

May 13, 2008

The Afton City Council met in regular session at 6:30 PM May 13, 2008. Mayor Michelle Burger presided with Council members Ann Tunnicliff, Sherry Parrott, Cindy Williams, Jeff Burger, and Dave Cunningham present.

Tunnicliff moved to approve the agenda and Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes, the motion carried. Williams moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of April 8 & 23, 2008 meetings, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Joy Group, Afton Housing Commission, Afton Police Chief, and the following bills. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes, the motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,553.54
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll Taxes	2,837.76
Iowa Telecom	Gen-Phone & Internet	292.91
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Retirement	1,147.59
Treas. State of IA	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll Taxes	502.19
GALLS	Gen-Siren Speakers	162.98
Wellmark BC/BS	Gen/EB/Sr/Elec-Health Ins	3,196.25
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,481.62
Employee Benefit Sys	Gen/Sr/Elec-Self Funding Adm	28.00
International Union	EB-Union Dues	63.50
Linda Trotter	Mtr.Dep-Refund for Prompt Pay	200.00
Nishna Valley Credit Union	EB-Payroll Withholding	300.00
RPGI	Elec-Electricity	31,409.74
Sam Sutton	Mtr.Dep-Refund for Prompt Pay	200.00
Sarah Avila	Mtr.Dep-Refund for Prompt Pay	200.00
Union County Treasurer	Gen-Nuisance Taxes	108.00
Wal-Mart	Gen/Rec-Office Supplies	280.93
Advanced Drainage Systems	Gen-Pipe & Coupler	708.41
Afton Star Enterprise	Gen-Publications	209.03
Akin Building Center	Gen/Rec-Bench Lumber, Supplies	448.44
Barco Municipal Products	Gen-Street Paint	1,041.31
Brown Supply Co.	Gen-Grader Blade	247.50
Card Services	Elec- Office Supplies	37.70
Caseys General Store	Gen-Gas	71.40
Casey & Charissa Fluckey	Mtr.Dep-Refund for Prompt Pay	135.00
City of Creston	Sr-Sewer Sample Tests	120.00
Creston Publishing	Gen-Ad for Bids	37.68
David McNeill Tree Svc	Gen-Storm Debris Hangers	1,500.00
Delfino Marin	Mtr.Dep-Refund for Prompt Pay	145.00
Dr. Larry Hicks	Sr-Safety Glasses	135.00
East Union Schools	Rec-Use of Gym & Janitor	331.70
Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Rec/Sr-Gas & Weed Killer	987.40
Fine Services	Gen-Pest Control Service	49.00
Holiday Inn	Gen-Hotel for IMFOA Conf	160.50
Hydro Klean	Sr-Sewer Machine Nozzle	1,030.00
IAMU	Elec-Energizers	145.52
Iowa Finance Authority	Sr Skg-Interest Payment	4,400.55

Iowa League of Cities	Gen-Clerk Schooling	396.00
Iowa Telecom	Gen-Phone & Internet	308.82
James Law Office	Gen-Legal Fees	175.54
Krantz Plumbing & Heating	Gen-Hydrant for Pound	70.62
MidAmerican Energy	Sr-Gas at Shop	145.72
Miracle Recreation	Rec-Playground Equip	4,000.00
Quill	Sr/Elec-Invoice Envelopes	239.97
Ripperger Auto	Sr-Truck Repairs	191.40
T&S Industries	Gen-Bracket for Mower	85.27
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-May Cemetery Contract	2,350.00
Treas. State of IA	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	2,012.57
US Postal Service	Gen/Sr/Elec-Stamped Envelopes	482.60
Waste Management	Gen-Garbage	3,723.91
Willetts & Woosley	Gen-Televise Hole Under Joy Bldg	114.59
Brown Power & Control	Elec-Parts & Labor	3,470.22
Carter Agency	Gen/Sr/Elec-Insurance	20,507.00
Harry Ferris Company	Sr-Calibrate Flow Meters	360.00
Iowa Utilities Board	Elec-4 th Qtr Assessment	111.00
Service Tech	Gen-Weed Eater Supplies	26.67
SW Iowa REC	Rec-Electric for Ball Fields	93.00
TOTAL		\$ 98,771.05

