

September 9, 2008

The Afton City Council met in regular session at 6:30 PM September 9, 2008. Mayor Michelle Burger presided with Council members Ann Tunnicliff, Sherry Parrott, Dave Cunningham, Cindy Williams, and Jeff Burger present.

Williams moved to approve the agenda and Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried. Tunnicliff moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of August 18 & 27, 2008 meetings, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Joy Group, Afton Housing Commission, Afton Police Chief, and the following bills. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,342.36
941 Taxes	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll Taxes	3,131.28
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-August Retire	1,313.33
Treas. State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-August W/H	554.83
Afton Star Enterprise	Gen/Rec-Publications & Ads	349.01
Barker Implement	Gen-Mower Oil Filter	40.92
City of Creston	Sr-Sewer Sample Tests	115.00
Creston Farm & Home	Sr-Supplies	126.35
Eighmy Monument Co.	W.Trail-Bricks & Lettering	3,051.19
Farmers Coop	Gen/Sr-Gas & Chemicals	813.09
Guaranty Abstract Co.	Gen-Legal Expenses-Nuisance	142.00
JEO Consulting Group	Elec-Consulting Fee	5,665.00
John Coulter	Gen-Reimburse Office Supplies	25.82
Postmaster	Elec/Sr-Postage	227.00
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	45,652.44
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-Cemetery Contract	2,462.50
The Exchange	Gen-Ad for Land	28.50
The United States Life Ins	EB/Elec/Sr-Life Insurance	314.25
Treas. State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,962.40
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Heslop/Butler Final	310.00
Walmart	Gen-Office & Park Supplies	152.30
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,810.09
Agriland FS	RU-Bulk Oil	196.79
All Sports America	Rec-Football Uniform & Equip	2,142.36
Barker Implement	RU-Backhoe Maint Supplies	109.91
Brown Power & Control	Elec-Parts & Labor	4,500.26
Casey's General Store	Gen-Gas & Supplies	100.41
Creston Publishing	Gen-Ad to Sale Land	126.84
Doug Jones	Rec-Reimburse Gas-Playground	30.00
Dusty Harper	Mtr.Dep-Refund Deposit	195.00
Employee Benefit Systems	EB/Elec-Self Fund Adm	28.00
IAMU	Sr/Elec-Red Flag Workshop	10.00
International Union	EB-Union Dues	68.50
NAPA	Sr-Backhoe Repair Parts	30.63
Nishna Valley Credit Union	EB-Payroll Deduction	200.00
Petty Cash	Gen/Sr-Postage & Supplies	43.67
Richard Stream	RU-Mileage Reimburse	194.81

Ripperger Auto Repair	Gen-Police Car Maint	650.04
Schildberg	RU-Rock	3,074.19
Vance Brothers	Gen/RU-Street Repair Project	89,417.50
Waste Management	Gen-Garbage Collection	<u>4,132.22</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 179,840.79

General Fund	\$ 51,951.09	Road Use	49,575.70
Employee Benefit	5,513.94	Recreation	2,210.86
Sewer Fund	1,061.72	Electric Fund	57,818.84
Meter Deposit	505.00	Payroll	8,152.45
Walking Trail	3,051.19	TOTAL	\$ 179,840.79

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 8,763.95	Road Use	\$ 6,283.91
LOST	7,140.74	Recreation	1,465.00
Capital Equipment	10,000.00	Perpetual Care	60.00
Sewer	9,096.36	Sewer Sinking	2,744.33
Electric	56,516.29	Meter Deposit	625.00
		TOTAL	\$102,695.58

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments received.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCE:

Parrott moved to approve Resolution 2008-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Tunnickliff, Cunningham, Burger, Williams, and Parrott. Motion Carried.

Parrott moved to place Ordinance #181 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, 1998, BY ADDING NEW SUB-SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 65 STOP AND YIELD REQUIRED, AND REPEALING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 65, SECTION 04, SUBSECTION 5 AND 10, PERTAINING TO YIELD SIGNS on its first reading. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Cunningham, Williams, Tunnickliff, and Burger. Motion carried.

Williams moved to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance #181. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Tunnickliff, Burger, Williams, Cunningham, and Parrott. Motion carried.

Williams moved to approve Ordinance #181. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Parrott, Tunnickliff, Burger, and Williams. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brown Power and Control has committed to another year of electric service for the City and requested the City contract out for tree trimming service and has a PCB project planned this winter for our system. Council discussed and felt continuing with Brown Power and Control is the best option for the City and our residents. Cunningham made a motion to rescind the motion from August 18th meeting to get competitive bids for O&M service and continue with our current provider. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes Burger, Williams, Parrott, and Cunningham and nay vote from Tunnickliff. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to hire Trevor Paulus as the new Sewer/Maintenance employee to start September 15th and Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the need for a snow plow truck and reviewed both new and used truck bids. Williams moved to purchase a new truck from O'Halloran using inter-fund transfers from the electric reserve fund and paying back over a time period using LOST funds pending checking legalities. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes Cunningham, Tunncliff, Williams, and Burger and nay vote from Parrott. Motion carried.

City Clerk informed the Council that Tony Allen is working on a new bid for the Afton Sign project. The quarry that had the limestone rock has now closed and Allen is checking with other quarries. The price of steel has also increased. Allen hoped to have information for the Council soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Floyd Taber with Villisca Municipal Utilities talked to the Council about a possible future shared agreement contract. Villisca would be interested in a 1 year signed 28E agreement based on the number of hours we would need and said they could provide competitive rates. He wanted the Council to consider this option when they revisit the electric contractor needs in February.

The City Clerk has talked to three parties that are interested in bidding our electric line tree trimming project. McNeill and Taber were present and needed clarification on if we wanted the bids based on Primary lines, secondary lines, and house service lines and if they needed to bid to ANSI standard. The clerk will discuss with Brown Power and Control and let all three parties know. Bid deadline was set for September 16th.

Williams moved to set Afton Trick-or-Treat night on Friday, October 31st from 5:00-8:00 PM. Tunncliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to approve the City Clerk to attend the IMFOA conference on October 16 & 17. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

JEO Consulting group has given a verbal bid of \$2,000-\$3,000 for writing an RFP for O&M Service bids and \$5,000 for putting together a capital improvement plan that was discussed during their evaluation of our system. Council tabled discussion until February, 2009, since Brown Power and Control has committed to serving Afton for one more year. The Council will review both issues again at that time.

The ABC Group would like the City to consider purchasing the property at 250 N. Douglas for the Community Center project. They would like to tear down the building for additional parking. Council requested the City Clerk discuss legal issues of this with the City Attorney. The Council is concerned with liens, back taxes owed, and possibility of an adjoining wall on this property.

Richard Streams requested to go into closed session to discuss issues pursuant to Iowa Code, Chapter 21.5(i). Parrott moved to go into closed session and Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried. Council went into closed session at 7:47 PM

Council came back into open session at 7:58 PM. Williams moved to postpone Richard Stream's retirement request for 9/30/08 and extend his employment for the month of October at a pay of \$18.00 per hour effective 10/1/08. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Williams moved to adjourn and Tunnicliff seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Council adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk