

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 11, 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 O’Loughlin, second by Council Member Mayner to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held May 11, 2026. Ayes: All.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jason Keninger, 301 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, stated he has concerns on what he feels is selective enforcement and retaliation against himself after he speaks at a City Council meeting and mentioned potentially amending the federal lawsuit he filed.

Mayor Bleichner read a proclamation declaring May 14-16, 2026, as Poppy Days.

Mayor Bleichner read a proclamation declaring May 11-16, 2026, as National Police Week.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Council Member Hanna, second by Council Member Weber to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: a) The minutes of the April 27, 2026, Regular Meeting. b) The Crowbar Class C retail alcohol license renewal that includes outdoor service with a tentative effective date of May 15, 2026. c) Dollar General Class B retail alcohol license ownership amendment. d) Mini Mart Class E retail alcohol license ownership amendment. e) Las Dos Marias Class C retail alcohol license renewal with a tentative effective date of May 5, 2026. Ayes: All.

**FINANCIALS**

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

ADP	PAYROLL SVCS	\$114,400.25
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES-PD,PR,CH,F	\$2,900.53
ANGELA KILER	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
ARMOR EQUIPMENT	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$455.81
BEATTY, DREW	REIMBURSE-PR	\$125.00
BENJAMIN F. HUPKE	UMPIRE-PR	\$450.00
BLAKE HAYWARD	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
BLEICHNER, BRAD	PHONE ALLOW	\$100.00
BRAD ESCH	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
BRENT RECK	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
BRIAN LAU	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
BRUENING ROCK	ROAD ROCK-ST,W	\$847.32
BUCHANAN COUNTY RECORDER	FEES-CH	\$17.00
CAIDEN MEIKE	UMPIRE-PR	\$490.00
CARD SERVICES-LIBRARY	MISC EXP-L	\$235.63
CARD SERVICES-VISA	MISC EXP-B,PR,PD,W,CH,ST,A	\$12,364.35
CITY LAUNDERING CO. INC	BLDG MAINT-PD	\$92.81
CIVICPLUS	WEBSITE FEE-ALL	\$7,381.86
COLE'S ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,W,A,CH,F,SW	\$736.22
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO	FUEL-ST	\$3,403.96
CONTROL INSTALLIONS OF IOWA	BLDG MAINT-CH	\$1,181.20
CONTROLWORX INC	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$206.09
CY & CHARLEY'S FIRESTONE INC	VEH REPAIR-W	\$751.76

