly Terry will attend Lagoon Operations class in Fort Dodge on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Gary Reed will be contacted to see if he would serve as temporary affidavit operator for water and wastewater systems city after Kurt's retirement.

Motion by Rawson, second by Klingner to approve a \$1.00 per hour pay raise for Terry Crow who has earned the Water Treatment certification. Aye: Wulfekuhle, Dozark, Haynes, Klingner, Rawson. Resolution 15-06 was approved.

Draft of ordinance for minimum fee for water and sewer hookups to vacant properties was reviewed. Revision will be made to set parameters for what constitutes a vacant property.

Discussion on clerk's current hours and reason for wanting to review. Phone message will be updated to mention hours by chance on Monday and Friday.

Job descriptions for departments were discussed. Job description for part-time public works will be drawn up. Fire department will look at adding office of EMS director.

Rental policy for city building and Scout House were briefly discussed. \$25.00 fee for after-hours pickup of keys was questioned. It was noted that people coming/calling for keys at night and on weekends had been an issue. Requiring an after-hours fee had corrected this problem.

Motion by Haynes, second by Klingner to not reinvest money from two maturing CDs to keep necessary cash available for upcoming road and sewer work. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Haynes, second by Klingner to approve Resolution 15-07 setting public hearing for Budget Amendment FY15 on Wednesday April 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Aye: Wulfekuhle, Rawson, Dozark, Klingner, Haynes. Motion was approved.

Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council person Rawson reported that he had applied for two grants on behalf of the fire department. A Buchanan County Health Trust Grant for an AED (defibrillator) and the second to Walmart for a flat screen tv, projector, lap top computer with DVD to be used for training.

Motion by Wulfekuhle, second by Klingner to adjourn. Motion carried; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Diane S. Anderson  
City Clerk

Eleanor McGraw-Riley  
Mayor