

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday February 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order. Present: Adams, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack. Absent: Devlin

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. All ayes; motion carried.

Angela Happel	Wages 1/12/24	454.39
Paula Harvey	Wages 1/12/24	1602.22
Val Timmerman	Wages 1/12/24	108.38
Paul Lincoln	Wages 1/12/24	1467.16
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Dec Sales Tax	103.19
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Dec Water Excise Tax	355.33
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	1791.35
Amazon	Ink Cartridges - Library	35.97
Buchanan Co Tourism	Annual Dues	150.00
Center Point Large Print	Books	46.74
Iowa Firefighters Assn	IFA Member 14x\$17	238.00
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	51.46
Press Journal	Nov/Dec Publications	238.82
Tracy Cummer	Deposit Refund	75.00
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	156.84
Visa	Postage/Barn Owl Tech	62.66
Windstream	Phone Service	312.42
Olena Brenchley	Deposit Refund	156.08
Candi Weaver	Deposit Refund	83.23
Banklowa	Return Item Fee	4.00
Angela Happel	Wages 1/26/24	433.74
Paula Harvey	Wages 1/26/24	1602.22
Doug Davis	Wages 1/26/24	559.55
Paul Lincoln	Wages 1/26/24	1467.16
US Treasury	January 941 Tax	2348.48
IPERS	January Contributions	1426.03
Buchanan Co Landfill Comm	FY24 Assessment	429.00
Banklowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	11.25
Amazon	Books/DVDs	575.02
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	367.63
Edgewood Auto & Tire	Replace Skidster Tire	662.28
gWorks	Utility Billing Hub	2150.00
IA Municipal Solutions	Water/WW Affidavit Services	475.00
Iowa DNR	Operator Certification	60.00
Kluesner Sanitation	Jan Hauling	3950.96
Larry Donaldson	Repair Snowblower	60.00
McDermott Oil Co	Fuel	416.44
Municipal Supply	Sensus Autoread Software	34510.00
Wellmark	Feb Premium	952.09
Angela Happel	Wages 2/9/24	462.57
Paula Harvey	Wages 2/9/24	1602.22
Paul Lincoln	Wages 2/9/24	1467.16

Expenditures by Fund: General 5584.87, Road Use Tax 3134.66, Trust & Agency 936.95, Local Option Sales Tax 1233.69, Water 42183.22, Sewer 4546.83, Landfill 5819.00, Storm Sewer 42.82 **TOTAL 63482.04**

February Receipts: Interest 594.30, Franchise Fees 490.55, City Services 19775.04, Property Tax 98.88, Rent/Camping 175.00, Local Option Sales Tax 4229.07, Road Use Tax 4682.56, **TOTAL 32334.65**

Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged 36 hours of service in January. Deputy Tyler Klenzman reported calls for service included disorderly conduct, dog complaint, and fraud.

Lisa Kremer of Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC) presented the 2023 annual report overview. BCEDC directly wrote grants for over \$219,000 which spurred over \$518,000 in private investment in infrastructure improvements for Buchanan County. They provided 3 \$25,000 Business Growth Loans and 2 Key Business Grants of \$10,000 each. The Leadership Program will start up this Fall and Building Better Business in Buchanan 2024 events will begin at the end of February. A grant writing class will be held March 6th. BCEDC is working extensively with Buchanan County Tourism to bring people to the county and highlight the unique opportunities.

Fireman Lamphier reported the fire department had been on 3 medical, 1 personal injury, and 1 mutual aid that was cancelled since last meeting. Mayor Cook reported on the Buchanan County Landfill Commission meeting he attended where they will be disbursing the funds back to the cities upon its closure. He has been working with law enforcement and city attorney on citizen complaints of dogs

running loose. Citations have been issued. He has been compiling a list of nuisance properties for the City Attorney's visit to Lamont. Public Works Director reported working on the installation of the Sensus Autoread water meters with about 80 to go to finish up.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Lamphier to approve INRCOG CDBG Housing Rehab invoice for \$331.67. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Slack to approve the transfer of remaining American Rescue Plan funds from sewer fund account to water fund account. Ayes: Adams, Lincoln, Slack, & Lamphier. Motion carried as Resolution 24-07.

Budget proposal for FY25 was reviewed. Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to set public hearing for the purpose of considering the consolidated general fund tax levy for the City's fiscal year 2024-2025 budget for 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 3rd. Ayes: Lamphier, Adams, Lincoln, & Slack. Motion carried as Resolution 24-08.

Council reviewed Water Rates and Sewer Service Charges and directed City Clerk to hold first reading at the March meeting.

City Clerk reported Spring Clean Up Day is April 6th. Items need to be curbside by 6:00 am. Mayor Cook talked to Schafer's Iron & Metal from Rowley and he will drop off two dumpsters, one for appliances and one for metals, by the shop for residents to use. No tvs, computers or electronics. Residents will have to contact City Hall to pay \$20.00 per item for Kluesner Sanitation to pick up on regular garbage day.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Slack to renew certificate of deposits as they come due with best CD Special. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Adams, second by Lincoln to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Paula J. Harvey
City Clerk

Michael J. Cook
Mayor