DAX YOUNGBLUT	UMPIRE-PR	\$585.00
DELL MARKETING, LP	DUES-CH	\$1,560.60
D & K PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES-PR,A	\$1,446.50
ELITE LAND IMPROVEMENT, LLC	SERVICES-W	\$4,913.50
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$21,484.93
FAHR BEVERAGE, INC.	SUPPLIES-PR	\$329.47
FAREWAY STORES INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$3,450.44
FEHR-GRAHAM & ASSOCIATES LLC	ENGINEERING-SW	\$5,070.00
FERTILIZER DEALER SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES-PR	\$46.63
GALLS, LLC	UNIFORM-F	\$34.20
GAVIN MESTAD	UMPIRE-PR	\$255.00
GIBBER, TUCKER	UMPIRE-PR	\$600.00
HAUSERS WATER SYSTEMS INC	SOLAR SALT-ST	\$24.40
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY COMPANY	SERVICES-A	\$363.00
HAWKINS, INC.	MISC EXP-W	\$2,652.66
HOLLI WOOD	UMPIRE-PR	\$225.00
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS	SERVICES-ST	\$659.40
IA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS-ST	\$983.62
INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER	SERVICES-ALL	\$366.77
INDEPENDENCE NAPA	SUPPLIES-F,ST,W,R,A	\$260.35
INDEPENDENCE PLUMBING, HEATING	SERVICES-W,PR	\$719.96
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	TRAINING-CH	\$569.00
IPERS	RETIRE BENEFIT	\$35,880.03
JD SADLER	UMPIRE-PR	\$595.00
JOHN BUTLER	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
J & R SUPPLY INC	EQUIP-W	\$144,200.60
KEITH R. CORKERY	EQUIP REPAIR-PR	\$25.00
KLUESNER SANITATION, LLC	GARBAGE-G	\$47,022.08
KROMMINGA MOTORS INC.	VEH REPAIR-A	\$181.09
LIFE TIME FENCE COMPANY	EQUIP-PR	\$551.06
LL PELLING COMPANY	REPAIR-ST	\$956.58
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	VEH REPAIR-ST	\$2,211.00
MANATTS, INC.	CEMENT-SW,ST	\$1,442.06
MARCUS BEATTY	UMPIRE-PR	\$750.00
MATTHEW SCHMITZ	PHONE ALLOW	\$100.00
MCCLOUD SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-PD	\$103.55
MES SERVICE COMPANY	SERVICES-F	\$1,689.61
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	LAB ANALYSIS-W	\$158.25
MIDWEST OVERHEAD CRANE	SUPPLIES-W	\$76.88
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC	SERVICES-W	\$2,700.00
MYERS-COX CO	SUPPLIES-PR	\$1,210.56
NEJDL, MICHELLE	MISC EXP-CH	\$250.83
OELWEIN PUBLISHING COMPANY	PUBLICAT-CH	\$572.36
OFFICE TOWNE INC.	SUPPLIES-PD	\$14.64
OHL'S UPHOLSTERY	EQUIP REPAIR-PR	\$405.00
PEPSI-COLA GEN. BOT. IN	SUPPLIES-PR	\$1,624.75
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	EQUIP LEASE-PR	\$178.95
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATING,	BLDG REPAIR-PR	\$1,290.88
PRINT EXPRESS	SUPPLIES-PR	\$345.22
PUSH-PEDAL-PULL INC	EQUIP MAINT-PR	\$395.00
QTPOD	EQUIP-A	\$3,035.00
RANGER REED	UMPIRE-PR	\$220.00
ROBERT BEATTY	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
ROBINSON, KLINT	UMPIRE-PR	\$300.00
SHANNON, KAYDEN	UMPIRE-PR	\$255.00
SIGNS & MORE LLC	DECALS-PR	\$144.00
S&K COLLECTIBLES	POSTAGE-W	\$66.21
SOBIESKI, LANE	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00

SOUKUP, BRETT	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES-PR,ST,SW	\$394.86
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST CO	RETIRE BENEFIT	\$7,341.83
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$206.20
STRICTLY ROOFING INC	SUPPLIES-ST	\$177.95
STS OPERATING, INC	EQUIP REPAIR-W	\$1,158.00
SUPERB CLEANING SERVICES	BLDG MAINT-PR	\$2,565.00
TASC	FLEX MED/DEP	\$1,497.28
TIMOTHY MAIN	INSTRUCTOR-PR	\$1,401.66
T-MOBILE	UTILITY-B,F,CH,PD,PR,W	\$1,059.89
TRAVIS FOLEY	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
TRENTON CABELL	PHONE ALLOW	\$50.00
TYCE LARSON	UMPIRE-PR	\$245.00
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	TRAINING-A,B,CH,F,PD,PR,ST,W	\$247.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE-F, PD	\$45.68
VERN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES-PR,F	\$708.86
WEX BANK	FUEL-CH,F,PD,PR,W	\$4,576.73

**CLAIMS TOTAL \$463,867.35;** General Fund \$180,721.58; Library \$12,366.75; Hotel-Motel \$336.00; Streets Dept-Road Use \$23,022.45; Employee Benefits \$25,103.02; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$3,586.06; Water Fund \$164,964.35; Sewer Utility Fund \$25,036.01; Storm Water Dept \$7,246.20; Self Insurance \$20,893.50; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$591.43.

**REVENUES MONTH TO DATE TOTAL \$233,898.10;** General Fund \$82,704.39; Library \$201.15; Water Fund \$39,610.39; Sewer Utility \$83,895.39; Storm Water \$6,001.85; Self Insurance \$20,893.50; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$591.43.

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

#### HEARINGS & ORDINANCES

Mayor Bleichner stated, pursuant to the agenda, he will now convene a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 budget amendment #2. 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 O'Loughlin made a motion to approve the third and final reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 65-Stop Required and to authorize the Mayor to sign the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber.

