

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

Motion by Lamphier, second by Devlin to approve the consent agenda: a) March Agenda b) February Minutes c) Bills d) February Receipts e) Treasurer Report. All ayes; motion carried.

Jamie Offerman	Deposit Refund	21.71
Angela Happel	Wages 2/21/25	473.23
Paula Harvey	Wages 2/21/25	1680.91
Doug Davis	Wages 2/21/25	100.18
Ann Pech	Wages 2/21/25	24.24
Paul Lincoln	Wages 2/21/25	1708.92
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Jan Sales Tax	145.23
Iowa Dept of Revenue	1st Qtr Jan Water Excise Tax	399.00
US Treasury	February 941 Tax	2509.66
IPERS	February Contributions	1576.19
Alliant Energy	Electric Service	2246.10
Buchanan Co Senior Center	FY25 Appropriation	300.00
Buchanan SWCD	Maple Autumn Blaze Trees	160.00
Cedar Valley Hospice	FY25 Appropriation	200.00
Center Point Large Print	Books	47.94
Crawford Transport	Install Air Switch on Dump Truck	79.89
GUMC Food Pantry	FY25 Appropriation	200.00
Independence Food Pantry	FY25 Appropriation	300.00
Simmering-Cory/IA	Codification Services - Dn Pymt	1100.00
Iowa Prison Industries	Posts & Parking Signs	205.76
JD Financial	Toilet Flush Lever/5 Tier Shelf	67.98
Kirkwood Community College	CPR Renewal - BLS Provider	126.00
Martin Construction	Install Shop Garage Door	200.00
Operation Threshold	FY25 Appropriation	500.00
Pathways Behavioral Service	FY25 Appropriation	300.00
Starmont 2025 Post Prom	FY25 Post Prom Donation	100.00
Strawberry Point Hardware	Ext Cord/Potash/Key/Snap	95.55
Team Lab	Shady Blue Pond	767.50
US Cellular	Cellphone Service	63.09
Visa	Stamps/Books/DVDS/Calendar/Ink	273.14
Wellmark	Mar Premium	1044.94
Windstream	Phone Service	438.09
Banklowa	I-Net/ACH Fees	12.30
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	1177.30
Kluesner Sanitation	Feb Hauling	3950.96
McDermott Oil	Fuel for Pickup/Fire Trucks	261.26
Microbac Labs	Drinking Water Analysis	17.50
Napa Auto Parts	Fuel for Small Engines	206.94
Angela Happel	Wages 3/7/25	524.53
Paula Harvey	Wages 3/7/25	1680.91
Val Timmerman	Wages 3/7/25	118.96
Paul Lincoln	Wages 3/7/25	1708.92

Expenditures by Fund: General 8446.81, Road Use Tax 1546.87, Trust & Agency 984.93, Local Option Sales Tax 1520.67, Water 4485.38, Sewer 4508.09, Landfill 5190.20, Stormwater 61.88, **TOTAL 27114.83**

February Receipts: Interest 20.10, Franchise Fees 5026.78, City Services 18746.31, Fines/Court Costs 26.80, Insurance Dividend 4498.00, , Property Tax 3585.41, Local Option Sales Tax 3955.60, Road Use Tax 4035.81, **TOTAL 39894.81**

Buchanan County Sheriff's Department logged 19 hours of service in February. Deputy Tyler Klenzman reported two hours for calls for service and rest for patrol. Since weather is warming up, he wants to remind residents to be vigilant, keep doors, windows and vehicles locked and if you see something, report it.

Randy Kramer from Prairie Road Builders presented pricing proposal for 2025 road work. Prices remained the same from 2024 with Seal Coat over 15,000 \$2.90/sy, 6000-15000 \$3.00/sy, under 6000 \$3.18//sy. Surface Patching went up \$10/ton to \$305.00/ton for Cold Mix. Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier to accept pricing proposal. All ayes; motion carried as Resolution 25-04.

There was a request to allow chickens on property at 935 Jackson 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 Lamphier, second by Slack 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.

There was also a request to allow Nigerian dwarf goats on property at 125 South Street. Motion by Slack, second by Devlin to send written consent to property owner that goats shall be penned or fenced no closer than 20' to residences other than the residence on the premises, no more than 2 goats are permitted on the premise, and waste disposal plan is in place. All ayes; motion carried.

City Clerk reported Fire Department had been on 1 controlled burn request, 2 fire, 2 mutual aid, and 2 medical calls since last meeting. Fireman Lamphier attended the EMS meeting where discussion was on radio upgrade that will probably cost \$5,000 per radio per fireman on the department. No BCEDC report.

Mayor Cook reported Iowa DOT was looking at speed zone changes to 40 or 45 mph on Highway 187 city limits and installing a jake brake sign if City Council has an ordinance with how it's going to be enforced. He's working with City Attorney on second Church Street property. Spring Clean-up is April 5th with Schafer bringing dumpsters for appliances and metal. He presented an informational letter to send to new homeowners.

Public Works Director reported City was on rural water while repairing chlorinator.

Motion by Lincoln, second by Slack to approve Resolution 25-05 certifying delinquent city service bills to the property taxes for collection. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Lamphier, second by Slack to approve health insurance reimbursement to City Clerk. Ayes: Adams, Devlin, Lincoln, Slack, & Lamphier. Motion carried as Resolution 25-06.

Motion by Devlin, second by Adams to approve maintenance agreement for Kyocera printer. Ayes: Slack, Lincoln, Lamphier, Adams, & Devlin. Motion carried as Resolution 25-07.

Motion by Slack, second by Lamphier to approve April council meetings to accommodate the budget submission process for FY26. The Proposed Property Tax Hearing will be April 2nd at 6:00 pm with only item on agenda followed by a second meeting at 6:15 pm to set budget adoption hearing and any normal meeting agenda items. No meeting on normal meeting night of April 9th. Budget Adoption Hearing will be held on April 23rd at 6:00 pm along with any normal meeting agenda items. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Slack, second by Lincoln to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Paula J. Harvey
City Clerk

Michael J. Cook
Mayor