

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday November 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Dozark called the meeting to order. Present: Behrens, Devlin, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack.

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

IA Water Environment Assn	Annual Conference	35.00
Joshua Brown	Deposit Refund	157.57
Elizabeth Creveling	Deposit Refund	89.12
Trevor Knipper	Deposit Refund	75.00
Banklowa	Return Item Fee	4.00
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	1739.30
Amazon	Books/DVDs/Supplies	445.80
Angela Happel	Mileage to County Mtg	25.30
Center Point Large Print	Books	46.74
CLIA Laboratories, Inc.	Certificate Fee	180.00
Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Tank Rental	50.00
Origin Design	2022 NBIS Bridge Inspection	1300.00
INRCOG	CDBG Rehab Admin/TA	5286.22
K&A Farm Equipment	Skidloader Hoses & Couplers	234.78
Microbac Laboratories	Water/Wastewater Analysis	80.75
Knapps	Ranger Engine Repair	20.00
McDermott Oil Co	Fuel for Truck #488	151.01
Meyer True Value	Fire Hydrant Painting	45.94
People	Subscription	61.82
Press Journal	September Publications	173.63
Rachel Beck	Deposit Refund	75.00
RSP, PLC	Legal Fees	262.50
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	156.44
Visa	IRWA Conference	170.00
Windstream	Phone Service	277.73
Angela Happel	Wages 10/21/22	435.93
Joe Opperman	Wages 10/21/22	1671.09
Paula Harvey	Wages 10/21/22	1475.59
Doug Davis	Wages 10/21/22	66.50
Jeremiah Owens	Wages 10/21/22	193.64
US Treasury	Oct 941 Tax	2274.50
IPERS	Oct Contributions	1411.11
Banklowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	10.80
Iowa Dept of Revenue	3rd Qtr Sept Sales Tax	112.81
Iowa Dept of Revenue	3rd Qtr Sept Water Excise Tax	319.38
Angela Happel	Wages 11/4/22	480.54
Joe Opperman	Wages 11/4/22	1671.09
Paula Harvey	Wages 11/4/22	1475.59
Apparatus Testing Services	Pumper Certification Test	326.13
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	346.68
Buchanan County Auditor	2 Qtr FY23 Law Enforcement	5791.50
EMP	EMS Supplies	139.38
Kluesner Sanitationn	Oct Hauling	4040.10
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	41.84
Sandry Fire Supply	2022 Annual Service - SCBA	528.50
Teams Laboratory	Shoreklear/TriKill/Surfactant	497.00
US Postal Service	Personalized Stamped Envelopes	2088.20

Expenditures by Fund: General 11755.09, Road Use Tax 1500.78, Trust & Agency 653.79, Local Option Sales Tax 8096.62, Water 4813.25, Sewer 4116.19, Landfill 5558.71, Storm Sewer 47.12, **TOTAL 36541.55**

October Receipts: Local Option Sales Tax 3150.59, Fire Dept – Donations 200.00, Road Use Tax 4607.19, Property Tax 33895.32, City Services 22303.45, Interest 20.33, Franchise Fees 246.47, Rent/Camping 175.00, **TOTAL 64598.35**

Buchanan County Sheriff's Office had logged over 72 hours for the month. Deputy Gallery reported calls for service were moped infraction, dog bite, garbage dump, domestic assaults, vandalism, hit & run accident, and stray dog. It's that time of year so Deputy Gallery wants to remind residents to keep your homes and vehicles locked up for safety.

Compliance Officer, Jeremiah Owens reported he was working with three properties to meet code but over-all many junk vehicles had been removed from city limits. Officer Owens presented Council a proposal to the City's nuisance abatement

ordinance to enforce penalties after each contact if nuisance still exist and only three contacts would be done before legal action would be taken.

Fire Chief, John Cook, reported the fire department had been on two medical calls and one fire call since the last meeting. No reports from BCEDC, Streets & Sidewalks, Parks & Recreation, Property Maintenance, or MR WMA. Property Maintenance Committee will be contacting property owners along Lamont & South Creeks about maintaining the waterways, ditches, culverts, and drainage areas. Public Works Director reported that water mains had been flushed and security cameras ordered.

Motion by Devlin, second by Behrens to approve INRCOG CDBG Housing Rehab invoices for \$3849.20. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier to approve Class C Beer Permit (Carryout Beer)/Class B Native Wine Permit/Class E Liquor License (LE)/Sunday Sales application for McDermott Oil dba Quick & Handi III. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion was held on the abatement of 609 Bush Street Property. Officer Owens says the property has various inadequacies, manifestly unsafe, inadequate maintenance, fire hazard, and abandoned which are all unsafe building criteria per City Code 145.03. Motion by Behrens, second by Devlin to have enforcement officer proceed with demolition or removal of the building and such costs shall be charged to the owner and levied as a special assessment against the property and shall be certified to the County Treasurer for collection in the manner provided for other taxes per City Code 145.08 since the owner has failed, neglected, or refused to comply with the notice to repair, rehabilitate, or to demolish and remove the building. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Devlin, second by Lamphier to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Paula J. Harvey  
City Clerk

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Mary Ann Dozark  
Mayor