

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2026.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O’Loughlin, and Appleby in attendance.

This meeting was available for public attendance. The meeting was also broadcast on the local access channel, YouTube, and Facebook.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Mayner, second by Council Member O’Loughlin to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held June 22, 2026. Ayes: All.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Weber, second by Council Member Mayner to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: a) The minutes of the June 8, 2026, Regular Meeting. b) Del Rio Class C retail alcohol license renewal with a tentative effective date of June 15, 2026, through June 14, 2027. c) Wapsie Valley Creamery street closure request for Saturday, July 4, 2026. d) Renewal of Home Occupation and Solid Waste permits for Fiscal Year 2027. e) Chuong Garden Special Class C retail alcohol license renewal with a tentative effective date of July 11, 2026, through July 10, 2027. Ayes: All.

FINANCIALS

Motion by Council Member O’Loughlin, second by Council Member Mayner to approve the following bills for payment. Ayes: All.

ACCO	SUPPLIES-PR	\$8,943.85
ADESSA BRANDENBURG	UMPIRE-PR	\$385.00
ADP	PAYROLL SVCS	\$128,687.81
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	VEH MAINT-PD	\$26.15
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-L	\$1,569.02
AMERICAN COLOR IMAGING	SUPPLIES-L	\$60.11
ANGELA KILER	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
ARMOR EQUIPMENT	EQUIP-SW	\$2,047.81
BENTON'S READY MIXED CONCRETE	SUPPLIES-W	\$50.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	SUPPLIES-L	\$107.94
BLAKE HAYWARD	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
BLAYNE MERGEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$65.00
BLEICHNER, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$100.00
BMC AGGREGATES L.C.	MATERIALS-PR	\$595.08
BOLTON & MENK, INC.	SERVICES-A	\$7,348.00
BRAD ESCH	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
BRENT RECK	MISC EXP-PR	\$103.94
BRIAN LAU	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
BRODART CO	BOOKS-L	\$867.15
BROOKE CROMWELL	REFUNDS-PR	\$300.00
BRUENING ROCK	MATERIALS-PR,W,SW	\$9,593.13
BSN SPORTS, INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$2,361.46
BUCHANAN COUNTY HEALTH CENTER	AMB SVC-AMB	\$11,726.35
BUD'S ELECTRIC INC.	HOME REHAB-CH	\$9,650.00
BURCO SALES	VEH REPAIR-PR	\$193.87
CARD SERVICES-LIBRARY	MISC EXP-L	\$591.87
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-PR,PD,F,ST,W,A,CH	\$13,727.16
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES	SUPPLIES-PR	\$2,518.21
CARTER HOMAN	UMPIRE-PR	\$45.00
CEDAR BEND HUMANE SOCIETY	SERVICES-AC	\$192.00
CERTIFIED TITLE OF BUCHANAN CO	FEES-CH	\$500.00
CITY LAUNDERING CO. INC	BLDG MAINT-PD	\$97.56

