

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday February 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Dozark called the meeting to order. Present: Devlin, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack. Absent: Behrens.

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

Angela Happel	Wages 1/13/23	444.93
Joe Opperman	Wages 1/13/23	1715.57
Paula Harvey	Wages 1/13/23	1483.56
Ida Mae Harford	Deposit Refund	75.00
December Hoth	Deposit Refund	12.73
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	2060.64
Amazon	Books/DVDs	312.59
Angela Happel	Mileage to County Mtg - Indep	26.62
Buchanan Co LF Comm	FY23 Assessment	858.00
Center Point Large Print	Books/DVDs	46.74
Groth Services LLC	Clean Out Sewer Lift	625.00
Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Tank Rental	150.00
Iowa DCI	Background Checks	45.00
INRCOG	CDBG Rehab Admin/TA	6195.10
Iowa Firefighters Assn	IFA Membership - 14 X \$17	238.00
JD Financial	Shop Supplies/Ecosalt	334.86
K&A Farm Equipment	Tractor Parts	313.79
Microbac Laboratories	Water/Wastewater Analysis	111.00
McDermott Oil Co	Fuel for Tanker & Pumper	125.97
MercyOne	Drug Test	25.00
Meyer True Value	Window/Screen Repair & Plug	21.98
Michael Slack	Gift Certificates	150.00
Press Journal	Dec Publications	230.92
Randy Hullerman	Deposit Refund	75.00
Sandry Fire Supply	MSA SCBA Cylinders	7139.40
UnityPoint Clinic	Drug Test	42.00
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	156.69
Visa	Postage/Supplies/Cameras/Microsoft	274.13
Windstream	Phone Service	279.35
Angela Happel	Wages 1/27/23	480.33
Joe Opperman	Wages 1/27/23	1715.57
Paula Harvey	Wages 1/27/23	1483.56
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Dec Sales Tax	115.56
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Dec Water Excise Tax	280.69
US Treasury	Jan 941 Tax	2112.02
IPERS	Jan Contributions	1393.28
BankIowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	11.70
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	1881.76
Buchanan Co Tourism	Annual Dues	75.00
EMC Insurance	Legal Fees - Claim #1693827	1000.00
IA Municipal Solutions	Water/Wastewater Affidavit - Jan	1280.00
Iowa One Call	Locate Emails	16.30
Kirkwood Community College	CPR Renewal - BLS Provider	108.00
Kluesner Sanitation	Jan Hauling	3950.96
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	58.22
Press Journal	Jan Publications	238.06
Starmont 2023 Post-Prom	FY23 Post Prom Donation	100.00

Expenditures by Fund: General 20811.58, Road Use Tax 1714.71, Trust & Agency 597.43, Local Option Sales Tax 1596.12, Water 4840.01, Sewer 4447.16, Landfill 5808.47, Storm Sewer 55.10 **TOTAL 39870.58**

February Receipts: Interest 67.68, Franchise Fees 4005.12, City Services 19961.34, Property Tax 4325.35, Rent/Camping 525.00, Local Option Sales Tax 4431.79, Road Use Tax 3961.57, **TOTAL 37277.85**

Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged 38 hours of service in January. Deputy Robinson reported calls for service included assault, gas drive off, property dispute, and car accident. Citizens present voiced their concerns about kids trespassing on property, being disrespectful, encouraging fighting, and vandalism. The Sheriff's Department highly recommended contacting them when these incidents occur.

Lisa Kremer of Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC) presented the 2022 annual report overview. Highlighting the Key Business Grant, Catalyst Grant Completion, Revolving Loan Fund, Facade Updates, and Upper Story Housing. Questions directed to Lisa were how to entice businesses to Lamont, Iowa.

Randy Kramer from Prairie Road Builders presented pricing proposal for 2023 road work. Seal Coat over 15,000 \$2.80/sy, 6000-15000 \$2.90/sy, under 6000 \$3.05/sy. Surface Patching \$285.00/ton for Cold Mix. Motion by Devlin, second by Lincoln to accept pricing proposal. All ayes; motion carried as Resolution 23-06.

Kelli Knickerbocker of G5 Properties LLC presented Offer to Buy Real Estate & Acceptance Agreement for 330 Pine Street property where City Attorney did not include administrative costs or recording fees to be paid by Buyer per resolution passed by the Council. Motion by Devlin, second by Slack for City to pay administrative costs and recording fees. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Dozark opened public hearing for the FY24 Proposed Property Tax Levy. No one appeared for or against said proposal. No comments written or oral had been received. Mayor Dozark closed public hearing. Motion by Lamphier, second by Lincoln to approve the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for the City's proposed FY24 budget. Ayes: Slack, Devlin, Lincoln, & Lamphier. Motion carried as Resolution 23-07.

City Clerk reported the Fire Department had 2 medical calls since last meeting. There were no other committee reports.

City Clerk reported that Mike Graham, Public Works Director, declined the offer of employment after one day on the job. Motion by Slack, second by Devlin to offer the Public Works Director position to Applicant #4 and if not interested to readvertise. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to approve the resignation of John Cook as fire chief effective 1-11-23. All ayes; motion carried. Motion by Devlin, second by Lamphier to approve the election of John Cook as fire chief effective 2-8-23. All ayes; motion carried. Motion by Slack, second by Devlin to approve the membership application of Noah Timmerman. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Devlin, second by Slack to approve the first reading of Ordinance #109 – adding penalties to Nuisance Abatement Chapter 50.05 (1) After a Notice to Abate has been served to the violator, the following penalties apply: 1st Offense (after 21-day grace period): \$200.00; 2nd Offense/Repeat Offense or New Offense at Same Property (after additional 7-day grace period): \$250.00; 3rd and Subsequent Offense: \$300.00. *At 3rd offense, the City of Lamont will take legal action to abate property and charge \$100.00 per hour, per worker to clean up and rectify the nuisance. Ayes: Lincoln, Lamphier, Slack, & Devlin. First reading was approved.

Budget proposal for FY24 was reviewed. Motion by Lincoln, second by Lamphier to set budget hearing for March 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Ayes: Devlin, Slack, Lamphier, & Lincoln. Motion carried as Resolution 23-08.

Motion by Devlin, second by Lincoln to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Paula J. Harvey
City Clerk

Mary Ann Dozark
Mayor