

Co-managers hired for pool; update on pool project

Lenox City Council approved the hiring of co-managers for the Lenox Pool, approved payment for Café Sign, and agreed to do the Paint Your Home Program again this year at their meeting on April 28.

The city received three applications for pool managers. They were Angela Zapata, Ave Junker,

and Emilie Robinson. Junker and Robinson wanted to be co-managers. The council approved to hire Junker and Robinson. The council asked about having co-managers. Kitzman said by having dual managers, there is always a manager at the pool and it is mandated that one always be there. They

would like to have 10 to 11 lifeguards. The council approved for Junker and Robinson to serve as co-managers.

Allison Kitzman, city administrator, talked about Café Sign's catalyst grant used for renovation of Café Sign building. When the city approved the grant, they agreed

to donate \$25,000 in order for them to get the grant. Iowa Economic Development Authority representative, Mike and Becky Smith, owners of Café Sign, and Kitzman toured the building and IEDA approved the project as complete. The council approved the payout to the Smiths.

Cindy Cox spoke during the public communications about the Lenox Pool project. She said they are optimistic that they will be able to secure the funds. The committee kicked off a 90-day fundraising blitz and send out about 400 direct mail or flyers. They have applied for several grants.

Flyers will be mailed to utility customers in May. The engineer, Waters Edge, estimated the project would cost \$344,000 in June of 2024 and the committee has a goal of \$400,000 in case of price increases and unforeseen costs. The city wants 90%

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JOIN OUR TEAM

Lenox Municipal Utilities

is seeking temporary summer help. The individual will be doing groundskeeping and assisting in the electric and water departments. Applications are available online or in our office at 205 S. Main Street, Lenox, IA. Applications can be dropped off or emailed to lm@lenoxia.com.

Position is open until filled

Lenox Municipal Utilities is an EOE

The City of Lenox is resuming taking applications for our "Paint Your Home Program". We have enough funds to accept the first four qualified applications. Applications can be found at lenoxia.com or City Hall. The following requirements must be met for each applicant to be considered:

- Home must be owner-occupied
- ... Home must be within the city limits of Lenox
- Paint is to be used for exterior purposes only
- Homeowner must have the ability to finish the project by October 30th of each year application is approved
- The home must be hand painted and not sprayed
- Color will be picked out by the homeowner but must be approved by the Council

- Homeowner needs to complete the attached application
- Approved applicant will receive the supplies needed, not monies
- You must paint the home in order to qualify to paint any additional structures on the property
- Dimensions of the house will be needed to calculate how much paint will be needed

This program will cover the following expenses:

- Paint
- Primer
- Trim Paint
- Scrapers (max of 4)
- Brushes (max of 6)

This program will NOT cover the following expenses:

- Any repairs needed to the home prior to painting
- Labor
- Painting Company

TREE REMOVAL

Taylor County will be accepting sealed bids for removal of 4 trees, planting 2 new trees and trimming in the Courtyard. All bids must be received by 4 p.m. May 14th, 2025. Bids can be dropped off at the Auditor's Office or emailed to: auditor@taylorcounty.iowa.gov

Please contact Shellia Culp at 712-427-0069 with questions or leave a message. The County reserves the right to accept or deny any and all bids.

GRASS SEEDING

Taylor County will be accepting sealed bids for grass seeding for the Courthouse yard. All bids must be received by 4 p.m. May 14th, 2025. Bids can be dropped off at the Auditor's

Office or emailed to: auditor@taylorcounty.iowa.gov

Please contact Shellia Culp at 712-427-0069 with questions or leave a message. Taylor County reserves the right to accept or deny any and all bids.

CONCRETE REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT

Taylor County will be accepting sealed bids for removal and replacement of concrete in the Courthouse yard. All bids must be received by 4 p.m. May14th, 2025. Bids can be dropped off or emailed to auditor@taylorcounty.iowa.gov. Please contact Shellia Culp at 712-427-0069 with questions or leave a message. Taylor County reserves the right to accept or deny any and all bids.

Lenox City Council Minutes April 28, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lenox City Council was called to order by Mayor Douglas on April 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members answering roll call: Peterson, Huffman, Tull, Hodges and Cruz. Staff present was City Clerk, Dawne Bowman and City Administrator, Allison Kitzman. Visitors were Colleen Larimer and Cindy Cox.

Tull made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Hodges, all ayes, motion carried.

Huffman made a motion to approve 4/14/25 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Cruz, all ayes, motion carried. Hodges made a motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Huffman, all ayes, motion carried.

Tull made a motion to approve Resolution 25-20 Certificate of Deposit Investments at ISSB, seconded by Peterson, all ayes, motion carried. This is for 5 CD's: Housing Rehab, Equipment Replacement, General Reserve, Hwy 49 and Main Street Development.

Tull made a motion to approve \$25,000 Café Sign Payment for Catalyst Project, seconded by Hodges, all ayes, motion carried. Kitzman added the IEDA has signed off on the project and it is now complete.

Kitzman discussed hiring Pool Managers, as there were 3 applicants. Angela Zapata, Emilie Robinson and Ava Junker. All applicants have been a life-guard in previous seasons. Robinson and Junker would like to co-manage together. We have had co-managers for the last sev-

eral years and it works well for the pool. Tull made a motion to approve Emilie Robinson and Ava Junker as Pool Managers for the 2025 season, seconded by Cruz, all ayes, motion carried.

Cindy Cox was present to discuss the Pool Project, as the Leading Ladies of Lenox have been fundraising through fliers, direct mail and have applied for several grants for the project. To date there has been approximately \$80,000 raised, with a project cost of around \$334,000. The City had previously approved a \$100,000 contribution to the project so the total funds are around \$80,000. The city would like to see at least 90% of the funds raised before proceeding with bidding the project. This will be revisited in June to allow time for Public Hearings and bid letting prior to the project beginning.

Kitzman discussed the Quote from Corey Simmering-Iowa Codification to completely revise and update our city codes. The current Code of Ordinance book is dated 2001 and needs a complete revision, as our Zoning Code is very difficult to understand. Peterson made a motion to approve \$6,000 Quote from Corey Simmering-Iowa Codification for Complete City Code Modification, seconded by Hodges, all ayes, motion carried.

Hodges made a motion to approve opening the Paint Your Home Project for 2025, seconded by Peterson, all ayes, motion carried. It was decided that there are still enough funds available to accept 4 applications, with the same stipulations as the previous year.

Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tull seconded,

TAYLOR COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

To: All property owners and tenants in Taylor County, Iowa. You are hereby notified that the Board of Supervisors for Taylor County, Iowa, in accordance with 2019 Code of Iowa, chapter 317 has ordered a program of weed destruction to be followed by landowners and tenants who are expected to destroy and immediately keep under control any areas infested with any noxious weeds. Destruction may be accomplished by spraying, cutting, or any means which prevents seed production. All noxious weeds should be destroyed by:

June 1, 2025, for Leafy Spurge; Perennial Peppergrass; Buckthorn (Rhamnus, not to include Rhamnus Frangula); Sour Dock Perennial, Smooth Dock Perennial, Sheep Sorrel Perennial, Russian Knapweed, Buckhorn Perennial, and Wild Mustard Annual, and all other species of thistles belonging in genera of Cirsium and Carduus, (Musk Thistles).

June 15, 2025, for European Morning Glory, or Field Bindweed, Wild Carrot Biennial, also known as Queen Anne's Lace, Teasel Biennial, Canada Thistle, Poison Hemlock, Multiflora Rose, and Palmer Amaranth which is now listed for **eradication**.

July 15, 2025, for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack grass, Butterprint Annual, Cocklebur, Bull Thistle, Wild Sunflower Annual, Puncture Vine Annual, Shattercane Annual.

