

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

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

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 Weber, second by Council Member Moore to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held August 10, 2026. Ayes: All. Absent: Mayner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Hertzberg, 413 8th Avenue NW, spoke on behalf of his uncle Roger Tempus who does not want to be annexed into the City and wants to know what can be done to stop the process.

Mayor Bleichner read a proclamation declaring August 27 – 29, 2026, as Poppy Days.

Mayor Bleichner performed the public swearing-in of Officer Brock Barnhart.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member O’Loughlin, second by Council Member Moore to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: a) The minutes of the July 27, 2026, Regular Meeting. b) Pat’s Tap Class C retail alcohol license renewal that includes outdoor service and living quarters with a tentative effective date of September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027. c) Request to hunt within City limits from Keith Donnelly for the October 1, 2026, to January 10, 2027, bowhunting season. d) Request to hunt within City limits from Christopher Meyer for the October 1, 2026, to January 10, 2027, bowhunting season. e) Request to hunt within City limits from Curran Meyer for the October 1, 2026, to January 10, 2027, bowhunting season. f) Special Event Application from Buchanan County Tourism for the Independence Mural Celebration to be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. Ayes: All. Absent: Mayner.

FINANCIALS

Motion by Council Member Hanna, second by Council Member Prusator to approve the following bills for payment. Ayes: All. Absent: Mayner.

ACCO	CHEMICALS-PR	\$2,776.84
ADP	PAYROLL CHECKS	\$143,234.48
AIELLO, STEVEN	SERVICES-PD	\$275.00
AIR SERVICES INC	EQUIP REPAIR-F	\$201.52
ALTORFER INC	SERVICES-W	\$5,972.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PR,CH,PD,F	\$2,025.44
ANGELA KILER	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO	ASSUR CRIT ILL	\$527.22
AVIVE SOLUTIONS, INC	SAFETY EQUIP-F	\$11,124.66
BLACK HAWK CO HEALTH DEPT	SERVICES-PR	\$418.00
BLAKE HAYWARD	MISC EXP-F,PR	\$75.00
BLAYNE MERGEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$350.00
BLEICHNER, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$100.00
BRAD ESCH	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
BRADLEY, JESSICA	SERVICES-PD	\$550.00
BRENT RECK	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
BRIAN LAU	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
BRUENING ROCK	ROAD ROCK-ST,W	\$3,349.43
BUCHANAN COUNTY RECORDER	FEES-CH	\$22.00
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-ALL	\$1,215.30
CARRICO, KATIE	REFUND-PR	\$220.10

CITY LAUNDERING CO. INC	BLDG MAINT-PD	\$97.56
CIVICPLUS	DUES-CH	\$4,430.82
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	FEES-PD	\$230.00
COLE'S ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,F,A,CH	\$830.39
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	FUEL-PR,W,A,	\$7,968.42
CORE & MAIN LP	CHEMICALS-W	\$1,163.21
COX, JOSEPH	SERVICES-PD	\$550.00
COX, SHANNON	SERVICES-PD	\$660.00
COX, TARYN	REFUND-PR	\$62.60
CRAWFORD ENGINEERING & SURVEYI	SERVICES-PR	\$4,620.00
CRITICAL HIRE	SERVICES-PD	\$200.00
CRYSTAL BARE	REFUND-PR	\$86.69
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE INC	VEH REPAIR-PR,ST,W	\$2,284.41
DAVID WILSON	SERVICES-PD	\$825.00
DUNLAP MOTORS INC	VEH REPAIR-PR	\$488.42
ELITE LAND IMPROVEMENT, LLC	SERVICES-W,SW	\$42,245.97
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$14,333.03
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$1,325.76
GRIES, KENT	SERVICES-PD	\$550.00
GUARDIAN	LIFE-LTD-AD&D	\$1,613.28
HELLER, CHARITY	SERVICES-PD	\$660.00
HOG SLAT	SUPPLIES-PR	\$659.47
HYDRITE CHEMICAL CO.	CHEMICALS-W	\$1,892.41
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	STUDY-ALL	\$3,500.00
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER	SERVICES-CH	\$1,811.02
INDEPENDENCE NAPA	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,W,A	\$751.52
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING, HEATING	SERVICES-W	\$1,372.26
INRCOG	DUES-CH	\$3,335.20
IOWA DNR	PERMIT FEE-W	\$1,275.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	SERVICES-PD	\$175.00
JOHN BUTLER	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
JOHNSON, JEREMIAH	SERVICES-PD	\$440.00
J & R SUPPLY INC	EQUIP-W,ST	\$3,927.12
KLUESNER SANITATION, LLC	GARBAGE-G	\$48,149.52
KROMMINGA MOTORS INC.	VEH REPAIR-A	\$1,529.03
MANATTS, INC.	CEMENT-W	\$17,334.75
MATTHEW SCHMITZ	PHONE ALLOW	\$100.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$136.50
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	UTILITY-PR	\$44.44
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	SUPPLIES-ST	\$237.21
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC	SERVICES-W	\$248.50
MYERS-COX CO	SUPPLIES-PR	\$1,837.74
NEJDL, MICHELLE	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPANY	PUBLICAT-B,CH,W	\$484.84
OFFICE TOWNE INC.	SUPPLIES-PR,PD	\$284.78
PETROLEUM MARKETERS MANAGEMENT	INSURE-A	\$1,926.00
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	EQUIP LEASE-PR	\$167.64
PORTZEN CONSTRUCTION, INC	EQUIP REPAIR-PR	\$240.00
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATING,	SERVICES-PR	\$125.00
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS CO INC	SUPPLIES-W	\$974.74
RANGER REED	UMPIRE-PR	\$350.00
RAPIEN, CORY	SERVICES-PD	\$550.00
ROBERT BEATTY	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
RYDELL AUTO GROUP	VEH MAINT-PD	\$144.45
SELECT SIGNING, INC	BARRICADES-ST	\$2,000.00
SIGNS & MORE LLC	UNIFORM-CH	\$22.88
SOBIESKI, LANE	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
SOUKUP, BRETT	MISC EXP-A,PR	\$127.10

SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES-W,PR,F,ST,AC	\$323.46
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST CO	RETIRE BENEFIT	\$6,591.66
STRICTLY ROOFING INC	SUPPLIES-ST	\$60.65
TASC	FLEX MED/DEP	\$1,447.28
TAYLOR WENDT	UMPIRE-PR	\$50.00
THOMAS, JON	SERVICES-PD	\$660.00
TIERNEY, BRUCE	SERVICES-PD	\$440.00
T-MOBILE	UTILITY-B,F,CH,PR,PD,W	\$1,082.01
TRAVIS FOLEY	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
TRENTON CABELL	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	EQUIP-W	\$9,064.34
VERIZON WIRELESS	UTILITY-PD,F	\$45.50
VERN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES-PR,CH,PD,F	\$210.22
WEX BANK	FUEL-A,B,F,PD,PR,W	\$5,460.36
YASUDA, KAREN	SERVICES-PD	\$660.00

CLAIMS TOTAL \$380,412.15; General Fund \$185,719.75; Library \$11,511.55; Hotel-Motel \$1,811.02; Streets Dept-Road Use \$21,088.30; Employee Benefits \$10,217.66; Cap Project-Visioning Project \$4,620.00; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$11,124.66; Water Fund \$83,725.83; Sewer Utility Fund \$32,870.55; WWTP Rehab Project \$24.80; Storm Water \$3,365.00; Self Insurance \$14,191.06; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$141.97.

REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$273,462.87; General Fund \$77,957.36; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$72,347.50; Water Fund \$44,176.61; Sewer Utility \$72,467.20; Storm Water \$6,199.55; Self Insurance \$287.68; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$26.97.

The July 2026 bank reconciliation and the revenues and expenses by department to date were available for council review and discussion.

HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 1.15 – Fines and Fees Schedule, seconded by Council Member Weber. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin and Weber. Nays: Appleby. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member Hanna made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 69 – Parking Regulations, seconded by Council Member Moore. Mayor Bleichner stated there are two issues being addressed with this amendment. The first is removing the first parking spot on the east side of 5th Avenue NE south of the curb from the southeast corner of the intersection. The second is creating a no parking area on 17th Street SE on both sides until July 1, 2027, unless Council takes action prior to that date. Council Member Appleby asked if the two amendments could be broken out as she agrees with one amendment and not the other. City Manager Schmitz replied both amendments are within the same Chapter. Council Member Appleby understands why the amendment was made with both in the document, but the amendment is for two different locations. She feels they should be broken out. City Manager Schmitz said it is up to the Council to decide on how to move forward. Mayor Bleichner asked which revision Council Member Appleby is not in favor of. Council Member Appleby is not in favor of the change that amends the parking on 5th Avenue NE. Council Member Weber said to move forward with the vote to see if changes need to be made. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O’Loughlin, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Nays: Appleby. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member Weber made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 66.03 – Load Limits upon Certain Streets, seconded by Council Member Hanna. Mayor Bleichner explained this amendment reduces the distance on 17th Street SE from 1,250 feet to 620 feet for the six-ton limit. Council Member O’Loughlin asked if this change is a moot point because there are no scales out there. City Manager Schmitz stated the Independence Police Department could issue a ticket if they believe a vehicle is over the limit. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O’Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber. Absent: Mayner