General Fund	\$ 32,845.79	Road Use Tax	\$ 137.04
Employee Benefit	5,497.29	Recreation	5,013.64
Sewer Fund	3,990.67	Sewer Sinking	4,400.55
Electric Fund	38,970.91	Meter Deposit	880.00
Payroll	7,035.16	TOTAL	\$ 98,771.05

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 33,655.06	Road Use	\$ 5,643.90
Employee Benefit	7,118.45	Emergency	770.40
LOST	6,918.23	Recreation	3,005.00
Sewer	7,949.42	Sewer Sinking	2,739.75
Electric	49,351.95	Meter Deposit	400.00
TOTAL		\$	117,552.16

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

At 6:35 PM the Mayor announced that it was time for the public hearing on the 2007-08 fiscal year budget amendment. There was no one present for comments and no comments were received. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:36 PM.

At 6:45 PM the Mayor announced that it was time for the public hearing on the electric system. The Mayor noted that the electric contractor for Afton has put in his resignation and this has prompted the City to look into three options: 1.) hiring a full-time electrician and buying equipment, 2.) contracting labor, or 3.) selling the electric system. The following groups gave presentations for the residents in attendance: Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Coop (REC), Alliant Energy, Resale Power Group of Iowa (RPGI)-Afton's current provider of electricity, and Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU). The residents then were able to ask questions to the presenters and Council. It was noted that if the City decides to sell the system, it would have to be approved by an election. If approved the City would take

competitive bids from any interested utility company and could accept a bid or the City can decline all bids. A special election could be held this summer at an approximate cost of \$550-\$700. RPGI and IAMU also suggested hiring an independent consultant to help determine what is best for Afton. With no other questions, the public hearing closed at 8:20 PM.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCE:

Williams moved to approve Resolution 2008-09 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Tunncliff, Burger, Williams, Parrott, and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Williams moved to approve Resolution 2008-10 A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Williams, Cunningham, Parrott, Burger, and Tunncliff. Motion carried.

Williams moved to place Ordinance #180 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, 1998, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FEES on its first reading. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Burger, Tunncliff, Cunningham, Williams, and Parrott. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Iowa Department of Transportation appraisal for Lots 118-120, 126-131, 185-192, and 245 is \$4,000 for the 2.2 acres. This is the area where the current Afton arrow sign is located. The Iowa DOT sent the City an Offer to Buy for these parcels. The City can then replace the sign and in the future look into a road-side park. Parrott moved to buy the parcel from the DOT at the \$4,000. Tunncliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

The Street Committee has reviewed streets and talked to some companies that are interested in repairing our streets. J. Burger will make up a spec sheet and talk to three companies to get competitive bids. It was discussed that we could require bids to be received by May 27, 2008 and have a special meeting to open the bids that night at 5:30.

Parrott moved to approve the Union Negotiation Contract with raises of 4%. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Shannon Harper and Jill McKnight gave an update on the Community Center. Joyful Sparks would like to apply for a Dekko grant for an architect and asked the Council if they would provide a letter of support for the project. No dollar commitment was required for the letter. The proposed center will be built on the current Joy Building site and the lot south. The Center will remain as a Community/Senior Center and Preschool. Council agreed to provide letter of support for this type of project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barry & Tina Willets requested the City replace a culvert on Scott Street South of the Gregory corner. The drive the culvert is under is not used. The Council requested the Clerk check who owns the land the drive goes to first and then recommended removing the culvert and leave as ditch if drive not used.

Parrott moved to donate \$500 to the Afton Fire Department for their help burning down the nuisance properties for the City. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to allow the City Clerk to attend the Iowa Municipal Professional Institute Academy July 21-25. Tunnicliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Gary Clear discussed the Afton Manor parking project that will be done in some of the City Right-of-way. A copy of the Ordinance was given to Clear concerning parking/driveways up to paved streets.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Tunnicliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Council adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk