

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Mayor Dozark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Behrens, Devlin, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack.

Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier to approve the consent agenda: a) April Agenda b) March Minutes c) Bills d) March Receipts; All ayes; motion carried.

Angela Happel	Wages 3/10/23	433.74
Paula Harvey	Wages 3/10/23	1483.56
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Feb Sales Tax	104.35
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Feb Water Service Excise Tax	303.42
Ramiro Cortes	Deposit Refund	75.00
Debra Elledge	Deposit Refund	75.00
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	1887.43
Amazon	Books/DVDs/Paper/WiteOut	531.58
Center Point Large Print	Books	46.74
Iowa DCI	Background Check	15.00
Microbac Laboratories	Drinking Water Analysis	15.50
Storey Kenworthy	Utility Statements/Paper/Calculator	1015.68
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	156.69
Visa	Postage/Carbonite Backup	55.47
Windstream	Phone Service	279.35
Angela Happel	Wages 3/24/23	423.42
Paula Harvey	Wages 3/24/23	1483.56
Doug Davis	Wages 3/24/23	55.41
Karen Kremer	Wages 3/24/23	28.63
Val Timmerman	Wages 3/24/23	361.12
US Treasury	March 941 Tax	1260.17
IPERS	March Contributions	740.31
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Withholding	543.05
Banklowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	10.05
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	1301.21
Buchanan County Auditor	4th Qtr FY23 Law Enforcement	5791.50
Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Tank Rental	50.00
IA Municipal Solutions LLC	Water/Wastewater Affidavit - March	1420.00
IAMU	2023-2024 Annual Dues	677.00
Kirkwood College	CPR Renewal	18.00
Kluesner Sanitation	March Hauling	3973.82
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreements	65.16
Angela Happel	Wages 4/07/23	480.21
Paula Harvey	Wages 4/07/23	1483.56
Paul Lincoln	Wages 4/07/23	1582.48

Expenditures by Fund: General 5899.91, Road Use Tax 573.09, Trust & Agency 385.51, LOST 6829.19, Water 5660.74, Sewer 3667.94, Landfill 5153.44, Stormwater 57.35 **TOTAL 28227.17**

March Revenues: Rent/Deposits 825.00, Interest 541.56, LOST 4366.72, Property Tax 5237.16, Franchise Fees 1894.66, Road Use Tax 2653.54, City Services 21013.22, Township Fees 2928.00, Liquor License 75.00, Library – County Contribution 12762.93, **TOTAL 52297.79**

Deputy Blake Gallery reported Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged 40 plus hours in March including calls of service for juvenile in-house car theft issue, suicidal person, property retrieval, agency looking for stolen vehicle, and driving complaint. Deputy Gallery encourages residents to contact the department when they see unlawful activity.

Compliance Officer, Jeremiah Owens, reported he started checking properties for junk and junk vehicles and has posted a few letters to get properties in compliance.

Neighbors near the 870 & 910 East Street properties presented Council with the sheriff's log on how many times there have been calls to those two properties along with the aerial view of the properties. Deputy Gallery and Officer Owens explained how many of the calls do not fall under the disorderly house ordinance but will keep in mind when responding to calls at those addresses to follow city code for nuisance abatement.

Rick McGraw addressed the Council regarding cleaning up the railroad right of way between Madison and Concord Streets. He has piled up brush and cleaned out junk. He asked that City help with seeding it down. Public Works Director will take a look to see what is needed.

Carrie Thole of Smith Insurance, LLC reviewed the insurance package proposal for April, 2023 – March, 2024. This year's premium carries a 25% increase to \$29577.04 so she has contacted EMC Insurance to look at Lamont's properties and re-evaluate property values. Once this is done, she will meet with Council in May for review.

Motion by Devlin, second by Lincoln to approve INRCOG CDBG Housing Rehab invoices for \$332.92. All ayes; motion carried.

No EMS or BCEDC reports. Street committee will be meeting with Prairie Road Builders. Parks & Recreation reported digger at playground was broken and sand was needed. Public Works Director reported Chris Even is training him on water and wastewater. He contacted Oasis about jettying and televising sewer mains this Spring.

Motion by Devlin, second by Slack to approve the third 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, Slack & Devlin. Third reading was approved.

Motion by Devlin, second by Slack to adopt Ordinance #109 – adding penalties to Nuisance Abatement Chapter 50.05. Ayes: Lamphier, Behrens, Lincoln, Slack, & Devlin.

Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier to not participate in the MR WMA funding investment at this time. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Devlin, second by Lamphier to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Paula J. Harvey  
City Clerk

Mary Ann Dozark  
Mayor