

August 7, 2007

The Afton City Council met in regular session at 6:30 PM August 7, 2007. Mayor Michelle Burger presided with Council members Dave Cunningham, Ann Tunncliff, Sherry Parrott, and Jeff Burger present. Cindy Williams excused absent.

Parrott moved to approve the agenda and Tunncliff seconded the motion. With Roll call votes of all ayes, the motion carried. Tunncliff moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of July 10, 2007 meeting, the report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Joy Group, Director of Afton Housing, Afton Police Chief, and the following bills. Cunningham seconded the motion. With roll call votes of all ayes, the motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,700.44
Farner-Bocken	Rec-Concession Supplies	25.00
International Union	T&A-Union Dues	63.50
Iowa DNR	Sr-Annual NPDES Fee	210.00
Iowa Insurance Div	Gen-Cemetery Deed Filing Fee	25.00
Iowa One Call	Sr-Locate faxes	9.00
Iowa Telecom	Gen-Phone & Internet	282.05
Nishna Valley Credit Union	T&A-Payroll Withholding	200.00
Postmaster	Elec-Stamps	164.00
SW Iowa REC	Sr/Rec-Electricity	189.28
Utility Fund	Mtr. Dep-Sell/Pena Final Bill	255.00
Alex Wuebker	Rec-Umpire 4 Softball Games	28.00
DSW Chemical	Sr-Chemicals	297.25
Employee Benefit Sys.	T&A-Self Funding Adm.	28.00
Gateway Hotel	Gen-Hotel for Clerk School	238.08
Jamie Smith	Rec-Umpire 1 Softball Game	7.00
Michael Weinkoetz	Rec-Umpire 10 Softball Games	70.00
Paula Barnett	Rec-Coach Softball	150.00
Toni Landers	Gen-Mileage to Ames School	104.28
Wal-Mart	Rec/Gen-Concessions & Supplies	811.31
Wellmark BC/BS	Gen-Self Funding EOB's	50.00
Wellmark BC/BS	T&A-Health Insurance	3,835.50
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,714.07
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll Taxes	2,864.32
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll W/H	1,146.38
Treas. St. of IA	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-State W/H	471.12
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	128.59
Akin Building Ctr.	Gen-Park Shelter Supplies	95.86
Barker Implement	RU-Equipment Maintenance	42.62
Casey's Gen. Stores	Gen-Gas	62.75
David McNeil	Gen/RU-Dead Tree Removal	1,500.00
Diane Chumbley	Mtr. Dep-Deposit Refund	159.63
Display Sales Co.	Gen-Banners	1,108.50
Farmers Coop	Gen/RU-Gas & Chemicals	543.16
Iowa Prison Ind.	RU-Street Signs	125.40
MidAmerican Energy	Sr-Gas for Shop	10.00
Mike's Service	Gen/Rec-Mowing	600.00
P&W Concrete	RU-Walls/Ftg. for Sand	3,440.00
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	48,294.16

Stormy Rehmeier	Mtr.Dep-Deposit Refund	42.69
Treasurer St. of IA	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	2,048.49
Trophy Shop	Gen/W.Trail-Plaques	24.28
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-3 Final Bill	382.68
Vance Brothers	RU-Asphalt Cold Mix	6,048.36
Brown Power & Control	Elec-Parts & Labor	6,673.06
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-Caretaker Contract	2,350.00
Waste Management	Gen-Garbage	<u>3,723.91</u>
	TOTAL \$	96,342.72

General Fund	\$ 10,338.63	Employee Benefit	\$ 6,684.07
Road Use	10,831.16	Walking Trail	15.39
Recreation Fund	1,545.57	Sewer Fund	1,650.71
Electric Fund	57,022.68	Meter Deposit	<u>840.00</u>
Payroll	7,414.51	TOTAL	\$ 96,342.72

**RECEIPTS:**

General	\$ 10,481.67	Road Use	\$ 6,278.75
Employee Benefit	662.63	Recreation	2,254.95
Sewer	8,887.61	Electric	46,849.40
Meter Deposit	535.00	Sewer Sinking	2,739.75
Sewer Reserve	6.15	Sick Leave	4,305.00
Sewer Improvement	9.92	Emergency	75.23
Walking Trail	175.00	LOST	<u>7,137.68</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 90,398.74

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Doug Jones and Dave Campbell talked on behalf of the Recreation Board. They requested the city pay the mowing of the Recreation Park and it not be taken out of their funds. Cunningham moved to have the City pay the mowing from the General Fund. Tunncliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

The City Maintenance Employee presented pictures of a snow plow truck from the City of Okoboji. Okoboji is taking sealed bids until September 3, 2007. The City will check into the truck and possibly put a bid in.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

Parrott moved to approve Resolution 2007-12 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OFFICIAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPALITY FOR MUNICIPAL STREETS IN THE CITY OF AFTON, IA FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007. Tunncliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes from Cunningham, Tunncliff, Parrott, and Burger. Motion carried.

Cunningham moved to approve Resolution 2007-13 RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT UNDER THE CITY OF AFTON URBAN REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR STACY MOORE. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes from Burger, Parrott, Cunningham and a nay vote from Tunncliff. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Cunningham reported the park shelter and restroom both need shingled. The Recreation concession stand has been patched and looks fine. Council discussed trying to get volunteers to help shingle the park shelter and restroom this fall.

The Recreation Board would like the pea gravel removed and replaced with mulch and a new piece of play equipment. SICOG is currently working on the application process to get grants for this project and would like a Resolution from the City as to amount the City will contribute. The Council would like to wait for more information on the grants before making a commitment by Resolution.

Council reviewed pictures of possible signs for the City. Parrott had additional questions on the signs and will discuss with Tony Allen. The City Clerk reported she is still waiting on final approval from the DOT regarding placement of the sign in the right-of-way of Hwy 34 & 169.

Parrott moved to approve the revised version of the Employee Handbook. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

City Maintenance Employee discussed DNR requirement for lagoons to have an effluent meter to measure out flow within the next two years. A quote was reviewed from Harry Ferris Company for \$4,261.95. Council also discussed getting a solar panel to run the current flow meter for intake and then we would not need electricity from REC at the Lagoon. Parrott moved to approve the quote from Harry Ferris and to add a second solar panel. Tunncliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Cunningham moved to reappoint Pat Nixon to a five year term on the Planning and Zoning Board. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to approve the Deputy City Clerk to attend the Fall IUB meeting on 9/19/07 in Des Moines. Tunncliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Council discussed the PIO training to be held in Creston on 8/25 and 8/26/07. John Coulter will be attending. Mayor Burger will check her schedule to see if she will be able to attend that weekend.

The Iowa League of Cities is holding their annual conference in Dubuque from 9/26-9/28/07. Council reviewed but was unable to attend.

Two abandoned houses were served nuisance abatements and are currently in legal proceedings. The siblings of the deceased owner of property at 308 S Grant was served legal papers on 8/3/07 with 20 days to reply. The owner of 607 E. Kansas is currently being served with legal papers. Once the waiting period is over the city can clean up the properties and assess the clean up charges to their taxes.

A survey of cities with population of 600-1000 shows the average Council pay is \$35 per meeting. Mayor Burger requested we leave the current Mayor pay as is. Parrott recommended changing Council pay to \$35 per Meeting. The City Clerk was instructed to present an Ordinance for reading at the September meeting with the proposed change of \$35 per meeting for Council pay.

Tunncliff moved to adjourn and Cunningham seconded. Roll call votes of all ayes and the Council adjourned at 7:56 PM.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Toni Landers, City Clerk

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Michelle Burger, Mayor