You are hereby notified to destroy or cause to be destroyed and, as often as necessary, to control the growth, all noxious weeds growing on your property located within Taylor County, Iowa, on or before the dates fixed for the destruction of each group of noxious weeds, as stated herein, and that unless you destroy or cause the same to be destroyed, the Board of Supervisors of Taylor County, Iowa will cause said weeds growing upon said lands to be destroyed and the cost thereof to be taxed against said lands as provided in Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa and amendment thereto.

Taylor County Board of Supervisors
Raymond Olney
Weed Commissioner
515-505-2225 cell or 712-523-2167 office. Please text or call the cell # provided to inform me of your willingness to cooperate.

all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

List of Bills 04/28/2025		
Payee	Description	Amount
Lenox Gas System	deposit refund	\$400.00
Quent Dalton	cell reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Blake Horton	cell reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Ryan Brown	cell reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Dylan Douglas	cell/mileage reimbursement	\$246.70
Dawne Bowman	cell reimbursement.....	\$30.00
Allison Kitzman	cell reimbursement.....	\$30.00
Keegan Christensen	deposit refund	\$200.00
Delta Dental	premium	\$460.10
Front 9, LLC	maintenance/chemicals /fertilizer.....	\$21,794.00
Lauren Hensley	deposit refund	\$200.00
John Deere Financial	lease payment	\$180.46
Lincoln's Lawn Care	crabgrass control-park.....	\$185.00
Lincoln Financial Group	premium	\$33.30
Matura	refund	\$273.16
Midwest Turf & Irrigation	splice/outmode	\$411.51
Office Depot	floor cleaner.....	\$52.98
RJ's Plumbing	2 porta-pottie rental....	\$130.00
SAM	annual web maintenance	\$1,320.00
The Christensen Agency	audit/policy renewal.....	\$103,192.28
Tri-County Vet	boarding fees	\$234.00
Café Sign Floral and Gif	Catalyst Grant completion payment	\$25,000.00
Tyler Technologies	Project Management fee.....	\$1,250.00
US Bank Equipment	copier contract.....	\$209.32
Wellmark	premium	\$6,113.73
WEX	fuel	\$1,107.99
Agrivision	filters/battery /lock pin.....	\$509.75

IA Dept of Transp traffic paint	\$294.82
IAMU Douglas-On Call to Operator OQ	\$105.00
Alliant Energy security light.....	\$19.33
Irby ball valve.....	\$389.97
Carruthers Plbg & Htg swivels/pipe/fittings.....	\$84.39
LMU quarterly mail services	\$590.30
Echo Group Inc. breaker.....	\$160.62
Lenox Time Table proceeds and claims	\$131.76
Avesis premium	\$64.18
Employees pr 8.....	\$18,104.25
EFPTS 941 tax.....	\$4,023.11
IA Dept of Revenue April w/holding tax	\$611.74
IPERS April Ipers.....	\$5,696.38
Inland Truck shaft repair 1985	\$1,655.47
Total	\$195,645.60
EXPENSES:	
General	\$112,094.77
RUT	\$3,153.04
Employee Benefit.....	\$13,233.98
Library Special Cemetery Special Neighborhood Center	\$1,536.00
Emergency LOST	\$185.00
TIF Debt Service Capital Projects Golf	\$22,687.70
Sewer.....	\$18,830.06
Gas	\$22,266.14
Prescott	\$1,658.91
TOTAL	\$195,645.60
RECEIPTS:	
General	\$7,479.04
RUT Empl Benefit Library Special Cem Special Neighborhood	\$3,750.00
Emergency LOST TIF Debt Service Capital Proj.....	\$8,162.50
Golf	\$11,219.27
Sewer.....	\$1,950.00
Gas	\$40,119.47
Prescott TOTAL.....	\$72,680.28



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Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of May, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. a public hearing will beheld before theCity Council of Clearfield, Iowa, at the Clearfield City Hall, with reference to amending the previous sewer service charge ordinance to as follows:

Each customer shall pay sewer service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer system based upon the amount of water consumed as follows:

- 1-2,000 gallons or lesser amountat \$40.00.
- Next 59,000 gallons or lesser amountat \$10.00 per 1,000 gallon.
- All over 60,000 at \$9.50 per 1,000 gallon
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