

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 7:00 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) March Agenda b) February Minutes c) Bills d) February Receipts e) Treasurer Report. All ayes; motion carried.

Banklowa	Return Item Fee	4.00
Kori Jones	Deposit Refund	75.00
Paula Harvey	Wages 2/14/26	1761.05
Karen Kremer	Wages 2/14/26	72.73
Paul Lincoln	Wages 2/14/26	1784.90
Sarah Fletcher	Wages 2/14/26	366.61
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Jan Sales Tax	123.92
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Jan Water Excise Tax	375.30
US Treasury	February 941 Tax	2560.78
IPERS	February Contributions	1591.86
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	2369.36
Ashley Hemsen	Deposit Refund	75.00
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	1421.35
Buchanan Co Landfill Comm	FY26 Assessment	429.00
Buchanan Co Senior Center	FY26 Appropriation	300.00
Cedar Valley Hospice	FY26 Appropriation	200.00
Center Point Large Print	Books	49.14
GUMC Food Pantry	FY26 Appropriation	200.00
Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Tank Rental	20.00
Independence Food Pantry	FY26 Appropriation	300.00
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	75.48
Operation Threshold	FY26 Appropriation	500.00
Pathways Behavior Services	FY26 Appropriation	300.00
Press Journal	Jan Publications	119.62
Rodas Chevrolet, Inc.	2026 Chevy Silverado K3500	66431.31
RSP, LLC	Legal Fees	306.25
Storey Kenworthy	Paper/Ink Rollers/Cartridge	115.33
Strawberry Point Hardware	Battery/Ballast/Fluorescent Tubes	48.26
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	63.11
Visa	Chair/Pickup Fuel/Books/Postage	773.82
Wellmark	Mar Premium	1184.07
Windstream	Phone Service	438.68
Don's Truck Sales	Western Wide Out Plow & Sander	26193.00
Office Towne	Install Printer on Computers	175.00
True North	AD&D Policy - Fire Dept	273.60
Banklowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	12.45
Paula Harvey	Wages 3/6/26	1778.20
Doug Davis	Wages 3/6/26	117.19
Paul Lincoln	Wages 3/6/26	1784.90
Sarah Fletcher	Wages 3/6/26	469.89

Expenditures by Fund: General 31016.77, Road Use Tax 24700.91, Trust & Agency 1286.00, Local Option Sales Tax 1060.29, Water 28149.18, Sewer 27231.98, Landfill 1737.93, Stormwater 57.10, **TOTAL 115240.16**

February Receipts: Interest 20.30, Franchise Fees 5442.65, City Services 18820.71, Township Fees 2928.00, Property Tax 219.34, Rent/Camping 450.00, Library – copies 53.92, Local Option Sales Tax 4146.68, Road Use Tax 3632.94, **TOTAL 35714.54**

No report from Buchanan County Sheriff's Department but 20 hours of service were logged in February.

Randy Kramer from Prairie Road Builders presented pricing proposal for 2026 road work. Prices are up from last year with Seal Coat over 12,000 \$2.90/sy, 6000-12000 \$3.09/sy, under 6000 \$3.28/sy. Surface Patching went up \$5/ton to \$310.00/ton for Cold Mix. Motion by Devlin, second by Lamphier to accept pricing proposal. All ayes; motion carried as Resolution 26-08.

Mike Becker, General Manager of East Buchanan Telephone Coop, updated Council on the status of the Lamont Fiber Optic Project and showed examples of equipment that they place in homes and businesses. Techs are in town starting the site surveys with residents to have the line brought to their houses which is a free service.

City Clerk reported Fire Department had zero calls since last meeting. Trucks have been serviced by Crawford Transport and no change in officer positions. No BCEDC report.

Mayor Cook reported Mayor's spotlight for the month was the American Legion Loren Foster Post 346. No entries were received for the "If I Was Mayor Contest" and he is working on a Scavenger Hunt. Spring Clean-up is on regular garbage pickup, April 8th with Schafer bringing a dumpster for appliances and metal.

Public Works Director reported new plow truck is ready to go, waiting for Oasis quote to repair pipe on Albert Street, and replacing shop furnace.

Motion by Devlin, second by Lamphier to approve Resolution 26-09 certifying delinquent city service bills to the property taxes for collection. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to approve health insurance reimbursement to City Clerk. Ayes: Adams, Devlin, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack. Motion carried as Resolution 26-10.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Lamphier declaring 305 Church Street Lamont, Iowa and 315 Church Street Lamont, Iowa to be nuisance properties and/or safety hazards as well as dilapidated structures in need of demolition. Ayes: Devlin, Slack, Adams, Lamphier, & Lincoln. Motion carried as Resolution 26-11.

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln authorizing termination of easement with GrowMark, Inc. d/b/a AgVantage FS. Ayes: Lamphier, Adams, Devlin, Lincoln, & Slack. Motion carried as Resolution 26-12.

Motion by Devlin, second by Adams to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Paula J. Harvey
City Clerk

Michael J. Cook
Mayor