

Tigers compete at ISU Indoor meet

By Tyler Peterson

The Lenox boys and girls track teams kicked off their season this past week by competing in the IATC Iowa State Indoor Meet. on March 7 and 8. This meet is a restricted meet with restricted entries based on

times and distances that resulted in only a select few competing in comparison to an outdoor meet. The girls had the Distance Medley team of Zoey Reed, Sadie Cox, Carly Larson, and Bentley Petersen medal by placing 6th overall with a



The girls sprint medley took sixth place with Zoey Reed, Carly Larson, Sadie Cox and Bentley Petersen. Sadie took seventh in the 400m dash. (Photo credit to Mandy Stoaks)

time of 2:01.99, and individual Sadie Cox placed 7th in the 400 Meter Dash. Sophomores Carly Larson & Danielle Robinson competed in the 60 meter

Hurdles, and juniors Zoey Reed along with Bentley Petersen competed in the 60 Meter Dash.



The boys distance medley of Owen Grundman, Gabe Funk, Donald Bashor and Dawson Evans took sixth place. Gabe took first in the 110h hurdles. JJ Martin England, Brody Brokaw, Dawson Evans and Gabe Funk placed fifth in the shuttle hurdle relay. (Photo credit to Tyler Peterson)

CITY OF LENOX, IOWA ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FRANCHISE ORDINANCE NO. 395

An ordinance granting to ITC MIDWEST LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of ITC HOLDINGS CORP., its successors and assigns (the “Company”), the right and franchise to acquire, construct, reconstruct, erect, maintain, operate and remove in the City of Lenox, Taylor County, Iowa, a transmission system for electric power and the right to erect and maintain the necessary poles, lines, wires, conduits and other appliances, equipment and substations for the transmission of electric current and telecommunications along, under and upon the streets, avenues, alleys and public places in the City of Lenox, Taylor County, Iowa; granting the right to erect and maintain upon the streets, avenues, alleys, and public places, transmission lines through the City of Lenox, Taylor County, Iowa, for the period of twenty-five (25) years, and granting the right of eminent domain.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City Council of the City of Lenox, Taylor County, Iowa, hereinafter referred to as the “City”:

Section 1. Grant.

There is hereby granted to the Company the right and franchise to acquire, construct, reconstruct, erect, maintain, operate, and remove in the City a transmission system for electric power and the right to erect and maintain the necessary poles, lines, wires, conduits, and other appliances, equipment and substations for the transmission of electric current and telecommunications (collectively, the “Facilities”) along, under and upon the streets, avenues, alleys, and public places in the City; also the right to erect and maintain upon the streets, avenues, alleys and public places, transmission lines through the City for the period of twenty-five (25) years; also the right of eminent domain as provided in Section 364.2 of the Code of Iowa.

Section 2. Indemnification

The Facilities shall be placed and maintained so as not to unnecessarily interfere with the travel on the streets, avenues, alleys, and public places in the City nor unnecessarily interfere with the proper use of the same, including ordinary drainage, or with the sewers, underground pipe and other property of the City, and the Company shall hold the City free and harmless from all damages arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the Company in the erection or maintenance of the transmission system.

Section 3. Relocation.

Except as provided herein below, the Company shall, at its cost and expense, locate and relocate its Facilities in, on or over any public street or alley in the City in such a manner as the City may at any time reasonably require for the purposes of facilitating the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of the street or alley

or any public improvement of, in or about any such street or alley or reasonably promoting the efficient operation of any such improvement. If the City orders or requests the Company to relocate its Facilities for the primary benefit of a commercial or private project, or as the result of the initial request of a commercial or private developer or other non-public entity, the Company shall receive payment for the cost of such relocation as a precondition to relocating its Facilities. The City shall consider reasonable alternatives in designing its public works projects so as not arbitrarily to cause the Company unreasonable additional expense in exercising its authority under this section. The City shall also provide a reasonable alternate location for the Company’s Facilities. The City shall give the Company reasonable advance written notice to vacate a public right-of-way. Vacating a public right-of-way shall not deprive the Company of its right to operate and maintain existing Facilities until the reasonable cost of relocating the same are paid to the Company.

Section 4. Modern System.

The system authorized by this Ordinance shall be kept in an operable condition consistent with good utility practice and the reliability standards of the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC).

Section 5. System Plans.

The Company recognizes the importance of community input when siting new projects to serve the community and electricity distribution as well as the authority of the City to permit and otherwise regulate siting activity. The Company will apply to the City for a permit for work performed in City rights-of-way in accordance with City regulations and provide project-specific mapping, which may be protected under Iowa’s open meetings and open records laws, Iowa Code Chapters 21 and 22, to be used solely and exclusively by the City in administering the use and occupancy of the public right-of-way and not otherwise to be relied upon for any purpose.

