

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday June 12, 2024. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Adams, Devlin, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack.

Motion by Devlin, second by Slack to approve the consent agenda: a) June Agenda b) May Minutes c) Bills d) May Receipts e) May Treasurer's Report. All ayes; motion carried.

Banklowa	Return Item Fee	8.00
Angela Happel	Wages 5/17/24	473.32
Paula Harvey	Wages 5/17/24	1606.52
Doug Davis	Wages 5/17/24	240.85
Karen Kremer	Wages 5/17/24	22.86
Val Timmerman	Wages 5/17/24	385.50
Ann Pech	Wages 5/17/24	30.47
Paul Lincoln	Wages 5/17/24	1628.42
Iowa Dept of Revenue	2nd Qtr April Sales Tax	109.50
Iowa Dept of Revenue	2nd Qtr April Water Service Excise Tax	316.18
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	1582.62
Amazon	Books/DVD	82.62
ATCO International	Wasp Killer/First Aid Kit	290.62
Center Point Large Print	Books	46.74
Compressed Air	Regulator Kit	108.82
Jackie Myers	Deposit Refund	75.00
JD Financial	Trail Camera Batteries	9.98
Madison Druecker	Deposit Refund	75.00
Meyer True Value	Lock/Keys/Torch Kit	61.95
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	58.35
Press Journal	April Publications	333.99
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	13.70
Visa	Cleaning Supplies/Barn Owl	75.61
Wellmark	June Premium	952.09
Windstream	Phone Service	425.54
Angela Happel	Wages 5/31/24	494.84
Paula Harvey	Wages 5/31/24	1606.52
Doug Davis	Wages 5/31/24	270.96
Ann Pech	Wages 5/31/24	38.09
Paul Lincoln	Wages 5/31/24	1628.42
Evelyn Gilson	Wages 5/31/24	205.41
US Treasury	May 941 Tax	3860.70
IPERS	May Contributions	2307.89
Banklowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	12.45
Banklowa	Stormwater Loan Payment	14956.62
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	248.30
Central Tanks Coatings Inc.	Clean & Inspect Water Tower	3400.00
Consolidated Energy Company	Lawnmower Fuel	275.08
Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Tank Rental	20.00
John Keppler	Tree Removal	3000.00
Kluesner Sanitation	May Hauling	4031.54
McDermott Oil Co	Fuel	323.48
Microbac Labs	Drinking Water Analysis	84.50
Press Journal	May Publications	245.16
Craig Wessels	Deposit Refund	75.00
Strang Tire & Automotive	Lawnmower Tire Repair	25.45
Team Lab	Shoreklear/MegaBugs/Surfactant	2165.00
Trott Trophies	Plaque	38.00

Expenditures by Fund: General 7693.98, Road Use Tax 3456.76, Trust & Agency 1376.34, LOST 883.13, Water 8178.87, Sewer 6301.28, Landfill 5434.48, Stormwater 46.20, Stormwater Sinking Fund 14956.62 **TOTAL 48327.66**

May Receipts: LOST 4864.68, Property Tax 13641.16, Franchise Fees 4383.21, RUT 4555.15, City Services 21437.35, Interest 337.57, Rent/Camping 670.00, Cigarette Permit 75.00, Fire Dept Donation 200.00,, **TOTAL 50164.12**

There was no deputy report but Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged about 25 hours of service in May.

George VandeVorde & Carrie Thole turned in a special building permit adding a 32x54 office addition at 637 Bush Street. Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier, to set Public Hearing at July 10th council meeting for the purpose and consideration of construction of a 32x54 office addition located at 637 Bush Street and to have City Clerk notify owners immediately adjacent within 200 feet in all directions in writing per Code 155.06 & 155.07 before the July meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

There were no EMS or BCEDC reports. Mayor Cook reported he issued violations regarding mowing ordinance and property was mowed within the ten days. Mayor Cook shared City Attorney recommendations on updating City housing ordinance to modify Restricted Residence District ordinance to indicate any properties that were not originally built to serve as a residential

single-family structure would require a special permit from the City Council before someone could reside in them as such. Mayor Cook issued nuisance abatement notices to two properties with deadlines of 6/13/24 and 6/28/24. If not abated, the City will abate and assess the costs against the property owner. Councilperson Lamphier attended the 911 meeting where Rick Wulfekuhle may be stepping down as emergency management coordinator due to running for county supervisor and working on updating radios for better communications between counties.

Public Works Director reported water tower inspection went well with no issues. Oasis will be coming to repair washed out lagoon area. Concession stand repairs should be done by 1<sup>st</sup> of August and the Bush and Albert Street stormwater drain is flowing so going to hold off on replacing pipe.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Slack to certify delinquent city service bills to property taxes for collection. All ayes; motion carried as Resolution 24-18.

Motion by Adams, second by Devlin to adopt Resolution 24-19 setting employee wages for FY25. Ayes: Slack, Lamphier, Lincoln, Devlin, & Adams: motion carried.

Motion by Devlin, second by Lamphier to approve updated list of paid holidays for full time employees. Ayes: Lincoln, Slack, Adams, Lamphier, & Devlin. Motion carried as Resolution 24-20.

Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier to approve updated list of benefits (vacation, personal/sick leave, bereavement leave, military leave, and jury duty) for full time employees. Ayes: Devlin, Adams, Lincoln, Lamphier, & Slack. Motion carried as Resolution 24-21.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Lincoln to authorize abandonment proceedings pursuant to Iowa Code Section 657A.10B against real property located at 315 Church Street. All ayes; motion carried as Resolution 24-22.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Slack to give written consent for no more than six horses on property located at 925 Oak Street per Lamont City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55.05 Animal Protection and Control, Livestock. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Cook appointed Susy Hotchkiss as a resident Library Board Trustee for regular term (7/1/22 – 6/30/28) and Mary Hoefler and Sharry McFarlane as resident Library Board Trustees for regular term (7/1/24 – 6/30/30). Motion by Slack, second by Devlin to approve these appointments. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Devlin, second by Slack to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Paula J. Harvey  
City Clerk

Michael J. Cook  
Mayor