

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. 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) March Agenda b) February Minutes c) Bills d) February Receipts e) Treasurer Report. All ayes; motion carried.

Angela Happel	Wages 2/10/23	423.42
Joe Opperman	Wages 2/10/23	1523.71
Paula Harvey	Wages 2/10/23	1483.56
Gerald Davis	Wages 2/10/23	254.89
Karen Kremer	Wages 2/10/23	35.79
JoAnn Crow	Wages 2/10/23	21.47
Anthony Fleming	Wages 2/10/23	489.65
Chaz Fleming	Wages 2/10/23	259.73
Annette Pech	Wages 2/10/23	85.88
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Jan Sales Tax	119.10
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Jan Water Excise Tax	319.80
Doug McAtee	Deposit Refund	200.00
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	1874.79
Amazon	Books/Ink/Bags/Belts/DVD Cases	181.94
Auditor State of Iowa	Periodic Exam Fee	1200.00
Buchanan Co Abstract Co	330 Pine Street Closing	360.00
Buchanan Co Senior Center	FY23 Appropriation	200.00
Buchanan Co Recorder	330 Pine Street Closing	17.00
Cedar Valley Hospice	FY23 Appropriation	200.00
Center Point Large Print	Books	46.74
DEMCO	Label Protectors/Date Due Slips	170.02
GUMC Food pantry	FY23 Appropriation	200.00
Iowa DCI	Background Check	15.00
IMFOA	Annual Dues	50.00
Independence Food Pantry	FY23 Appropriation	300.00
Microbac Laboratories	Drinking Water Analysis	15.50
Krivachek Janitorial Services	Paper Towels/TP/Liners	258.96
McDermott Oil	Fuel for Dump Truck	130.21
MercyOne	DOT Physical & Drug Screening	157.00
Meyer True Value	Padlock & Keys	29.34
Operation Threshold	FY23 Appropriation	300.00
Overhead Door Co	Repair Shop Overhead Door	203.14
Pathways	FY23 Appropriation	300.00
RSP, PLLC	330 Pine Street Closing	350.00
Sandry Fire Supply	2 Sets of Gear - Coats & Pants	4666.30
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	156.69
Visa	Stamps/Postage/Cam Tech	87.38
Windstream	Phone Service	279.35
RSP, LLC	Legal Fees	197.39
Angela Happel	Wages 2/24/23	480.21
Paula Harvey	Wages 2/24/23	1483.56
US Treasury	Feb 941 Tax	1777.81
IPERS	Feb Contributions	1026.00
Banklwa	I-Net/ACH Fees	10.95
Angela Happel	Mileage to County Mtg - Indep	26.62
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	1556.93
Bob's Plbg & Htg	Replace Expansion Tank	170.00
Buchanan Co Fireman Assn	2023 Association Dues	30.00
EMP, Inc	EMS Supplies	150.37
Hawkins, Inc	Chlorine Tank Rental	50.00
IA Municipal Solutions LLC	Water/Wastewater Affidavit - Feb	1668.75
Kluesner Sanitation LLC	Feb Hauling	3933.82
Mary Ann Dozark	BCEDC Mileage - Quasqueton	23.84
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	48.42
Press Journal	Feb Publications	344.56

Expenditures by Fund: General 14397.86, Road Use Tax 1802.73, Trust & Agency 567.72, Local Option Sales Tax 1246.97, Water 4150.34, Sewer 3057.86, Landfill 4675.79, Stormwater 47.32, **TOTAL 29946.59**

February Receipts: Interest 19.02, Franchise Fees 2289.52, City Services 18068.45, Community Room Rental Donation 25.00, Dividend Insurance 626.00, Township Fees 2614.36, Sale of Property 2500.00, Credit Refund 100.00, Property Tax 298.07, Local Option Sales Tax 4735.11, Road Use Tax 4573.54, **TOTAL 35849.07**

Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged 41 hours in February with calls for service being dog complaints, mental committal, neighbor dispute, family dispute, and verbal domestic assault. City Clerk reported that Compliance Officer will be checking properties beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> in time for city-wide cleanup day on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Dozark opened public hearing for FY24 Budget proposal. No one appeared for or against said proposal. No comments written or oral had been received. Mayor Dozark closed public hearing. Motion by Behrens, second by Devlin to approve the budget proposal for FY24. Ayes: Lamphier, Lincoln, Slack, Devlin, & Behrens. Motion carried as Resolution 23-09.

No report from EMS but Mayor Dozark stopped in at their March meeting where they were conducting CPR and survival knot training. Mayor Dozark attended the BCEDC meeting where new owners to Winthrop grocery store were announced. No reports from Streets & Sidewalks and Parks & Recreation. Property Maintenance will be meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to check maintenance on the properties along the stormwater project. No one attended the MR WMA meeting. No EMA/911 meeting.

Motion by Devlin, second by Slack to hire Applicant #5 as Public Works Director. Ayes: Behrens, Lamphier, Slack, & Devlin. Abstain: Lincoln. Motion carried as Resolution 23-10.

Motion by Behrens, second by Lincoln to move to closed session as provided in section 21.5(c) of the open meetings law to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 6:35 p.m. All ayes; motion carried. Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier to reconvene in open session at 7:55 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

City Clerk reported City Wide Clean Up Day is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Items need to be curbside by 6:00 a.m. and still trying to find someone to pick up appliances and televisions during cleanup day.

Motion by Behrens, second by Slack to close off Bush Street and Pine Street from Jackson Street to alley by Fire Station on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for Romper Room Rally where they are expecting 800-1000 motorcycles. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Slack, second by Devlin to approve the second 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (after 21-day grace period): \$200.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense/Repeat Offense or New Offense at Same Property (after additional 7-day grace period): \$250.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> and Subsequent Offense: \$300.00. \*At 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Behrens, Devlin, & Slack. Second reading was approved.

Motion by Devlin, second by Lamphier to approve Resolution 23-11 certifying delinquent city service bills to the property taxes for collection. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Slack, second by Devlin to award the lowest, most responsible bidder to Kirvan Enterprises for all three projects in the Lamont Exterior Housing Rehabilitation Program. Ayes: Lincoln, Behrens, Lamphier, Devlin, & Slack. Motion carried as Resolution 23-12.

Motion by Behrens, second by Devlin to amend Resolution 23-02 with correct names for the hiring of temporary public works employee. All ayes; motion carried as Resolution 23-13.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Lincoln to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Paula J. Harvey  
City Clerk

Mary Ann Dozark  
Mayor