

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Adams, Devlin, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack. Motion by Devlin, 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.

Iowa DCI	Background Check	15.00
Banklowa	Return Item Fee	4.00
Angela Happel	Wages 12/13/24	462.57
Paula Harvey	Wages 12/13/24	1655.08
Paul Lincoln	Wages 12/13/24	1682.26
AEI	Replace Lift Station Heater	846.26
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	2062.08
Angela Happel	Mileage to County Mtg - Independence	27.28
Center Point Large Print	Books	47.94
JD Financial	Deadbolt/Heaters/Rope	90.96
K&A Farm Equipment	Chains for Tractor	408.00
MercyOne	Drug Test - Lincoln	30.00
Origin Design	2024 Bridge Inspections	1500.00
Press Journal	Nov Publications	93.82
RSP, LLC	Legal Fees	603.50
Storey Kenworthy	Utility Billing Statements	770.00
Strawberry Point Hardware	Toilet Bowl Cleaner	9.99
True North	AD&D Policy - Fire Dept	250.00
TWR Dock & Marine	Batteries for Ambulance	476.85
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	62.76
Visa	Office/BamOwl/Postage/Books	348.94
Wellmark	Jan Premium	1044.94
Windstream	Phone Service	426.90
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Nov Sales Tax	86.65
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Nov Water Service Excise Tax	325.27
Angela Happel	Wages 12/27/24	467.96
Paula Harvey	Wages 12/27/24	1655.08
Doug Davis	Wages 12/27/24	181.58
Val Timmerman	Wages 12/27/24	156.53
Ann Pech	Wages 12/27/24	22.86
Paul Lincoln	Wages 12/27/24	1682.26
JoDee Devlin	Wages 12/27/24	138.38
Jarrod Lamphier	Wages 12/27/24	166.23
Michael Slack	Wages 12/27/24	166.23
Joseph Lincoln	Wages 12/27/24	166.23
Michael Cook	Wages 12/27/24	322.90
Mark Adams	Wages 12/27/24	166.23
US Treasury	December 941 Tax	2695.48
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Withholding	1150.02
IPERS	December Contributions	1641.52
Banklowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	13.20
Banklowa	Safety Deposit Box Rental	25.00
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	837.05
Buchanan Co Abstract	305 Church Street Abstract	175.00
Buchanan County Auditor	3rd Qtr FY25 Law Enforcement	6220.50
Don German	Deposit Refund	75.00
Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Tank Rental	20.00
Iowa One Call	Locate Emails	18.10
John Albright	Deposit Refund	75.00
Kluesner Sanitation	Dec Hauling	3968.10
Krivachek Janitorial	Paper Towels	41.99
McDermott Oil Co	Fuel for Pickup and Dump Truck	181.29
Microbac Labs	Drinking Water Analysis	17.50
Napa Auto Parts	Dump Truck Wiper Blades	22.98
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	74.98

Expenditures by Fund: General 8821.89, Road Use Tax 2048.60, Trust & Agency 1349.58, Local Option Sales Tax 7673.34, Water 5246.97, Sewer 5143.25, Landfill 5553.07, Stormwater 39.53 **TOTAL 35876.23**

December Receipts: Interest 21.47, Franchise Fees 457.55, City Services 20468.57, Fire Dept Donation 110.00, Library Open Access/ILL Reimb 447.61, Property Taxes 3901.86, Rent/Camping 275.00, Local Option Sales Tax 4068.95, Road Use Tax 4589.71, **TOTAL 34340.72**

No report from Buchanan County Sheriff Department but 70 hours were logged for the month of December. Public Works Director presented quotes for a new plow truck but wants to keep looking. Fire Chief Crow reported the fire department had been on three medical, one motor vehicle accident and one control burn request since last meeting. The department did CPR recertifications and is preparing for the state EMS audit. There were 37 EMS calls during 2024 with 22 within the city. Regional Medical Center responded to 17 and Strawberry Point 5.

Mayor Cook presented ideas for improvements to city owned buildings and grounds/parks for FY26 budget. He continues to work with nuisance abatement property owners.

City Clerk reported property valuations for FY26 is \$7988613 which is an increase of \$50577 and ag land is \$119825 which is an increase of \$27128 from FY25 but would only be an increase in property tax dollars of 498. The premium increases of property insurance will make that tax dollar rate over 5%.

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Paula J. Harvey
City Clerk

Michael J. Cook
Mayor