Council Member O’Loughlin made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Section 24.04 – Airport Board Powers and Duties, seconded by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O’Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Mayner. Council Member Moore 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 Prusator. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O’Loughlin. Nays: Appleby. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 155 – International Building Code, seconded by Council Member Weber. Council Member Moore asked if there was a way to combine all this and the other amendments together since they are all building code related. City Manager Schmitz stated they cannot be combined since they are different chapters. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 156 – Uniform Plumbing Code, seconded by Council Member Weber. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 157 – International Mechanical Code, seconded by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member Weber made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 158 – International Fuel Gas Code, seconded by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 159 – International Fire Code, seconded by Council Member Weber. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member Hanna made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 161 – National Electric Code, seconded by Council Member Weber. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 162 – International Residential Code, seconded by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member Hanna made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 163 – International Property Maintenance Code, seconded by Council Member Weber. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member Weber made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 164 – International Existing Building Code, seconded by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member Weber made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 165 – International Energy Conservation Code, seconded by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 166 – International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, seconded by Council Member Weber. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber. Absent: Mayner.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

Mayor Bleichner stated, pursuant to the agenda, he will now convene a public hearing on the proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement. City Clerk Lampe stated no comments were received prior to the meeting. Mayor Bleichner closed the public hearing and stated City Clerk Lampe will note all comments in the record.

Council Member Weber made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution taking additional

action on a proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue loan and Disbursement Agreement, seconded by Council Member Moore. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Nays: Appleby. Absent: Mayner.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-68 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Hanna made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution approving the standardized Extra-Duty Police Services Agreement Template and authorizing the City Manager to execute these agreements as needed, seconded by Council Member Weber. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin. Absent: Mayner.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-69 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution establishing a time and place for a public hearing on August 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. for consideration of a rezoning request from R-2 Residential to C-1 Commercial within the City of Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa, seconded by Council Member Prusator. Council Member Hanna asked why is the City changing the zoning since it is a County property. City Manager Schmitz stated the property is located within City limits and it is the City's responsibility to rezone the property. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Appleby. Absent: Mayner.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-70 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Weber made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution approving the lot combination agreement, and to add the recording fees to the previously approved claims listing, seconded by Council Member Prusator. City Manager Schmitz explained that the current building layout is on two separate parcels and this agreement will combine those parcels into one. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber. Absent: Mayner.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-71 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Prusator made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution that approves the plat of survey, seconded by Council Member Hanna. Building Official Chesmore explained there is a row of shrubs that Mr. Downs has been maintaining on land he thought was his. A survey was done recently and the land in question belongs to the neighbor instead. Mr. Downs will purchase the land once the proper steps and paperwork have been completed. There will be a lot combination agreement coming to the Council at a future meeting date that Planning and Zoning has already approved contingent on other items being done first. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, and Hanna. Absent: Mayner.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-72 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution preliminarily approving the Pre-Annexation Agreement and Application for Voluntary Annexation, preliminarily approving the annexation of the City and Tempus parcels, and setting the public hearing for October 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Council Member Weber. Council Member Moore asked if this resolution just sets a public hearing. City Manager Schmitz said the resolution does several things. The resolution really directs staff to keep the process moving, notifying and meeting with the proper individuals of the potential annexation, setting a public hearing to be held before the City Council can finally approve the actual annexation. Council Member Prusator asked if a yea vote means approving the annexation agreement as presented. Mayor Bleichner stated a yea vote means the pre-annexation agreement would be preliminarily approved. City Manager Schmitz said if any Council Member would like to make modifications to the pre-annexation agreement, then now is the time. Council Member O'Loughlin said the pasturing of animals should be removed as the current City Code does not allow for livestock within City Limits. Council Member Prusator agrees with that and would like to add that an annual request for hunting be included as other residents have to do that. Council Member Appleby stated there is a parcel that is being involuntarily annexed and the documents should be revised to reflect that. City Manager Schmitz said the City Attorney drafted the documents, and it is a voluntary annexation with a less than 20% involuntary annexation. Per State Code, an involuntary annexation is if the entire area is involuntarily being annexed in. Council Member Appleby asked for clarification on who drafted the documents and who wants to develop the property. City Manager Schmitz said City Attorney Doug Herman drafted the documents and Brian Eddy is a part of the group that wants to develop the property and he is also reviewing the documents on behalf of the other parties. Council Member Appleby asked if the Mayor works for Roberts and Eddy? Mayor Bleichner replied he is not a Roberts and Eddy employee, but he does take on projects from time to time from them. Mayor Bleichner has no part of this development. Council Member Moore explained that the Mayor has no vote on this issue and it is his responsibility

