

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Adams, Lamphier, Lincoln, & Slack. Devlin arrived at 7:01 pm.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Slack to approve the consent agenda: a) December Agenda b) November Minutes c) Bills d) November Receipts e) November Treasurer's Report. All ayes; motion carried.

Angela Happel	Wages 11/15/24	526.56
Paula Harvey	Wages 11/15/24	1655.08
Doug Davis	Wages 11/15/24	156.53
Paul Lincoln	Wages 11/15/24	1682.26
Christopher Berry	Deposit Refund	74.23
Jim & Marlene Busch	Deposit Refund	21.71
Kimberly & Tyler Knipper	Deposit Refund	20.93
Logan Wiskus	Deposit Refund	49.30
Anderson Electric	Repair Tennis Court Timer	129.00
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	1787.87
Angela Happel	Mileage to County Mtg	27.28
Aylee Klostermann	Deposit Refund	75.00
Center Point Large Print	Books	47.94
Hammer Time Constr.	Concrete Slab at Library	1500.00
Microbac Labs	Drinking Water Analysis	17.50
Municipal Supply	Annual Sensus Support	3150.00
Napa Auto Parts	Snowblower Hose & Fittings	213.82
Press Journal	Oct Publications	297.61
RSP, LLC	Legal Fees	425.56
Storey Kenworthy	City Hall Entry Mats	173.26
Strawberry Pt Hardware	Flange/Anchors/Cat Litter	14.83
Terry Crow	Mileage to Buch Co 911/EMS Mtg	22.32
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	62.76
USA Bluebook	Chlorine Testing Supplies	227.42
Visa	BarnOwl/Books/DVDs/Postage/Towels	331.85
Wellmark	Dec Premium	952.09
Windstream	Phone Service	426.90
Chaz Fleming	Reissue Check	83.11
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Oct Sales Tax	152.83
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Oct Water Service Excise Tax	405.34
Angela Happel	Wages 11/29/24	505.60
Paula Harvey	Wages 11/29/24	1655.08
Paul Lincoln	Wages 11/29/24	1682.26
US Treasury	November 941 Tax	3924.14
IPERS	November Contributions	2363.46
Banklowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	12.90
Banklowa	Stormwater Loan Payment	29913.24
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	296.46
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	EMS Supplies	443.17
gWorks	Annual License/Support Fee	6000.00
Hawkins Inc	Chlorine Tank Rental	20.00
Heidi Kayser	Deposit Refund	75.00
IRWA	Annual Dues/Membership	305.00
Kluesner Construction	2024 Street Repair - Asphalt	5600.00
Kluesner Sanitation	Nov Hauling	3988.10
McDermott Oil	Fuel/LP Tank	168.65
Office Towne	Copier Service Agreement	47.33
Renae Michael	Deposit Refund	75.00

Expenditures by Fund: General 8787.46, Road Use Tax 7330.75, Trust & Agency 1337.48, Local Option Sales Tax 1391.56, Water 11121.88, Sewer 6448.45, Landfill 5393.74, Storm Water 29974.96, **TOTAL 71786.28**

November Receipts: Interest 22.13, Franchise Fees 413.31, City Services 18515.16, Road Use Tax 4769.04, Local Option Sales Tax 4012.16, Property Tax 6713.57, Fire Dept – Donation 350.00, Fire Dept – Township Fees 2630.00, Library – Amazon Refund 102.98, Misc – Table/Chair Rental 15.00, Rent/Camping 350.00, **TOTAL 37893.35**

Deputy Tyler Klenzman reported the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged 48 hours during November with calls for service being 911 hangups, verbal argument, and assist other agencies.

Public Works Director reported pump was installed at lift station so back up to full capacity and bridge inspection was complete with a few maintenance comments.

Fire Chief Crow reported the fire department had been on 4 medical and 2 rollovers since the last meeting. He attended the 911 EMA meeting where it was noted that all radios should be switched over by end of December and the generators for the towers around the county are failing so EMA will be looking to repair or replace. Mayor Cook reported when he contacted Windstream regarding slow internet service within Lamont, their reply was each customer is different with regard to billing and speed so they would need to call in individually. He will continue to work with them for better internet service. Mayor Cook attended court on the 315 Church Street property and City will be the owner after sixty days so clean up can begin. He has issued a nuisance abatement order at 619 Bush Street property.

Motion by Devlin, second by Lincoln, to certify delinquent city service bills to property taxes for collection. All ayes, motion carried as Resolution 24-28.

Mayor Cook presented property pictures and assessor report of 305 Church Street property. Motion by Lincoln, second by Slack to authorize abandonment proceedings pursuant to Iowa Code Section 657A.10B against real property located at 305 Church Street. All ayes; motion carried as Resolution 24-29.

Discussion was held on incentives to attract new businesses to Lamont. There are several programs available through BCEDC and INRCOG. Considerations for FY26 budget were discussed.

Motion by Slack, second by Devlin for City to pay for EMT training for a fire department member and be reimbursed by Buchanan County EMS Association Grant upon completion. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Adams to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Paula J. Harvey
City Clerk

Michael J. Cook
Mayor