At the request of the City, mapping information will be reviewed with the City staff. All such reviews will be in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations or the regulations of other agencies with authority over the review and dissemination of critical infrastructure information and infrastructure security, and subject to all protective provisions for critical infrastructure under Iowa’s open meetings and open records law, Iowa Code Chapters 21 and 22. Prior to any excavating in the rights-of-way, both parties shall follow the procedures set forth in Iowa Code Chapter 480 or an entity with a similar function utilized by both the City and the Company, currently the Iowa One Call System.

For emergencies, the Company may proceed with the work without first applying for a permit, provided, however, that the Company shall apply for and obtain a permit as soon as commercially practicable after

commencing such work.

Section 6. Vegetation Management.

To promote public safety in proximity to its Facilities and to maintain electric reliability, the Company is authorized and empowered to remove, cut, trim, destroy, or otherwise control any tree, shrub, brush, bush, or any parts thereof located within or extending into any street, alley, right-of-way, or public grounds. The foregoing vegetation management shall be completed in accordance with the most current nationally accepted safety and utility industry standards, as revised and updated from time to time.

Section 7. Continuous Service.

Service to be rendered by the Company under this franchise shall be continuous unless prevented from doing so by fire, Acts of God, unavoidable accidents or casualties, customer outages or interruptions on the bulk electric system to no fault of Company or interruptions necessary to properly service the Company’s equipment, and in such event service shall be resumed as quickly as is commercially practicable.

Section 8. Non-exclusivity.

The franchise granted by this Ordinance shall not be exclusive.

Section 9. Undergrounding.

The City may request estimates for the undergrounding of replacement lines, upgrades or new lines, including lines to be adjusted for road moves or for other specific projects. When requested, the Company will provide to the City two estimates: 1) An estimate for the cost of the project with overhead construction, and 2) An estimate for the cost of the project with underground construction. The City will have no more than 60 days from the estimate date to determine if it wants the line built overhead or placed underground. If the City chooses underground construction for such project, the City will be responsible for the incremental cost of undergrounding, if and to the extent, such costs are not already part of or included in a precondition payment for relocation pursuant to Section 3. The incremental cost of undergrounding is defined as the differential between the estimate for underground construction and the estimate for overhead construction. Upon receipt of the City’s payment for the incremental cost of undergrounding, the Company will install the underground facilities. The Company reserves the right to bill City for the amount that the incremental cost associated with installation exceeds its estimate. The City reserves the right to a refund of overpayment if the incremental costs are less than the amount billed in the estimate. If the City wishes to have a line not scheduled for replacement or upgrade placed underground, the City shall contact the Company to make such a request. The City shall cover all costs related to this work. If undergrounding of transmission lines requires entities interconnecting with the

Company to make adjustments to their electrical systems, the City bears the responsibility of communication with those entities and, if it chooses, the cost of converting their facilities from overhead to underground. The Company reserves the right to review all of the City’s communications with the affected entities.

Section 10. Severability.

If any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 11. Term of Agreement.

The term of the franchise granted by this Ordinance and the rights granted thereunder shall continue for the period of twenty-five (25) years from and after written acceptance by the Company.

Section 12. Publication Expenses.

The expense of the publication of this ordinance shall be paid by the Company.

Section 13. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, insofar as they are in direct conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 14. Acceptance.

The franchise granted by this Ordinance shall be conditioned upon acceptance by the Company in writing. The acceptance shall be filed with the City Clerk within ninety (90) days from the passage of this Ordinance.

Section 15. Future Developments.

The City agrees it will not permit or grant approval for any development, construction, or land uses in the City that would result in or cause the Company’s Facilities to violate setback requirements, safety requirements or any other provision of the National Electric Safety Code or any law, regulation or ordinances of the State of Iowa, Taylor County or the City.

Section 15. Closing.

This Ordinance sets forth and constitutes the entire agreement between the Company and the City with respect to the rights contained herein, and may not be superseded, modified, or otherwise amended without the approval and acceptance of the Company. Upon acceptance by the Company, this Ordinance shall supersede, abrogate, and repeal any prior electric system ordinance between the Company and the City as of the date this Ordinance is accepted by the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the City enact any ordinance or place any limitations, either operationally or through the assessment of fees, that create additional burdens upon the Company or that delay utility operations.

Melissa Douglas

Mayor

Attest: Dawne Bowman

City Clerk

By Tyler Peterson

On the boys side of things the boys Distance Medley team of sophomore Dawson Evans, senior Donald Bashor, junior Gabe Funk, and junior Owen Grundman medaled in 6th place with a time of 1:47.92. Gabe Funk was the 1A Champion in the 60 Meter High Hurdles with a time of 8.24. Junior Brody Brokaw, Evans, Funk, and junior Jordan Martin-England placed sixth to earn a medal in the Shuttle Hurdle Relay with a time of 1:03.22. Donald Bashor placed 10th in the 60 Meter Dash, and Martin-England

competed in the 400 Meter Dash for the Tigers.

