

April 8, 2008

The Afton City Council met in regular session at 6:30 PM April 8, 2008. Mayor Michelle Burger presided with Council members Dave Cunningham, Sherry Parrott, Cindy Williams, Jeff Burger, and Ann Tunnickliff present.

Tunnickliff moved to approve the agenda and Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes, the motion carried. Tunnickliff moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of March 11, 2008 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Joy Group, Afton Police Chief, and the following bills. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes, the motion carried.

Simpson College	Rec-AAU Volleyball Tourn.	100.00
W&W Welding	Gen-Backhoe Repair	13.75
Wellmark BC/BS	Gen/EB-April Health Ins	3,196.25
Mayor Pay	Gen-1 st Qtr Payroll	461.75
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,506.12
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll Taxes	2,979.95
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Retirement	1,163.86
Treas. St. of IA	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-State W/H	510.26
Gail Thatcher	Rec-Reimburse Volleyball T's	137.50
IAMU	Elec-Annual Dues	1,477.00
Postmaster	Elec-Postage	167.40
Advanced Laser	Elec/Sr-Printer Cartridges	69.95
Afton Star Enterprise	Gen-Ad & Publications	103.50
Amber Handy	Mtr. Dep-Balance of Deposit	25.63
Business Forms	Gen-Check Forms	112.35
Casey's General Store	Gen/Sr-Office Supplies & Gas	138.65
City of Creston	Sr-Lagoon Testing	460.00
Draper, Snodgrass, Mikkelsen	Gen-06-07 Audit	4,950.00
Employee Benefit Systems	EB/Sr/Elec-Self Funding Adm.	28.00
Farmers Coop	Gen/Sr-Gas	436.41
Iowa Workforce Dev	Gen-1 st Qtr Unemployment	30.87
James Law Office	Gen-Legal Fees	48.54
Krantz	Sr-Hydrant parts	25.08
MidAmerican Energy	Sr-Gas at Shop	206.95
Midwest Radar	Gen-Calibrate Car Radar	30.00
Petty Cash	Gen/Sr-Vehicle Wash, Gas, Postage	49.17
Postmaster	Sr/Elec-Postage for Apr-May	369.00
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	34,663.82
Richard Stream	Sr-Mileage Reimburse-2 Training	159.08
SWCC	Gen-Training	25.00
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-Cemetery Contract	2,350.00
Treas. St. Of IA	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,846.37
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Handy Final Bill	224.37
Walmart	Gen/Sr/Elec-Supplies	181.98
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,481.62
AgriLand FS, Inc.	Sr-Oil for Vehicle Maint.	123.37
Brown Power & Control	Elec-Labor & Parts	6,066.94
DSW Chemical	Sr-Chemicals	297.50

International Union	EB-April Union Dues	63.50
Nishna Valley Credit Union	EB-April Payroll W/H	200.00
Schlidberg	Gen-Rock	2,720.94
Southern Iowa Debris	Gen-Storm Debris Removal	4,000.00
Waste Management	Gen-Garbage Pickup	<u>3,723.91</u>
TOTAL		\$ 80,926.34

General Fund	\$ 19,236.16	Employee Benefit	\$ 5,563.82
Meter Deposit	250.00	Recreation Fund	237.50
Sewer Fund	2,566.83	Electric Fund	<u>45,622.54</u>
Payroll	7,449.49	TOTAL	\$ 80,926.34

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 11,294.55	Road Use	\$ 7,813.20
Employee Benefit	450.07	Emergency	48.71
LOST	6,918.23	Recreation	1,814.50
Capital Equipment	249.32	Perpetual Care	180.41
Sewer	9,303.86	Sewer Sinking	2,739.75
Sewer Improvement	51.71	Sewer Reserve	32.02
Electric	80,168.42	Meter Deposit	267.32
Sick Leave	114.44	TOTAL	\$ 121,446.51

PUBLIC FORUM:

Wayne Hill asked if the City was willing to enter into a similar agreement, like they currently have with the JOY group, for a new Community Center. Council members said they would consider a similar arrangement if needed, but more information would be required.

A resident that could not make the meeting wanted the Council to know there is concern with where the funding is coming from for a new Community Center. The Council indicated they will not commit to the project until more detail with funding is available.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

OLD BUSINESS:

The City Clerk reported that the DOT right-of-way office has completed the appraisal of the parcel of land in the Southeast corner of Highway 34 and 169. The DOT office will be getting the information to Afton and also has found some living relatives of the past owner of four lots. We should have more information by the May meeting and may be able to proceed at that time with the Afton Sign project.

McNeill Tree Service was contracted to remove all the tree hangers from the December Ice Storm. There are a couple trees left in the park and at the Afton Lake that will be completed when the ground firms up. Southern Iowa Debris Removal was contracted to pick up debris left in the City right-of-way and that work was completed Monday, April 7th. The City Clerk reported the FEMA project worksheet was revised to add the right-of-way pick up and the total cost to the City after FEMA and State funding will be \$600.

Summer street projects were discussed. The Street Committee will review all the streets and get a list to the City Clerk so we can proceed with requesting bids for our project. The Council would like to try to get 2-3 bids if possible.

The Union contract negotiation deadline is June 16, 2008. The Council was waiting on more information from our health insurance provider regarding new rates. This information was received via a phone call, but the final paperwork has not been received. The Council would like to set up negotiation with the Union at the regular May Council meeting.

The Council is still evaluating our Electric System. There are legal steps that need to be considered with one option and therefore the Council would like to have a special meeting with our City Attorney present. The City Clerk is to check with the City Attorney on two possible dates and set up a special Council meeting for either 4/22/08 or 4/23/08 at 5:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Phil Brown with the Iowa Catfish Drifters, Inc. is trying to get sponsors for their August 23rd tournament at Three-Mile Lake. The sponsors are needed for broadcasting the tournament on the Sportsman Channel. This tournament will be broadcast in Iowa and 48 other states. The Mayor will help develop a list of local businesses for Phil to contact for sponsor support.

Parrott moved to reappoint Don Damewood to a five-year term on the Afton Housing Commission Board to expire 4/1/13. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to allow the Afton Fire Department to close the section of E. Kansas on Saturday April 12 or 19 for their training house burn at 607 E. Kansas. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

The City Clerk received a phone call from Benefit Resources stating our Wellmark BC/BS health premiums will be decreasing 27.54% and dental premiums will remain the same for our July 1 renewal. Official paperwork has not yet been received in the mail. Williams moved to renew our premium with Benefit Resources if paperwork agrees with the verbal quote. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

A long-term tree removal plan was discussed. The Council would like to continue to evaluate trees on City property on a case-by-case basis. Council will only remove trees that are determined to be dead, diseased, or damaged as per the City Ordinance.

Williams moved to adjourn and Tunnicliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes and the Council adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk