

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday, July 14, 2021 with Mayor Dozark calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Behrens, Burlington, Devlin, Lamphier & McTaggart.

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

Angela Happel	Wages 6/18/21	343.55
Joe Opperman	Wages 6/18/21	1534.84
Paula Harvey	Wages 6/18/21	1225.37
Brian Lau	Wages 6/18/21	121.00
Karen Kremer	Wages 6/18/21	93.04
Mary Ann Dozark	Council/Special Mtg Wages	415.57
JoDee Devlin	Council Mtg Wages	110.71
Billie Burlington	Council Mtg Wages	166.07
Nick McTaggart	Council Mtg Wages	110.82
Jarrold Lamphier	Council Mtg Wages	166.23
Kay Behrens	Council Mtg Wages	193.93
Jodie Lahey	Deposit Refund	143.75
Jinna Latham	Deposit Refund	200.00
Ryan Vickroy	Deposit Refund	10.75
Brooke Willie	Deposit Refund	160.00
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	1842.71
Amazon	Books/DVDs	272.03
Buchanan Co Abstract Co	330 Pine Street Abstract	580.00
Buchanan Co Engineer	16 Ton Sand/Salt Mix FY21	737.28
Buchanan Co Fireman's Assn	2021 Association Dues	30.00
Center Point Large Print	Books	44.34
Diane Harris	Deposit Refund	75.00
JD Financial	Screws/Bits/GrassSeed/Plbg Parts	101.10
Main Street Designs	Cmas Lights	1217.59
McDermott Oil Co	Fuel for #481 & #484	165.01
Press Journal	Subscription/May Publications	139.24
RSP, PLC	Legal Fees	93.75
Sandry Fire Supply	2 Sets Gear - Coats & Pants	4117.86
Strawberry Pt Firefighters Assn	Rescue Rig Payment	8000.00
Theresa Broadwater	Deposit Refund	105.00
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	95.82
Visa	Fuel/Sinks/Postage/Weedeater/Cleaning	582.74
Wellmark	July Premium	1015.31
Windstream	Phone Service	276.54
US Treasury	June 941 Tax	2072.01
Iowa Dept of Revenue	2nd Qtr Withholding	863.00
IPERS	June Contributions	1354.83
Black Earth Landscape	Landscape Labor/RoundUp/Preen	481.49
Paula Harvey	Recording Fees - 330 Pine Street	17.00
StoreyKenworthy	Graph Pad/Toner	79.13
Smith Insurance	Add 2004 Ambulance	866.00
Banklwa	I-Net/ACH Fees	7.80
Angela Happel	Wages 7/2/21	315.50
Joe Opperman	Wages 7/2/21	1585.89
Paula Harvey	Wages 7/2/21	1272.65
Brian Lau	Wages 7/2/21	150.98
Val Timmerman	Wages 7/2/21	171.12
Amy Noble Accy	Deposit Refund	75.00
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	144.36
Buchanan County Auditor	1st Qtr FY22 Law Enforcement	5993.00
Iowa DNR	Water Supply Fee	52.53
IMWCA	Work Comp Premium FY22	3921.00
Kluesner Sanitation	June Hauling	3964.60
Iowa League of Cities	Member Dues FY22	501.00
Press Journal	June Publications	108.80
Rena Michael	Deposit Refund	75.00
Strawberry Pt Fire Assn	2004 Rescue Rig	4000.00
USPS	Box Service Fee	96.00
Central Tank Coatings Inc.	Paint Exterior & Raise Handrail	21200.00
Scherrman's Implement	Skidsteer Filters	350.80
Team Lab	MegaBugs/ShadyBlue/AquaTerra	1734.67
Viafield	Roundup	135.40
Visa	Fuel/Postage/DNR Certificates	267.06

Expenditures by Fund: General 26952.94, Road Use Tax 516.47, Trust & Agency 5816.42, Local Option Sales Tax 7037.68, Water 25931.49, Sewer 4892.05, Landfill 5196.52, **TOTAL 76343.57**

June Receipts: Local Option Sales Tax 4075.09, Cigarette Permit 75.00, Property Tax 1902.90, Franchise Fees 435.98, Road Use Tax 5591.38, City Services 21193.07, Interest 185.50, Miscellaneous – Stars \$100.00, Rent/Camping 285.00 **Total 33843.92**

Deputy Sheriff Bentley from the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department attended the meeting and introduced himself. He has been with the department for only a few months and usually works second shift.

