

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday March 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order. Present: Adams, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack. Absent: Devlin

Motion by Lamphier, second by Lincoln to approve the consent agenda: a) March Agenda b) February Minutes c) Bills d) February Receipts e) Treasurer Report. All ayes; motion carried.

Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Jan Sales Tax	105.39
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Jan Water Excise Tax	349.55
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	1831.38
Amazon	Books/DVDs	110.26
Buchanan Co Senior Center	FY24 Appropriation	200.00
Cedar Valley Hospice	FY24 Appropriation	200.00
Center Point Large Print	Books/DVDs	46.74
GUMC Food Pantry	FY24 Appropriation	200.00
Iowa DNR	Operator Certification	60.00
Independence Food Pantry	FY24 Appropriation	300.00
INRCOG	CDBG Rehab Admin	331.67
Iowa One Call	Locate Emails	3.80
JD Financial	Icemelt & Snow Shovel	68.95
Napa Auto Parts	Batteries/Air Hose for Dump Truck	582.20
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	50.96
Operation Threshold	FY24 Appropriation	300.00
Pathways	FY24 Appropriation	300.00
Press Journal	Jan Publications	120.61
Starmont 2024 Post-Prom	Donation	100.00
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	160.93
Visa	Stamps/Barn Owl Tech	125.00
Wellmark	March Premium	960.42
Windstream	Phone Service	568.08
Angela Happel	Wages 2/23/24	473.32
Paula Harvey	Wages 2/23/24	1602.22
Val Timmerman	Wages 2/23/24	138.49
Paul Lincoln	Wages 2/23/24	1467.16
BankIowa	Deposit Slips	96.36
US Treasury	February 941 Tax	2269.18
IPERS	February Contributions	1434.77
BankIowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	11.40
Amazon	Book	20.98
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	757.50
Don's Truck Sales	Dump Truck Seat Valve	38.99
IA Municipal Solutions	Water/WW Affidavit Services	475.00
Kluesner Sanitation	February Hauling	3899.54
McDermott Oil Co	Fuel	94.04
MercyOne Occupation Health	Drug & Alcohol Test	73.00
Overhead Door Co.	Repair Fire Station Door Deposit	843.75
Team Lab	Mega Bugs Plus/EZ Dose It	1334.10
Angela Happel	Wages 3/8/24	451.82
Paula Harvey	Wages 3/8/24	1606.52
Ann Pech	Wages 3/8/24	38.09
Paul Lincoln	Wages 3/8/24	1628.42

Expenditures by Fund: General 6727.17, Road Use Tax 1756.13, Trust & Agency 905.04, Local Option Sales Tax 1809.68, Water 4527.15, Sewer 4986.96, Landfill 5072.26, Stormwater 46.20, **TOTAL 25830.59**

February Receipts: Interest 112.35, Franchise Fees 4291.66, City Services 18450.70, IEDA – CDBG Housing Rehab Grant 2584.00, Township Fees 5755.50, Library Donation 25.00, Library FY23 Appropriation 12613.24 Property Tax 82.68, Rent/Camping 625.00, Local Option Sales Tax 5368.98, Road Use Tax 4119.26, **TOTAL 54028.37**

Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged 59 hours of service in February. Deputy Tyler Klenzman reported calls for service included medical/welfare checks, assistance, dog complaints, and accident.

Randy Kramer from Prairie Road Builders presented pricing proposal for 2024 road work. Seal Coat over 15,000 \$2.90/sy, 6000-15000 \$3.00/sy, under 6000 \$3.15/sy. Surface Patching \$295.00/ton for Cold Mix. He will also get a quote to City for asphalt over the old railroad track on Monroe. Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to accept pricing proposal. All ayes; motion carried as Resolution 24-09.

Carrie Thole of Smith Insurance, LLC reviewed the insurance package proposal for April, 2024 – March, 2025. This year's premium carries a 6.4% increase to \$31,459.71. Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to accept the proposal. Ayes: Adams, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack. Motion carried as Resolution 24-10.

City Clerk reported Fire Department had been on 1 anhydrous ammonia incident, 2 controlled burn requests, 3 fire and 2 medical calls since last meeting. Trucks have received yearly service and members have gone over gear and replaced what is needed. They have reviewed scene safety, truck operations, and portable tank operations. No BCEDC report.

Mayor Cook reported working with law enforcement and city attorney on citizen complaints of dog running loose. Citations have been issued and he has been to court. He mailed nuisance property letters to several property owners encouraging them to take advantage of city wide clean up April 4 through April 7. Mayor Cook and City Attorney will examine all properties in town on May 6<sup>th</sup> and issue citations to any that are in violation of Chapter 50 & 51 of City Code.

Public Works Director reported finishing up on the installation of the Sensus Autoread water meters.

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to approve the election of Terry Crow as fire chief. All ayes; motion carried. Motion by Slack, second by Adams to approve the membership applications of Tony Fleming, Chaz Fleming & Alex Crow. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Slack to approve Resolution 24-11 certifying delinquent city service bills to the property taxes for collection. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Adams to approve wage increase for Public Works Director who has achieved certifications in Water Treatment 1 Operator, Waste Water Treatment 1 Operator, and Drinking Water Distribution 1 Operator. Ayes: Lincoln, Slack, Adams, & Lamphier. Motion carried as Resolution 24-12.

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to approve one-time payment of employee health insurance premium difference to Public Works Director and adjust bi-weekly health insurance reimbursement to City Clerk. Ayes: Lamphier, Adams, Lincoln, & Slack. Motion carried as Resolution 24-13.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Slack to adopt the updated Buchanan County Housing Needs Assessment. All ayes; motion carried as Resolution 24-14.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Lincoln to approve the first reading of Ordinance #111 – amending provisions pertaining to water rates. Ayes: Slack, Adams, Lincoln, & Lamphier. First reading was approved. Motion by Lincoln, second by Lamphier to approve the first reading of Ordinance #112 – amending provisions pertaining to sewer rates. Ayes: Adams, Slack, Lincoln, & Lamphier. First reading was approved.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Lamphier to approve April council meetings to accommodate the new budget submission process for FY25. The Proposed Property Tax Hearing will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm with only item on agenda followed by a second meeting at 6:15 pm to set budget adoption hearing and any normal meeting agenda items. No meeting on normal meeting night of April 10<sup>th</sup>. Budget Adoption Hearing will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm along with any normal meeting agenda items. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Lamphier to deny use of ball diamond as dog park. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln for Public Works Director to see if feasible to convert tennis court to a pickleball court. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Slack to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Paula J. Harvey  
City Clerk

Michael J. Cook  
Mayor