#### **Ordinance adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-634 in the Official Book of Ordinances.**

Council Member Mayner made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance that amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 170-Zoning Regulations, seconded by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, and Hanna. 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 Moore. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Weber, and Moore. Nays: Appleby and Hanna.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Mayner made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution re-appointing Jake Bass to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Council Member Hanna. 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. 2026-34 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution re-appointing Nancy Dodge to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, and O'Loughlin.

#### **Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-35 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member Hanna made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution appointing Kay Reidy to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Council Member Mayner. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, and Appleby.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-36 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution appointing Andy Hudson to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Council Member Weber. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-37 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member Mayner made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution appointing Rick Wulfekuhle to the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Council Member O'Loughlin. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, and Hanna.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-38 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve the resolution ordering bids, approving the plans and contract documents, fixing the bid security amount, and setting the public hearing for the Snow Removal Acquisition Improvements Project, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution, seconded by Council Member Mayner. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, and Moore.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-39 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution that approves the plat of survey, seconded by Council Member Mayner. Mayor Bleichner stated this is for property owned by Terry and Christine Juhl. They wish to divide one parcel into two to allow single-family houses to be built on. Council Member Hanna asked if the lots would be buildable once divided? City Manager Schmitz stated they would be based on the sizes. 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. 2026-40 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 Hanna. Mayor Bleichner said this is for the property located at 810 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW. Council Member Hanna asked if the other lot is buildable if the two lots aren't combined. City Manager Schmitz said it is a buildable lot but there are issues as it is in the flood plain. Building Official Chesmore said that special construction would need to be done for the auxiliary building as it will be in the flood plain. 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. 2026-41 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution that decertifies certain assessments that were sent to the Buchanan County Treasurer, seconded by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, and O'Loughlin.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-42 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member Weber made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution adopting the coin acceptance policy, seconded by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, and O'Loughlin. Nays: Appleby.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-43 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution authorizing salary increases for salaried and non-bargaining employees, excluding the City Manager, effective at the beginning of the pay period, including July 1, 2026, seconded by Council Member Prusator. Council Member Hanna asked if Council could be provided with employees wages before and after the July 1, 2026, raises. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-44 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member Weber made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution authorizing the salary increase for the City Manager to be effective at the beginning of the pay period, which includes July 1, 2026, seconded by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, and Hanna.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-45 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member Prusator made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution authorizing the bid process and setting a public hearing date of May 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., for the proposed sale of property located at 204 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE, seconded by Council Member Weber. Council Member Hanna wanted to know if the wording could be changed because she didn't like that it states the garage could stay if a small house would be built on the lot. The previous property owner had wanted to do that but was told he couldn't. City Manager Schmitz said the new property owner would have to enter into a development agreement and then get approval to build a small house from Council. The previous property owner was told he could do that as well but didn't want to enter into an agreement. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Weber, Hanna, and Moore. Nays: Appleby.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-46 in the Official Book of Resolutions.**

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution authorizing the bid process and setting a public hearing date of June 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., for the proposed sale of the property located at 416 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, seconded by Council Member Weber. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Mayner, O'Loughlin, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator. Nays: Appleby.

**Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-47 in the Official Book of Resolutions.****OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve the exemption request for 312 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, seconded by Council Member Weber. Council Member Hanna asked if the yard could be mowed to the eight inches and that residents should get their neighbors' approval. Mayor Bleichner stated he wanted to have this at a work session to discuss Code Section 52.02 regarding the process of asking for an exemption. Council Member Prusator asked if this request is part of the pollinator project the City previously approved in the City's Code of Ordinances or if this refers to tall grass? City Clerk Lampe stated she is aware of what Council Member Prusator is talking about but can't remember the exact details. He stated that he feels it needs to be looked at before the request is approved. City Council discussed the request not identifying the specific area being exempted, what plants will be allowed or not, and who will be responsible for enforcement if noxious weeds are present. City Manager stated that Code Section 52.02 will be on the June 1<sup>st</sup> Work Session agenda for more discussion. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber. Nays: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and Mayner.

