

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Adams, Devlin, Lamphier, & Lincoln. Absent: Slack. Motion by Adams, second by Lamphier to approve the consent agenda: a) January Agenda b) December Minutes c) Bills d) December Receipts e) December Treasurer's Report. All ayes; motion carried.

Banklowa	Return Item Fee	4.00
Angela Happel	Wages 12/6/25	330.69
Paula Harvey	Wages 12/6/25	1742.51
Doug Davis	Wages 12/6/25	377.62
Paul Lincoln	Wages 12/6/25	1766.36
Jacob Haynes	Reissue Check	78.50
Chaz Fleming	Reissue Check	217.02
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	2075.57
Banklowa	Safe Deposit Box Rental	25.00
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	909.55
Buchanan County Abstract	Scout Park & Lamont Sign Abstracts	350.00
Center Point Large Print	Books	49.14
Doors Inc	Wellhouse Ext Door Repair	607.00
Jensen Flooring	Carpet Cleaning - Library	125.00
K&A Farm Equipment	Filter/Cutting Edge/Skid Shoe/Service Call	431.09
Kim Cook	BLS Instructor Manual/EMS Supplies	115.64
Municipal Supply	Annual Sensus Support	3850.00
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	55.65
Press Journal	Nov Publications	190.56
RSP, LLC	Legal Fees	565.00
Servicemaster of the Key City	Carpet Cleaning - Library	849.87
Steve's Lock & Key	Wellhouse Door Lock	529.10
Strawberry Point Hardware	Ext Cords for Cmas Lights	37.88
Team Labs	Super Bugs/Ice Melt	795.00
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	63.12
Visa	Postage/Office/Lime/Books	436.70
Wellmark	Jan Premium	1184.07
Windstream	Phone Service	438.89
Iowa Dept of Revenue	3rd Qtr Nov Sales Tax	122.78
Iowa Dept of Revenue	3rd Qtr Nov Water Service Excise Tax	339.12
Paula Harvey	Wages 12/20/25	1742.51
Val Timmerman	Wages 12/20/25	123.71
Ann Pech	Wages 12/20/25	40.41
Paul Lincoln	Wages 12/20/25	1766.36
JoDee Devlin	Wages 12/20/25	110.71
Jarrod Lamphier	Wages 12/20/25	166.23
Michael Slack	Wages 12/20/25	166.23
Joseph Lincoln	Wages 12/20/25	138.52
Michael Cook	Wages 12/20/25	299.85
Mark Adams	Wages 12/20/25	138.52
US Treasury	December 941 Tax	2710.78
IPERS	December Contributions	1578.84
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Withholding	952.14
Banklowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	12.75
Banklowa	Deposit Slips	136.49
Gerald Weece	Deposit Refund	75.00
Paula Harvey	Wages 1/3/26	1761.05
Doug Davis	Wages 1/3/26	136.72
Karen Kremer	Wages 1/3/26	40.41
Ann Pech	Wages 1/3/26	40.41
Paul Lincoln	Wages 1/3/26	1784.90
Angie Nolda	Deposit Refund	175.00
Buchanan County Auditor	3rd Qtr FY26 Law Enforcement	6435.00
Hawkins, Inc	Chlorine Tank Rental	20.00
Kluesner Sanitation	Dec Hauling	4010.96
MacQueen	SCBA Flow/Gear - Pants & Coats	10981.71
MARC	Lift Station Cleaner	993.00
McDermott Oil Co	Fuel	181.67
Microbac Labs	Drinking Water Analysis	17.50
Modem Marketing	Library Bags	150.51
Iowa DCI	Background Check	30.00

Expenditures by Fund: General 19033.17, Road Use Tax 3224.76, Trust & Agency 1045.44, Local Option Sales Tax 8313.97, Water 11200.03, Sewer 6921.91, Landfill 5764.28, Stormwater 46.76 **TOTAL 55550.32**

December Receipts: Interest 22.05, Franchise Fees 669.35, City Services 23079.64, Fire Dept Donation 10.00, Library Open Access/ILL Reimb 421.06, Library Donation 10.00, Property Taxes 6338.53, Rent/Camping 700.00, Local Option Sales Tax 9706.02, Road Use Tax 4438.59, Refunds/Rebates 8.69, **TOTAL 45403.93**

No report from Buchanan County Sheriff Department. Twenty-two hours were logged for the month of December. Nothing to report from Public Works Director. Fire Chief Crow reported the fire department had been on one medical, two fire alarms, five lift assists, and one control burn request since last meeting. The new call order for an ambulance is a work in progress. Fire Chief Crow will be working with Mayor Cook on vacant house training.

Mayor Cook reported library open house will be Saturday, February 7th from 9:30 am – 11:30 am to welcome new library director, Sarah Fletcher. The EBTC survey was successful so they will be moving forward with the fiber optic installation. He is looking for ideas for Lamont to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Devlin to appoint Paula Harvey as City Clerk for two years. Ayes: Adams, Lamphier, Devlin, & Lincoln. Motion carried as Resolution 26-01

Motion by Lamphier, second by Lincoln to designate the Press Journal as the official publication. Ayes: Devlin, Adams, Lincoln, & Lamphier. Motion carried as Resolution 26-02.

Motion by Devlin, second by Lamphier to approve amending the City Attorney compensation to \$175 per hour effective January 1, 2026. Ayes: Lincoln, Adams, Lamphier, & Devlin. Motion carried as Resolution 26-03.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Devlin to leave committee & delegate assignments the same. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Adams to approve law contract for FY27 in the amount of \$26,598.00, a per capita rate of \$62.00 (based on 2020 census figures of 429). Ayes: Lamphier, Devlin, Adams, & Lincoln. Motion carried as Resolution 26-04.

City Clerk reported property valuations for FY27 is \$8950858 which is an increase of \$962,672 and ag land is \$300416 which is an increase of \$180,591 from FY26 which is an increase in property tax dollars of 6680. Road Use Tax and Local Option Sales Tax will be budgeted the same as last year.

Mayor & Council discussed the updates to the City of Lamont Code of Ordinances provided by Iowa Codification.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Lamphier to terminate the easement with GrowMark, Inc. dba AgAdvantage FS & City of Lamont and transfer ownership of the land to City of Lamont. Ayes: Devlin, Adams, Lincoln, & Lamphier.

Motion by Devlin, second by Lincoln to approve quit claim deed by GrowMark, Inc. dba AgVantage FS to City of Lamont for land Lamont sign sits on. Ayes: Lamphier, Adams, Lincoln, & Devlin.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Devlin to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Paula J. Harvey
City Clerk

Michael J. Cook
Mayor