

February 12, 2008

The Afton City Council met in regular session at 6:30 PM February 12, 2008. Mayor Michelle Burger presided with Council members Sherry Parrott, Cindy Williams, Dave Cunningham (entered at 6:34), Jeff Burger, and Ann Tunnicliff present. Tunnicliff moved to approve the agenda and Parrott seconded the motion. With Roll call votes of all ayes, the motion carried.

At 6:32 PM the Mayor announced that it was time for the public hearing on the 2008-09 fiscal year budget estimate. There was no one present for comments and no comments were received. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:34 PM.

Parrott moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of January 16 and January 30, 2008 meetings, the report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Joy Group, Afton Housing Commission, Afton Police Chief, and the following bills. Tunnicliff seconded the motion. With roll call votes of all ayes, the motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,629.80
Iowa Telecom	Gen-Phone & Internet	259.39
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-Cemetery Contract	2,350.00
Creston VB Club	Rec-AAU Volleyball	120.00
Fine Services	Gen-Pest Control	49.00
Greater Reg Med Ctr	EB-Self Fund Ins	1,008.90
International Union	EB-Union Dues	63.50
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locate Faxes	18.00
Newton Volleyball Tourn.	Rec-AAU Volleyball	120.00
Nishna Valley Credit Union	EB-Credit Union W/D	200.00
Postmaster	Sr/Elec-Postage	164.00
SCICF	Gen-Contribution	500.00
Wendy McKinney	Rec-AAU Volleyball	120.00
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,664.15
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll Taxes	2,918.75
Chapman Metering	Elec-Meter Testing	407.67
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jan Retirement	1,178.02
Treas. St. of IA	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll Taxes	479.72
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/Gen/Sr/Elec-Health Ins.	3,196.25
D Club	Rec-Diagonal Boy BB Tourn.	25.00
Gail Thatcher	Rec-Cash Drawer for Tourn.	125.00
Lenox Community Club	Rec-Boys BB Tourn.	40.00
James McConnell MD	EB-Self Funding Ins.	121.50
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	300.29
DSW Chemical	Sr/RU-Chemicals & Rd Paint	1,073.03
Employee Benefit Systems	EB/Sr/Elec-Self Funding Adm.	28.00
Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas	248.24
Green Valley AEA	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	30.00
Hach	Sr-PH Tester	120.95
Iowa League of Cities	Gen-DATA Annual Fees	30.00
M&M Sales Co.	Gen-Copier Maint.	380.00
Mid American Energy	Sr-Gas	323.62
Mid Iowa Environmental	Gen-Asbestos Removal	1,880.00

Quill	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	76.13
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	44,721.85
Southern Exposure Tourism	Gen-Tourism Tabloid Ad	136.50
The Univ of Iowa	Gen-Policy Handbook	30.00
WalMart	Gen-Office Supplies	141.14
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,131.16
Auditor St of IA	Gen-Audit Filing Fee	175.00
Brown Power & Control	Elec-Ice Storm Repairs/Elec Work	9,737.94
Casey's General Stores	Gen/Sr-Gas	324.20
East Union Comm School	Rec-Use of Gym	23.60
Galls	Gen-Siren & Speaker for Car	537.97
Hallett Materials	Gen-Ice Control Sand	501.30
International Union	EB-Union Dues	63.50
Iowa Telecom	Gen-Phone/Internet	276.53
James Law Office	Gen-Legal Fees	1,606.51
Nishna Valley Credit Union	EB-Credit Union	100.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Sr-Maintenance Supplies	17.68
Postmaster	Elec-Stamps	205.00
Quill	Gen/Sr/Elec-Fax Machine	99.98
Susan Marx	Mtr. Dep-Meter Deposit Refund	250.00
Treas. St. Of IA	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	2,212.66
Waste Mgmt	Gen-Garbage	3,723.91
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-Feb Cemetery Contract	<u>2,350.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 95,615.34

General Fund	\$ 16,139.95	Employee Benefit	\$ 6,780.14
Road Use	352.98	Recreation Fund	573.60
Sewer Fund	2,782.42	Electric Fund	58,311.14
Meter Deposit	250.00	Payroll	<u>10,425.11</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 95,615.34

RECEIPTS:			
General	\$ 5,845.36	Road Use	\$ 7,580.60
Employee Benefit	48.56	Emergency	5.26
LOST	7,870.79	Huss Cemetery	822.74
Recreation	3,842.00	Sewer	8,368.14
Sewer Sinking	2,739.75	Electric	<u>48,480.54</u>
Meter Deposit	575.00	TOTAL	\$ 86,178.74

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Bruce Carpenter spoke on his concerns regarding the streets being cleared by his mailbox, adding more sand around town, and fixing the ruts and potholes.