Council Member Hanna made a motion to deny the 55.05 Livestock Request, seconded by Council Member O'Loughlin. Council Member Moore said that there are laws on support animals and a chicken is defined as livestock. This could open it up for someone else wanting livestock as a support animal. Council Member O'Loughlin asked Police Chief Lau to come up and speak about the chasing of livestock. Police Chief Lau did say he and another officer chased some chickens in the SW area for about two hours before they called someone else in to catch them. The Police Department would not be the ones catching livestock in Independence and that could be an added expense at some point. Council Member Weber spoke that he feels allowances for an exemption should be made based on the location and the circumstances at the time. Ms. Ratchford's property is just barely inside of City Limits and he understands that there needs to be accountability for animals that get loose. Council Member Prusator agreed with Council Member Weber and said that at the work session Ms. Ratchford stated she wouldn't replace the chickens as they passed and would band the chickens if they were to get out. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, and O'Loughlin. Nays: Appleby, Weber, Prusator, and Mayner. Council Member Weber made a motion to approve the 55.05 Livestock Request and to ensure that no chickens are replaced and identification bands are on all chickens, seconded by Council Member Mayner. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Weber, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, and Appleby. Nays: Hanna and O'Loughlin.

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to approve the purchase authorization and authorize the City Manager to proceed with the Downtown Parking Lot 1 resurfacing project and award the bid to Kluesner Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$50,240.00, seconded by Council Member Mayner. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, and Weber.

Council Member Mayner made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2026 Sewer Equipment 12YD 900 ECO Combination Sewer Cleaner from Armor Equipment for the quoted price of \$594,980.00, and to authorize the City

Manager to complete the purchase, seconded by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, and Hanna.

Council Member Mayner made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD from Dunlap Motors, Inc. for the total amount of \$54,750.00, and to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the purchase, seconded by Council Member Hanna. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, and Moore.

Council Member Mayner made a motion to authorize the Mayor to complete the 28E agreement with Buchanan County Emergency Management once they have executed its portion of the agreement, seconded by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Mayner, O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, and Prusator.

Council Member O'Loughlin made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Independence and Teamsters Local 238 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, seconded by Council Member Mayner. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: O'Loughlin, Appleby, Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, and Mayner.

Council Member Weber made a motion to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Peak Property Solutions, LLC for the property located at 306 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, seconded by Council Member Hanna. Mayor Bleichner stated this was discussed in an earlier closed session. The purchase price is \$157,500 and the closing is anticipated to be before July 1, 2026. Funding for this purchase was included in the 2025 General Obligation Bond the City received. Further plans for the house will be decided later. 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: Building Monthly Report – Mayor asked questions about current projects going on and updates to existing development sites. Building Official Chesmore stated that Steve Gee is building in Bluebird Court. Geater is building a cold storage building. Council Member O'Loughlin asked about what is being built by the Vet Clinic. Building Official Chesmore stated those will be new storage units and there will be more activity soon. An update was given to the apartments in the downtown area. Council Member Appleby asked if there was anything going on with the old retirement home by the hospital and if it could be turned into apartments. City Manager Schmitz said the old one is privately owned but the owners can do what they want as long it meets City requirements. Hanna – Wanted to know if Bob could check on the flags for the upcoming Memorial Day celebrations to make sure they were in good condition. She asked if City Hall would be closed for RAGBRAI? Moore – Shoutout to the Independence High School Tennis program for winning the WaMac Conference. Congratulations to all the seniors graduating this Sunday. Prusator – A resident reached out to him about the new fire hydrant that was installed at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW and getting the curb put back. Appleby – She found out that the stop lights in the downtown area work in unison and if one gets changed, they would all need to be changed. City Manager – Streets Director Esch is willing to help with work at Oakwood once supplies are ready. City Hall will be open for RAGBRAI. The Fire Department is an emergency operation center for RAGBRAI. Reminder letters will be sent out to the remaining right of way residents to get them in compliance before the fee starts July 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be out of the office the rest of this week for an ICMA conference. He received the Chamber's golf event on June 5<sup>th</sup> for those that would like to participate. The City has 4 spots available. Buchanan County Tourism and the Chamber have social media posts regarding the project to light the Wapsi Dam. This project will be funded with donations only. Mayor – June 2<sup>nd</sup> is election day and all precincts will be open. There will be items on the back of the ballot and reminded people to turn it over to vote there as well. Police – Officers will be at the Independence baseball game on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the concession stand. This year on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, an officer will be leading the parade instead of the Police Chief. That same officer will also be spotlighted with posters drawn by elementary kids. The officer this year will be Nathan Bagby.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:

*Susi Lampe*

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