

The regular meeting of the Lamont City Council was held Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order. Present: Adams, Lincoln, & Slack. Lamphier arrived at 7:03 pm. Absent: Devlin

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

BankIowa	Return Item Fee	4.00
Angela Happel	Wages 1/10/25	387.26
Paula Harvey	Wages 1/10/25	1680.91
Paul Lincoln	Wages 1/10/25	1708.92
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Dec Sales Tax	123.54
Iowa Dept of Revenue	4th Qtr Dec Water Excise Tax	365.05
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	2175.16
Buchanan Co Fireman Assn	2025 Association Dues	30.00
Center Point Large Print	Books	47.94
JD Financial	Scraper/Blades/Remotes	257.91
John Keppler	Tree Removal - Ballfield	900.00
K&A Farm Equipment	Grapple Bucket Hoses	227.38
Press Journal	Dec Publications	104.74
Quality Flow Systems	Submersible Pump Repair	1950.00
RSP, LLC	Legal Fees	337.50
Strawberry Point Hardware	IceMelt/Saw/Spreader/Batteries	557.43
UnityPoint Clinic	Drug Test - Lincoln	42.00
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	63.09
Visa	BarnOwl/Books/Dell Drum Unit	205.93
Wellmark	Feb Premium	1044.94
Windstream	Phone Service	427.10
Angela Happel	Wages 1/24/25	478.70
Paula Harvey	Wages 1/24/25	1680.91
Paul Lincoln	Wages 1/24/25	1708.92
US Treasury	January 941 Tax	2464.64
IPERS	January Contributions	1551.07
BankIowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	12.15
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	1152.66
Buchanan Co Fire Officers	FY25 Officer Dues	25.00
Buchanan Co Tourism	Annual Dues	150.00
Delhi Lumber	Shop Garage Door Opener	496.52
Hawkins, Inc	Chlorine Tank Rental	20.00
Kim Cook	CPR Instructor Renewal	75.00
Kluesner Sanitation	Jan Hauling	3980.96
McDermott Oil Co	Fuel for Pickup	88.91
Microbac Labs	Drinking Water Analysis	17.50
Office Towne	PW Laptop/Copier Service Agmt	160.46
RSP, LLC	Legal Fees	262.50
Storey Kenworthy	Paper/Binders/Laser Checks	459.91
Terry Crow	Mileage to Fire/911 Mtg	59.80
Angela Happel	Wages 2/7/25	530.25
Paula Harvey	Wages 2/7/25	1680.91
Paul Lincoln	Wages 2/7/25	1708.92

Expenditures by Fund: General 8938.13, Road Use Tax 2154.86, Trust & Agency 947.34, Local Option Sales Tax 1137.95, Water 5841.00, Sewer 6758.38, Landfill 5580.23, Storm Sewer 48.60 **TOTAL 31406.49**

February Receipts: Interest 2361.30, Fire Dept – Donation 1200.00, Township Fees 2928.00, Library – Donation 10.00, FY22 Appropriation 12840.74, Fines & Court Costs 53.60, Franchise Fees 974.58, City Services 23955.03, Property Tax 673.71, Rent/Camping 175.00, Local Option Sales Tax 6100.08, Road Use Tax 4752.72, **TOTAL 56024.76**

Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged 47 hours of service in January. Mayor Cook reported calls for service included two assault and a theft.

There was a request to allow chickens on property at 960 Pearl Street. Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control, 55.05 states "It is unlawful for a person to keep livestock within the City except by written consent of the Council. Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier to send written consent to property owner that chickens shall be penned or fenced no closer than 20' to residences other than the residence on the premises, no more than 6 chickens are permitted on the premise, and waste disposal plan is in place. All ayes; motion carried.

Fireman Lamphier reported the fire department had been on 5 medical, 1 fire, and 1 mutual aid since last meeting. The department would be hosting Livestock Truck Rollover Training on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Mayor Cook reported on the Buchanan County Landfill Commission meeting he attended where FY26 assessment would remain at \$1 per capita and raises were given to landfill employees. The Buchanan County Assessor is retiring so a committee was formed to interview for his replacement. He presented information on pickleball courts and grant opportunities along with the SWCD tree order. He is still working with Bush Street property owner nuisance. Habitat for Humanity Representative, Brenda Schmidtke, will be available in the Community Room on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00

pm for anyone interested with help with home repairs. Mayor Cook also reported City owned the Church Street property and now working on the second one.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Adams to approve Public Works Director vacation. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Slack to approve law contract for FY26 in the amount of \$25,740, a per capita rate of \$60.00 (based on 2020 census figures of 429). Ayes: Lincoln, Adams, Slack, & Lamphier. Motion carried as Resolution 25-01.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Lamphier to adopt Resolution 25-02 for codification services to update Code of Ordinances for City of Lamont. All ayes; motion carried. Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to approve the online codification costs. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln for Mayor to discuss speed zone changes on Highway 187 city limits with the Iowa DOT. All ayes; motion carried.

Budget proposal for FY26 was reviewed. Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to set public hearing for the purpose of considering the consolidated general fund tax levy for the City's fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 2nd. Ayes: Lamphier, Adams, Lincoln, & Slack. Motion carried as Resolution 25-03.

City Clerk reported Spring Clean Up Day is April 5<sup>th</sup>. Items need to be curbside by 6:00 am. Mayor Cook will contact Schafer's Iron & Metal from Rowley for two dumpsters, one for appliances and one for metals. No tvs, computers or electronics. Residents will have to contact City Hall to pay \$20.00 per item for Kluesner Sanitation to pick up on regular garbage day.

Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Paula J. Harvey  
City Clerk

Michael J. Cook  
Mayor