COLE'S ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-A,F,PR	\$364.66
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	FUEL-PR,ST	\$4,909.21
CONTROL INSTALLATIONS OF IOWA	BLDG MAINT-CH	\$355.00
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE INC	MISC EXP-PR	\$1,012.98
DAX YOUNGBLUT	UMPIRE-PR	\$390.00
DELL MARKETING, LP	EQUIP-L	\$7,671.44
DICK'S PETROLEUM COMPANY INC	EQUIP-A	\$14,788.94
D & K PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES-W	\$122.50
DODGE, ELISSA	REIMBURSE-L	\$50.56
EAST-CENTRAL IOWA R.E.C.	UTILITIES-A,CH,PR,ST,W	\$1,644.89
EBSCO	DUES-L	\$529.21
ELITE LAND IMPROVEMENT, LLC	SERVICES-W	\$30,910.98
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$4,197.10
ERIN KREMPGES	REIMBURSE-L	\$15.97
FAHR BEVERAGE, INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$403.00
FAIRCHILD FEED & SUPPLY, INC	CHEMICALS-W	\$1,093.13
FAREWAY STORES INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$6,774.74
FEHR-GRAHAM & ASSOCIATES LLC	SERVICES-SW	\$2,535.00
GAGE, KAYDEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$60.00
GREEN PRO SOLUTIONS	EQUIP-ST	\$2,423.75
HEATHER WOODY UNLIMITED, INC.	TRAINING-L	\$700.00
HOG SLAT	SUPPLIES-PR	\$1,587.82
HOSCH TIRE HAULING	SERVICES-G	\$475.00
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS	SERVICES-ST	\$193.41
HOYLE, EVAN	UMPIRE-PR	\$30.00
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	SUPPLIES-PR	\$27.86
IA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS-ST	\$1,738.50
IMWCA	WORK COMP RENEWAL	\$72,095.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES-ALL	\$34,101.15
INDEPENDENCE NAPA	SUPPLIES-PR	\$4.69
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING, HEATING	EQUIP-PR,W	\$5,712.65
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS COMM	FY26 H/M REQUEST-CH	\$5,000.00
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	BOOKS-L	\$1,069.77
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX-PR,W	\$10,661.58
IOWA FIRE CHIEFS' ASSN	DUES-F	\$25.00
IPERS	RETIRE BENEFIT	\$53,468.48
JOHN BUTLER	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES-PR,W	\$1,445.73
JOHNSON PLBG HEATING & AIR CON	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$1,346.00
J & R SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES-W	\$6,415.00
KARA HOYLE	SUPPLIES-PR	\$3,250.00
KEITH R. CORKERY	SERVICES-ST	\$2,986.32
KENNEDY, JAY	UMPIRE-PR	\$350.00
KILER, CHASE	UMPIRE-PR	\$165.00
KREMER, KADEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$550.00
KRIVACHECK JANITORIAL SUPPLY	MISC EXP-PR,ST	\$233.16
LANDEN SCHANTZ	UMPIRE-PR	\$360.00
LANGE, EMELIA	REIMBURSE-PR	\$25.00
LIBRARY IDEAS LLC	BOOKS-L	\$1,734.64
LIFE TIME FENCE COMPANY	EQUIP-PR	\$723.18
LYNCH DALLAS, PC	LEGAL EXP-CH	\$2,300.00
MACQUEEN EMERGENCY	SUPPLIES-F	\$20,543.48
MANATTS, INC.	CEMENT-W	\$985.00
MARCUS BEATTY	UMPIRE-PR	\$665.00
MATTHEW SCHMITZ	PHONE ALLOW	\$100.00
MAVERICK POWERSPORTS	VEH REPAIR-PR	\$1,976.94
MCCOY WINN	UMPIRE-PR	\$360.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	UTILITIES-CH,L,ST,W	\$1,707.82

MIDWEST BREATHING AIR L.L.C.	SERVICES-F	\$198.55
MIDWEST JANITORIAL SERVICE	BLDG MAINT-L	\$1,635.00
M & K DUST CONTROL INC	DUST CONTROL-ST	\$2,755.18
MYERS-COX CO	SUPPLIES-PR	\$8,745.54
NEJDL, MICHELLE	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPANY	PUBLICAT-A,B,CH,W	\$975.99
OFFICE TOWNE INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$711.74
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	SUPPLIES-PR	\$2,801.74
PINE GROVE SHOES & MORE	SAFETY EQUIP-PR	\$195.00
POWERPLAN	VEH REPAIR-ST	\$798.50
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATING,	MISC EXP-L,PR	\$2,860.00
PURCHASE POWER	POSTAGE-CH	\$59.99
RANGER REED	UMPIRE-PR	\$60.00
ROBERT BEATTY	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC.	BLDG MAINT-CH,PR	\$162.72
SIGNS & MORE LLC	MISC EXP-CH,PR	\$6,181.57
SOBIESKI, LANE	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
SOUKUP, BRETT	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
SPECTRUM PAINT	SUPPLIES-ST	\$79.40
STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD	MISC EXP-ST,W	\$1,795.84
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SERVICES-PR	\$15.50
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST CO	RETIRE BENEFIT	\$6,771.83
STOREY KENWORTHY - MATT PARROT	SUPPLIES-L	\$252.62
STRICTLY ROOFING INC	SUPPLIES-ST	\$40.45
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$2,600.00
SYNTECH SYSTEMS	SERVICES-A	\$48.00
TASC	FLEX MED/DEP	\$1,497.28
TEGTMEIER, BREADEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$15.00
THOMAS ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE	REPAIR-PR	\$420.00
THOMAS NISSEN	PROGRAM-L	\$500.00
THREE OAKS GREENHOUSE	FLOWERS-PR	\$3,270.00
TRAVIS FOLEY	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
TRENTON CABELL	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
TREYTON WEBER	UMPIRE-PR	\$330.00
UMB BANK NA	BOND FEE-CH	\$800.00
UNITYPOINT HEALTH AT WORK	SERVICES-F,PD	\$608.00
USA BLUE BOOK	CHEMICALS-W	\$902.14
US CELLULAR	UTILITY-W	\$4.13
VERIZON WIRELESS	UTILITY-F	\$7.02
VERN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES-F,PR	\$131.36
VISU-SEWER INC	SERVICES-W	\$166,824.50
VOGEL CROP SERVICES	SUPPLIES-W	\$50.00
WELLMARK BCBS	INSURE-CH	\$271.80
WINTHROP BUILDING SUPPLY	SUPPLIES-ST	\$75.98
WOOLVERTON	SUPPLIES-L	\$397.00
YEAROUS, BO	REIMBURSE-W	\$150.00
ZIMMER & FRANCESCON INC	SUPPLIES-W	\$2,317.32