Gary Clear discussed some possible changes the legislature is currently discussing on Emergency Management funding.

John Kline, representing the Afton Care Center, talked to the Council regarding the electric rate increases.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

Parrott moved to approve Resolution 2008-07 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Tunncliff, Williams, Parrott, and Burger. Motion carried.

Williams moved to place Ordinance #179 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, 1998, BY AMENDING THE ELECTRIC RATES on its first reading. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Tunncliff, Cunningham, Parrott, Burger, and Williams. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance #179 and Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Williams, Burger, Tunncliff, and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to approve Ordinance #179 and Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Tunncliff, Burger, Cunningham, Williams, and Parrott. Motion carried.

Large user electric contracts were discussed. Rate increases are as follows:

Afton Care Center:   First 1,500 Kwh @ \$.1100 per Kwh  
                          Next 8,500 Kwh @ \$.0820 per Kwh  
                          Next 20,000 Kwh @ \$.0733 per Kwh  
                          Balance     Kwh @ \$.0692 per Kwh

Farmers Coop           First 1,500 Kwh @ .0811 per Kwh  
(three phase Electric) Next 8,500 Kwh @ .0720 per Kwh  
                          Next 20,000 Kwh @ .0633 per Kwh  
                          Balance     Kwh @ .0592 per Kwh  
                          Winter Demand Charge \$6.95 per Kw  
                          Summer Demand Charge \$7.95 per Kw

Parrott moved to approve the Large User Electric Contracts. Tunncliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Cunningham, Burger, Williams, and Tunncliff. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Eric Stoll with IAMU discussed electric line worker's statewide average salary ranges with the Council. Stoll also mentioned the shortage of electrical workers and gave the Council information on IAMU's apprentice program and mentioned the type of equipment that would be needed to start our own electrical department. Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 to discuss hiring needs for our electrical system.

Councilman Burger recommended purchasing a trailer from Quality Glass for around \$1150.00. This will be used to haul the new mower around town to all the job sites we will be mowing next summer. Parrott moved to purchase the trailer. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Cunningham moved to appoint Gary Clear to the Greenlawn Cemetery Board to replace John Clark whose term expired last month. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

The City Clerk updated the Council on the ice storm debris clean up. The Iowa DOT Creston office will be picking up debris placed in the right-of-way as weather permits. An ad was placed in the Afton Star to notify citizens and also a comment placed on the February utility invoices. When the weather cooperates and we have a better idea of when the DOT will be able to pick up the debris, the City Clerk will place another ad in the paper and also put an announcement on the radio.

The City Clerk updated the Council on the Afton Sign project. The DOT is getting closer to selling back the right-of-way they purchased in 1970. They are selling back this land along Hwy 34 as they do not need as much as they originally purchased since they no longer have plans to make Hwy 34 four lane. The City Clerk will check back with the DOT in March to see if the appraisal has been completed and bring more details to the March meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Parrott moved to reappoint Roger Cheers, Andrew Siddens, and Gary Siddens to serve another term on the Board of Adjustments. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

SIRHA has notified the Council that Tammy Clark’s term on their commission board will expire in April. The Council will find a replacement and appoint someone at the March meeting.

Williams moved to approve Bert’s Pub & Grub’s liquor license. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

SICOG sent their annual survey of priorities to the Council. The Council completed the survey and the City Clerk will summarize and mail back to SICOG

Kevin Holzhauser with the International Union of Operating Engineers submitted their opening bargaining proposal. Williams moved to approve the proposal. Parrott discussed the need to change health insurance for new hires. Council and Union agreed to hold off on signing contract until more is determined on possible future electrician position.

Williams moved to adjourn and Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes and the Council adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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

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Michelle Burger, Mayor