

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday December 14, 2022. Mayor Dozark called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Present: Behrens, Devlin, Lincoln, & Slack; Absent: Lamphier

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to approve the consent agenda: a) December Agenda b) November Minutes c) Bills d) November Receipts e) November Treasurer's Report. All ayes; motion carried.

Angela Happel	Wages 11/18/22	435.93
Joe Opperman	Wages 11/18/22	1671.09
Paula Harvey	Wages 11/18/22	1475.59
Jeremiah Owens	Wages 11/18/22	107.58
Anderson Electric	Repalce Line Voltage Thermostat	73.96
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	1688.61
ATCO International	Pure & Simple	232.45
Center Point Large Print	Books	46.74
Fusion Forward	12-Month Domain Name Renewal	17.17
gWorks	Annual License/Support Fee	2584.00
Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Tank Rental	50.00
Katherine Cornwell	Deposit Refund	75.00
Microbac Laboratories	Drinking Water Analysis	28.50
McDermott Oil Co	Fuel for Trk 489	92.00
Press Journal	Oct Publications	371.08
RSP, PLC	Legal Fees	225.00
Storey Kenworthy	ChairMat/SalesBooks/Steno/Tape	258.14
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	156.44
Visa	Lodging/Postage	313.04
Windstream	Phone Service	277.73
US Treasury	Nov 941 Tax	2211.37
IPERS	Nov Contributions	1415.70
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Oct Sales Tax	168.13
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Oct Water Excise Tax	371.16
Banklowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	10.35
Banklowa	Stormwater Loan Payment	14956.62
Angela Happel	Wages 12/2/22	373.20
Joe Opperman	Wages 12/2/22	1671.09
Paula Harvey	Wages 12/2/22	1475.59
Amazon	Books/DVDs	433.30
Angela Happel	Mileage to County Mtg - Ind	25.30
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	596.11
IRWA	Annual Dues/Membership	225.00
Kluesner Sanitation	Nov Hauling	3965.96
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	38.76
Sue Hansen	Deposit Refund	75.00
True North	AD&D Policy - Fire Dept	250.00

Expenditures by Fund: General 5666.17, Road Use Tax 1266.02, Trust & Agency 873.11, Local Option Sales Tax 1062.70, Water 5585.03, Sewer 3918.31, Landfill 5033.35, Storm Water 15038.00, **TOTAL 38442.69**

November Receipts: Interest 20.43, Franchise Fees 550.64, City Services 20639.00, Road Use Tax 4350.51, Property Tax 8336.25, Fire Dept – Donation 300.00, Library – Enrich Iowa 896.55, Miscellaneous – Faxes 2.50, Refund/Rebates – Stamped Envelope Refund 282.30, Rent/Camping 175.00, **TOTAL 35553.18**

Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged 53 hours during November with calls for service being fraud report, suicidal person, neighbor disputes, gas drive off, and stolen property.

Motion by Behrens, second by Devlin to amend Resolution 22-33 Selling City Owned Property at 330 Pine Street to G5 Properties LLC directing Mayor and Clerk to issue a warranty deed and abstract. Ayes: Lincoln, Slack, Devlin, & Behrens. Motion carried as Resolution 22-35.

Fire Chief Cook reported the fire department had been on two fire, four medical, and one car accident since the last meeting. Mayor Dozark had attended the BCEDC meeting at Aurora where discussion was on daycare in Independence.

Streets & Sidewalks reported a concern about the extension cord on the Concord Street sidewalk. Councilperson Behrens will look into it. Parks & Recreation questioned the drop cords at the Scout Park for Santa Visit. Mayor Dozark said they would be picking those up. Nothing to report from Property Maintenance or MR WMA.

Public Works Director turned in his resignation. Council set a special meeting for December 21st at 7:00 pm. to discuss the vacancy. Quality Flow will be servicing pump at lift station. Oasis was in town to jetty Washington Street sewer main.

IMWCA Site Visit was discussed. Motion by Behrens, second by Devlin to approve and implement the Seatbelt/Restraint Policy required by IMWCA. Ayes: Slack, Lincoln, Devlin, & Behrens. Motion carried as Resolution 22-36. It was also noted that all places of employment, passageways, storerooms, and service rooms will be kept in a clean and sanitary condition with priority being given to the public works building.

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln, to certify delinquent city service bills to property taxes for collection. All ayes, motion carried as Resolution 22-37.

Fire Chief Cook presented information on emergency response services to a confined space emergency at Innovative Ag Services located at 1760 Washburn Avenue. Fire Department will be meeting with IAS Representatives and Buchanan County EMS.

Council discussed amending Chapter 50.05 – Nuisance Abatement adding penalties of \$200.00 after 21-day grace period 1st Offense; \$250.00 after additional 7-day grace period 2nd Offense; \$300.00 for 3rd and Subsequent Offense. At 3rd offense, the City will take legal action to abate property and charge \$100.00 per hour, per worker to clean up and rectify the nuisance. First reading of this amended ordinance will be at the January meeting.

FY24 Budget was tabled until January meeting since property valuations were not available.

Motion by Devlin, second by Behrens to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Paula J. Harvey
City Clerk

Mary Ann Dozark
Mayor