CLAIMS TOTAL \$736,686.40; General Fund \$205,498.86; Library \$27,216.40; Hotel-Motel \$8,270.00; Streets Dept-Road Use \$30,226.23; Employee Benefits \$99,843.20; Urban Renewal-LMI Housing \$9,650.00; Debt Service \$800.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$48,446.89; Water Fund \$77,978.01; Sewer Utility Fund \$218,578.69; WWTP Rehab Project \$36.00; Storm Water \$5,945.02; Self Insurance \$4,161.14; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$35.96.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$534,553.40; General Fund \$180,259.28; Library \$35,094.10; Streets Dept-Road Use \$84,647.26; Employee Benefits \$11,156.74; Tax Increment Financing \$10,612.09; Debt Service \$37,192.99; Debt-Special Assessment \$4,738.30; Water Fund \$44,882.11; Water Revenue Bond \$7,737.91; Sewer Utility \$99,114.72; Sewer SRF Sinking \$7,928.41; Storm Water \$6,992.39; Self Insurance \$4,161.14; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$35.96.

The June 2026 budgeted monthly transfers and the revenues and expenses by department to date were available for

council review and discussion.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member Prusator made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 70 – Traffic Code Enforcement Procedures, seconded by Council Member Weber. Mayor Bleichner stated this was talked about at the June 1, 2026, Work Session. This amendment will change 70.03 to state that parking tickets are paid for at the Police Department instead of City Hall. This is what the City currently does. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber. Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, seconded by Council Member Weber. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, and Weber. Nays: Appleby and Hanna.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution supporting the application of Geater Machining and Manufacturing Co, to the Iowa Economic Development Authority BIG Program, seconded by Council Member Weber. Council Member Hanna asked if there was a timeline for when the people had to be hired? Mayor Bleichner stated he was not aware of a timeline and this resolution only supports Geater applying for the program. Council Member Moore clarified that at this time there is no cost to the taxpayers. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-57 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution that accepts the work covering the Independence 8th Avenue NW – IPF Area Stormwater Improvements Project, seconded by Council Member Moore. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and Mayner.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-58 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Weber made a motion to approve the Engineering Services Agreement for the Enterprise Drive Trail Extension – Phase 2 Project with Crawford Engineering and to authorize the City Manager to sign the Engineering Services Agreement, seconded by Council Member Mayner. Council Member Hanna asked if the City reached out to other engineering firms for this project? Mayor Bleichner responded that the City could do that, but since Crawford Engineering was heavily involved in assisting the City to get the grant for the project it made sense to allow them to be the engineers for this project. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, and O'Loughlin. Nays: Appleby.

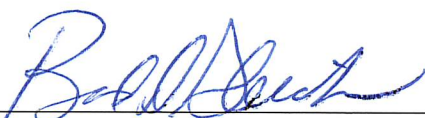
REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Hanna – She would like to have something about e-bikes for the July work session to help address the problem around the City. Asked if there were funds still available for the home rehab program and that the City needs to advertise this program more. Moore – He encouraged people to come to events on July 3rd and 4th. Prusator – He noticed the work being done on 1st St W and asked if that was the City's new grinder. O'Loughlin – Asked if there was an update to the grant for the 1st St W corridor project. City Manager – City is borrowing a grinder from the vendor as the one we are trying to purchase isn't in yet. The City hasn't heard about the grant yet but believes it should be later this week or next week when information is made available. Mayor – He mentioned the Habitat for Humanity's Sips and Bites event that will be happening in August 2026. Several downtown businesses will be a part of this and have mini sessions for the public to attend with a final presentation to be held about Habitat for Humanity.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Mayner, second by Council Member Weber to adjourn. Ayes: All.

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:

Susi Lampe

Susi Lampe, CMC, IaCMC, IaCFO,
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, Iowa