The final sports story of the week comes from a former Lenox basketball star and current Southwestern Community College basketball player Cassidy Nelson. The starting shooting guard for the Spartans Women was named Third Team All-Region by the ICCAC. Nelson averaged 14 points and seven rebounds in her redshirt-sophomore season. Cassidy was the top outside shooter for SWCC shooting over 30% from beyond the arc in 2023-2024.

All-Conference lists for their efforts this season

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First Team All-Conference this season as well as being selected to the Class 1A All-Substate Seven Team. The junior led the Tigers this season in points (492), rebounds (239), assists (86), steals (74), and blocks (35). He averaged 22 points, eleven rebounds, four assists, three steals, and two blocks per game and had double-doubles in 13 of the Tigers’ 22 games.

He reached 1000 career points and currently is 42 points behind the 44-year-old school career record of 1,261. (Credit Meg Barker on statistical research).

Senior Carter Reed was the final Tiger on All-POI lists by being named as an Honorable Mention player this season. Reed averaged 17 points, three dimes, and three steals in conference play.

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941 Tax.....	\$4,370.83
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co Service.....	\$12,362.06
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company Supplies.....	\$167.81
Frontier Service.....	\$43.16
Frontier Communications Corp Access Billing.....	\$249.77
Greatamerica Financial Svcs Service.....	\$141.48
Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co Pc Service.....	\$6,500.00
Hach Company Testing.....	\$356.10
Htv Retransmission Programming.....	\$3,848.54
Iowa Finance Authority Payoff.....	\$91,958.00
Iowa State Savings Bank Lock Box.....	\$22.00
Ipers Contributions.....	\$6,328.59
Jeo Consulting Group Inc Substation Voltage Upgrade.....	\$5,687.50
Ron Kitzman Reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Lenox Family Hardware Llc Supplies.....	\$113.32
Lenox Time Table Service.....	\$204.19
Liberty National Service.....	\$109.93
Lincoln’s Lawn Care Service.....	\$319.41
Madison National Life Ins Co Service.....	\$185.64
Mail Services Llc Service.....	\$569.19
Trisha Mains Reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Metering & Technology Solution Supplies.....	\$2,663.14
Microbac Laboratories, Inc Testing.....	\$54.75
Microbac Laboratories, Inc Testing.....	\$298.00
Mission Square 457.....	\$20.00
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Municipal Supply Inc Supplies.....	\$804.00
Ncte Programming.....	\$68.20
Ncte Programming.....	\$13,012.65
Nexstar Broadcasting Inc Programming.....	\$2,090.67
Nucara Pharmacy Postage.....	\$16.94
Petersen Tire Repairs.....	\$26.75
Power & Telephone Supply Co Supplies.....	\$5,810.79
Rj’s Plumbing & Heating	

Service.....	\$217.48
Taylor Schrader Reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Showtime Networks Inc Programming.....	\$56.04
Simeca Service.....	\$51,752.60
Sirwa Purchased Water.....	\$43,451.20
Snyder & Associates Inc Service.....	\$5,513.50
T S Bank Loan Payoff.....	\$1,858,880.25
T S Bank Xfer.....	\$30,022.00
T S Bank Loan Payment.....	\$5,311.50
Treasurer, State Of Iowa Sales Tax.....	\$10,451.77
Treasurer, State Of Iowa Withholding.....	\$1,276.30
Tristar Benefit Administrators Service.....	\$1,100.00
Jeff Tull Reimbursement.....	\$50.00
U S Bank Charges.....	\$3,802.07
Unitypoint Clinic Testing.....	\$84.00
Utility Service Maintenance.....	\$6,791.01
Van Wert Company Service.....	\$1,254.38
Vantagepoint Consulting.....	\$3,042.50
Visual Edge It Service.....	\$205.34
Visual Edge It Service.....	\$129.59
Wellmark Bcbs Service.....	\$9,671.55
Department Of Energy Service.....	\$26,941.97
Brandon Wright Reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Ziegler Inc Service.....	\$2,043.67
Accounts Payable Total.....	\$2,236,444.36
Total Paid On: 2/15/24.....	\$14,923.70
Total Paid On: 2/29/24.....	\$13,892.52
Total Payroll Paid	\$28,816.22
Report Total	\$2,265,260.58
Enterprise Fund ..	\$2,265,260.58
Total Funds.....	\$2,265,260.58

The board received the monthly financial report.

Tripp made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Miller; all aye and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 am.

Jeff Tull,
General Manager
Tysen Christensen,
Chairperson

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