

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 6:15 pm. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order. Present: Adams, Devlin, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack.

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

Betty Opitz	Deposit Refund	21.71
Angela Happel	Wages 3/21/25	490.33
Paula Harvey	Wages 3/21/25	1690.54
Ann Pech	Wages 3/21/25	32.32
Paul Lincoln	Wages 3/21/25	1708.92
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Feb Sales Tax	101.80
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Feb Water Excise Tax	316.65
US Treasury	March 941 Tax	2521.53
IPERS	March Contributions	1578.28
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Withholding	775.62
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	1913.74
Auditor of State	Periodic Exam Fee	1200.00
Center Point Large Print	Books	47.94
Hawkins, Inc	Chlorine & Tank Rental	527.60
IAMU	2025-2026 Annual Dues	708.00
IMFOA	Annual Dues	50.00
Kori Jones	Deposit Refund	75.00
Larry O'Dell	Deposit Refund	75.00
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	63.75
Press Journal	Jan & Feb Publications	206.29
RSP, LLC	Legal Fees	350.58
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	63.09
Visa	Carbonite/Supplies/Books/	384.96
Wellmark	April Premium	1044.94
Windstream	Phone Service	438.09
BankIowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	12.45

Expenditures by Fund: General 4790.27, Road Use Tax 963.60, Trust & Agency 989.77, Local Option Sales Tax 842.42, Water 4958.77, Sewer 2871.90, Landfill 937.89, Storm Sewer 44.51 **TOTAL 16399.13**

March Receipts: Interest 22.82, Franchise Fees 1350.03, City Services 20316.87, Property Tax 2960.95, Fire Dept – Donation 450.00, Township Fees 2827.50, Library Additional FY25 Appropriation 136.84, Fines/Court Costs 70.80, Rent/Camping 1450.00, Local Option Sales Tax 4801.11, Road Use Tax 3633.19, **TOTAL 38020.11**

Deputy Klensman reported Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged 37 hours in March with five calls for service.

Carrie Thole & Todd Stecklein of Smith Insurance, LLC reviewed the insurance package proposal for April, 2025 – March, 2026. This year's premium carries an 8.9% increase to \$33948.29. Motion by Devlin, second by Adams to accept the proposal. Ayes: Lamphier, Lincoln, Slack, Adams, & Devlin. Motion carried as Resolution 25-08.

There was a request to allow chickens on property at 310 Washburn Avenue. Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control, 55.05 states "It is unlawful for a person to keep livestock within the City except by written consent of the Council. Motion by Devlin, second by Lamphier to send written consent to property owner that chickens shall be penned or fenced no closer than 20' to residences other than the residence on the premises, no more than 6 chickens are permitted on the premise, and waste disposal plan is in place. All ayes; motion carried.

There was also a request to allow llama & alpaca on property at 310 Washburn Avenue. Motion by Lamphier, second by Adams to deny the request at this time and have property owner present a plan for fencing and stabling the animals. All ayes; motion carried.

Fire Chief, Terry Crow reported Fire Department had 3 controlled burn notifications, 1 fire, 1 mutual aid, and 3 medical calls. Mayor Cook reported BCEDC would be meeting at Lamont Community Room at 5:30 pm on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor Cook also reported clean-up day is April 5<sup>th</sup> so he will be contacting residents encouraging them to get properties cleaned up before he begins the nuisance abatement process on April 7<sup>th</sup> and issue citations to any that are in violation of Chapter 50 & 51 of City Code. Mayor Cook announced Lamont will be a pass thru city on the final day of RAGBRAI LII, July 26<sup>th</sup>, after an overnight stay in Oelwein. Our pass thru meeting dates are April 17 & May 22 at 1:00 pm at the Community Room.

Budget proposal for FY26 was reviewed. Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier to set budget hearing for April 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Ayes: Adams, Devlin, Lincoln, Lamphier, & Slack. Motion carried as Resolution 25-09.

Motion by Slack, second by Adams to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Paula J. Harvey  
City Clerk

Michel J. Cook  
Mayor