to bring this topic to Council for a vote. Council Member Appleby feels this should not move forward as the one property was not near the City limits years ago. Once the City grew closer to his property, his well was taken away from him. Council Member Hanna said he is 87 years old and does not want to be annexed in. Council Member Moore asked if there were regulations about creating islands with annexations. City Manager Schmitz said the City Development Board at the State will not allow approval of an annexation that will create an island. If the Council does not want to move forward with this because it will create an island with Mr. Tempus's property, then that means Mr. Eddy's will not and cannot be annexed into the City. Mayor Bleichner stated the pasturing and hunting still being allowed was because it will take them time to develop the property and this would still allow them to receive income from the pasturing of animals. Discussion was held on the property being annexed and the zoning changes that would need to be done as well. Council Member Moore clarified that while the property may come into the City zoned as A-1 it will need to be rezoned to Residential once it is ready to be developed which will then not allow for livestock within the City. He understands Council Members O'Loughlin and Prusator's view of allowing animals once the area is within City Limits while it is still zoned as A-1. Council Member Prusator asked for clarification on which parcel is planned on being developed first, the west or east parcel. City Manager Schmitz said a portion of the east parcel will be developed first. The west parcel will be brought in at a future date as that will also require other parcels being annexed in so as not to create islands. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Nays: Prusator, O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, and Moore. Absent: Mayner. Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution preliminarily approving the Pre-Annexation Agreement with the modification of striking sections 3.c. and 3.d. and Application for Voluntary Annexation, preliminarily approving the annexation of the City and Tempus parcels, and setting the public hearing for October 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Council Member Prusator. Council Member Hanna asked if the Tempus property would still be coming in. City Manager Schmitz said it would still be an 80/20 annexation where the Tempus property will come in. Council Member Hanna asked who else owns the property. City Manager Schmitz said that Chad Ronnebaum, Amy Sloan, and Brian Eddy are the ones that have signed documents and are involved to his knowledge. Approval of the modified resolution still allows staff to move the process along. Council Member Hanna asked if they could develop the other side first to leave Mr. Tempus alone for a while. Council Member Weber explained that an island would still be created. Discussion was held on benefits for Mr. Tempus being annexed into the City and how he would be phased into paying City property taxes versus the benefits the City Development Board at the State could say he has received as the City has expanded over the years. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin. Nays: Hanna and Appleby. Absent: Mayner.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-73 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Weber made a motion to authorize the City Manager to dispose of the surplus K9 kennel and deposit any generated proceeds into the K9 fund for future use, seconded by Council Member Prusator. Council Member Hanna asked how much it is worth? City Manager Schmitz replied he was unsure and it would be put on an auction site the City has used previously to dispose of other items. Police Chief Lau stated it is roughly 10' by 10' which includes a building and a run area. Council Member Hanna asked where the dogs will go then if this is sold. City Manager Schmitz stated the animal impound is still at the Streets Department and this kennel was only used for the former Police K9. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member Prusator made a motion to approve the Commercial Restoration Rehab Grant application with Wapsie Realty in the amount of \$3,842.13, seconded by Council Member Weber. Mayor Bleichner stated this is the second application that Ms. Federspiel has submitted for this property. Her first application was for brick work which has not been done yet. City Manager Schmitz said this would be a total of two projects for this property, and it is up to the Council to approve this second request based upon wording in the application about how often projects can be funded. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and O'Loughlin. Absent: Mayner.

Council Member Hanna made a motion to approve the Commercial Restoration Rehab Grant application with Wapsie Realty in the amount of \$5,000.00, seconded by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, O'Loughlin, and Appleby. Absent: Mayner.

REPORTS

The following comments were heard from Council and Staff: Hanna – She asked if the LEAD summit hosted by Buchanan County Economic Development was being done by Zoom. O'Loughlin – Thanked the chamber for hosting the golf outing last Friday. He stated he has received phone calls about the change in ambulance services for residents. Appleby – With the storm that came through, she was impressed with everyone's work on cleaning things up. City Manager – He said he would reach out to Lisa Kremer about the LEAD Summit and how people can participate in that. Thanked all the City employees that worked on cleaning up the recent storm debris. There is a

plan to work on the extra debris at the brush dump. The Kading tour today went very well. He will be out of the office this Wednesday. Mayor – The lunch meeting as a part of the Kading tour went very well as other entities spoke about their upcoming growth. The County is taking over ambulance services on November 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member O'Loughlin, second by Council Member Weber to adjourn. Ayes: All. Absent: Mayner.

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:



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