Mayor Dozark opened the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Exterior Home Improvement Grant Application & the Community Development Housing Needs Assessment. Cindy Knox from INRCOG presented the grant application. Using information that was contained in the most recent Buchanan County Housing Needs Assessment and provided by City leaders, employees, and citizens, the city has updated the city-wide Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. These documents and information illustrated a need for another owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. To determine additional community interest, potential participants responded to program marketing by requesting program applications. Based on the obtained information, the City has decided to apply to the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Housing Fund for a grant to provide funding for an Exterior Home Improvement program to rehabilitate three low-to-moderate income owner-occupied housing units located within the city limits but not located in the 100-year flood plain. The City is requesting a total of \$ 126,997.00 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The City will not contribute local funds for a project total of \$ 126,997.00. Due to the eligibility requirements of the program, 100% of the federal funds involved will benefit low-to-moderate income persons. No businesses or person will be displaced as a result of the proposed activities. The only relocation that may take place will be the temporary relocation of households in order to comply with lead base paint requirements. The application will be submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority on or after July 15, 2021. Citizen proposals, any questions or complaints concerning this proposed activity can be directed to myself, Cindy Knox, Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, 229 E. Park Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703. The City entertained public comment and questions on the specifics of the grant application during this hearing. No one appeared for or against said proposal. No comments written or oral have been received. Mayor Dozark closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Burington, second by Behrens authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Exterior Home Improvement Grant Application & the Federal Assurance Form. Ayes: Devlin, McTaggart, Lamphier, Behrens, and Burington. Motion carried as Resolution 21-18.

Motion by McTaggart, second by Devlin authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for the general administrative services with the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG). Ayes: Burington, Behrens, Lamphier, Devlin, & McTaggart. Motion carried as Resolution 21-19.

Motion by Burington, second by Lamphier adopting a Community Development & Housing Needs Assessment. Ayes: Behrens, Devlin, McTaggart, Lamphier, & Burington. Motion carried as Resolution 21-20.

Motion by McTaggart, second by Behrens authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for technical services administration with the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG). Ayes: Lamphier, Devlin, Burington, Behrens, & McTaggart. Motion carried as Resolution 21-21.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Burington adopting an administrative plan for the City of Lamont Exterior Home Housing Rehabilitation Program. Ayes: McTaggart, Devlin, Behrens, Burington, & Lamphier. Motion carried as Resolution 21-22.

Kathy Welter representing the Community Club requested permission to close Bush Street before the parade until after the street dance for Lamont Day Activities. Motion by McTaggart, second by Devlin to close Bush Street from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. for Lamont Day on August 7th. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Dozark opened the hearing on appeal regarding dog bite. Bob Smith stated that on May 21, 2021 he was bitten by Tim and Amanda Krogmann's dog at 630 Warner Street and had contacted Buchanan County Law Enforcement. City of Lamont sent a letter to the Krogmanns to take the necessary steps to remove dog from city limits per City Code 55.09.

Krogmanns appealed and asked for a hearing to keep their dog. Tim Krogmann stated that their dog Rusty is not a vicious dog and presented photos of Rusty around people at a 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. Since the dog bite incident, the Krogmanns have posted "Beware of Dog" signs around their property and erected a fence. Council directed questions to Mr. Smith and the Krogmanns. Mayor Dozark closed the hearing. Motion by Devlin, second by Burington to remove the dog from city limits deeming the dog vicious since it bit someone without provocation per City Code 55.09. Ayes: McTaggart, Burington, & Devlin; Nays: Behrens & Lamphier. Motion carried. Motion by Burington, second by Lamphier to remove dog at 630 Warner Street from city limits by July 31, 2021. All ayes; motion carried.

No report from EMS. Nothing to report from Streets & Sidewalks or Parks & Recreation. Property Maintenance will be viewing the storm water project to see that property owners are keeping all waterways, ditches, culverts, and drainage areas free of brush, trash, debris, and trees per city code 147.03 (11).

Public Works reported the water tower has been cleaned, inspected, exterior painted, and handrail raised to OSHA standards. Prairie Road Builders will be working on streets next week. New lawn tractor should be here end of July but had to go with 60" deck instead of 54". Noon and six whistle has been reset but does City want to continue it. Motion by Lamphier, second by McTaggart to keep the noon and six whistle. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Behrens, second by Devlin to accept Marcus Allan and Avery Fletcher applications to the Fire Department. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by McTaggart, second by Behrens to certify delinquent mowing of property fees to property taxes for collection. All ayes; motion carried as Resolution 21-23.

Councilperson Devlin presented sidewalk construction prices. A four foot, four inch, twenty foot section would be \$480-\$560. City Clerk will see if grants are available and possibly set up funding next fiscal year for a City/Property Owners Agreement for sidewalk repair, replacement, and/or installation. Motion by Behrens, second by Burington to wait on sidewalk enforcement at this time. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Devlin, second by McTaggart to keep Scout House deposit fee at \$75.00 per day but raise Scout House rental fee to \$100.00 per day beginning 1/1/2022. Motion by Burington, second by Behrens to keep camping fees at \$15.00 (electrical hookup) and \$5.00 (primitive) per night. All ayes; motion carried.

City Clerk has filed the paperwork for the American Rescue Plan Funds. One of the uses of these funds is investing in water and sewer infrastructure so Public Works Director will request quotes for city wide sewer camera inspection and fire hydrant replacement.

Motion by McTaggart, second by Devlin to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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Paula J. Harvey  
City Clerk

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Mary Ann Dozark  
Mayor