

March 10, 2015

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM March 10, 2015. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Dave Cunningham, Mary Hill, Sherry Parrott, and Jeff Burger Present. Cindy Williams arrived at 6:38 PM.

Parrott moved to approve the agenda and Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried. Parrott moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of February 10, 2015 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, JOY Group, Afton Police Chief and the following bills. Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,405.37
Caleb McGuire	Elec-AC Rebate	100.00
First National Bank	Gen-Safe Deposit Box Rent	20.00
Iowa DNR	Sr-Construction Permit	100.00
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	250.18
Monte Parrott	Sr-Uniform Reimbursement	64.95
Trophy Shop	Gen-Memorial Plaques	27.96
Utility Fund	Elec-Walter Washer Rebate	100.00
Walters Signs	Sr-Uniforms	53.00
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Health Insurance	2,232.51
Windstream	Gen-Phone & Internet	348.29
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,891.55
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Payroll Taxes	3,147.27
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Retirement	1,779.57
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb State W/H	515.76
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	328.09
Ahlers & Cooney PC	Sr-Bond Attorney Fees	4,384.99
Barco Municipal Products	Sr-Locate Flags	61.36
Birmingham Receipt Book	Gen/Sr/Elec-Receipt Books	178.00
Business Forms & Acct.	Gen/Sr/Elec-Laser Checks	157.81
IAMU	Elec-Dues	1,800.00
IMFOA	Gen-Annual Dues	40.00
Iowa Codification	Gen-Ordinance 218-220 & 222	195.00
JEO Consulting Group	Elec-Engineering Services	613.00
Murphy Tractor & Equip.	Cap.Equip-New Backhoe	73,094.00
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	41,573.48
SIRWA	Gen-Comm. Ctr. Water	19.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep/Elec-Refund and Rebates	345.00
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.	Sr-Engineering Service	1,390.00
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	80.04
Walmart	Gen/Rec-Sr-Office & Concessions	119.50
Akin Building Center	Gen-Concrete Mix	23.34
Casey's General Stores	Gen-Gas	103.22
Creston True Value	Gen/RU-Supplies	46.98

Farmers Coop	RU/Sr-Gas & Chemicals	697.69
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	2,027.94
Waste Management	Gen-Garbage Collection	4,436.60
Brown Power & Control	Elec-Parts & Labor	1,891.74
David Downey Construction	Sr-Dig Up Bad Sewer Main	7,000.00
Gibson Memorial Library	Gen-Library Service Fee	1,321.00
Hydro-Klean	Sr-Sewer Main Jetting	3,674.60
Utility Fund	Sr-Downey Dig Up Sewer Main	537.50
TOTAL		\$ 163,176.29

General Fund	\$ 7,169.54	Road Use	781.62
Employee Benefit	6,781.08	Recreation	41.10
Capital Equipment	73,094.00	Sewer Fund	18,262.00
Electric Fund	48,455.03	Meter Deposit	295.00
Payroll	8,296.92	TOTAL	\$ 163,176.29

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 8,964.12	Road Use	\$ 7,410.44
Employee Benefit	113.01	Emergency	16.22
LOST	8,044.18	Recreation	341.60
Capital Equipment	6.30	Sewer	8,391.11
Electric	75,410.44	Meter Deposit	785.00
		TOTAL	\$ 109,482.42

PUBLIC FORUM: Wayne Hill mentioned the ice is melting on the Afton Lake and the curlyleaf pondweed would be returning. The Clerk let him know it is on her calendar to contact them this month about treating the lake.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES:

Williams moved to approve Resolution 2015-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE INTERFUND TRANSFER OF SUMS AND RECORD THE SAME IN THE APPROPRIATE MANNER FOR THE FY2015 FOR THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Burger, Cunningham, Hill, Williams and Parrott. Motion carried.

Williams moved to approve Ordinance No. 221 AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND CLOSING CERTAIN ALLEY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF AFTON, UNION COUNTY, IOWA on its second reading. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of abstain: Hill, Nay: Parrott and Ayes: Burger, Cunningham and Williams. Motion carried.

Williams moved to approve Ordinance No. 223 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, 1998, BY AMENDING AND REPEALING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO TREE PLANTING RESTRICTIONS on its first reading. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call vote of ayes: Cunningham, Burger, Williams, Parrott and Hill. Motion carried.

Williams moved to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 223. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Burger, Williams, Hill and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Williams moved to approve Ordinance No. 223. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Burger, Parrott, Hill and Williams. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Matt Kalin with JEO Consulting Group was present to give an update to the Council on the electric project. 5 boring samples were taken from the new parcel donated to the City by Casey's and 4 of the samples showed very good soil. Changing the substation site will add some additional work to complete the site development but should bring the project back closer to the original cost estimates. Parrott moved to approve the amendment to the agreement with JEO for additional services required with the new location of the substation not to exceed \$8,895. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Parrott, Williams, Burger and Hill. Motion carried. Kalin presented plans, specifications and bid documents for the transformer that will go inside the new substation and explained why they prefer to bid this as a separate item. The timeline given was to get bids back for the April Council meeting. JEO also plans to have the other plans and specs for the substation and distribution upgrade ready for the Council to approve at the April meeting with bids coming back in May. Parrott moved to approve the Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents for the Substation Transformer and to go out to bids. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Williams, Hill, Burger and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Police Chief Coulter gave an updated list of 10 nuisance properties. Council reviewed and discussed. Council received notification from City Attorney Marion James that 411 W. Kansas abandoned property received a default judgment and the court order granting the default judgment to the City of Afton and once the certificate of change of title is issued he will have it recorded and the property will be the City of Afton's. Council discussed options on what to do with that property. Parrott moved that we advertise and take bids to either tear it down and clean up the site within 6 months or forfeit your money and property goes back to the City, or fix up the existing house. If torn down then they will be given another year to build a house on the site. Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

The City Clerk was notified by the Splashpad contractor that the pigment in the light blue color that was selected for the main part of the splashpad would not work well with a water application and the supplier recommended the medium blue. Hill moved to change the color to medium blue for the main pad color with Waterpark (dark) blue as the stars and border. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried. There were questions as to when the splashpad would be started. The City Clerk informed the Council that the contract signed specified the splashpad had to be completed by Memorial weekend or the contractor will face daily fines.

On March 5th Sara Kappos with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc was at City Hall for the bid opening on the W. Filmore & S. Browning Street sewer lining project. The bids were Hydro-Klean LLC of \$61,186.80, Visu-Sewer, Inc. of \$73,905.00 and Municipal Pipe Tool Co. LLC of \$99,056.00.

Williams moved to approve the low bid of Hydro-Klean LLC. Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Council discussed possible sidewalk grants from an item that was tabled at the 10/14/14 meeting until March. The Council felt we needed more interest from residents/businesses on sidewalk repairs and a more defined plan in order to be ready to complete grant applications. Council instructed the City Clerk to advertise the City Sidewalk Assistance Program that was started last year since spring is close and sidewalk repairs can get started.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Sewer employee Monte Parrott was present to update the Council on sewer main problems west and north of the North Lift Station #1. Parrott explained repairs that were done to open the main and a temporary fix that was completed. The sewer main ranges from 20'-26' deep and is approximately 1000' long and all needing repaired. Several options on the repair work have been suggested with some estimated costs. Due to the large project and cost Parrott made a motion to hire an engineer to look into the options to fix this large issue. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Williams moved to approve That Bar liquor license renewal request. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Council reviewed Chapter 140 – Abandoned Vehicles. There are some items that don't follow the updated Code of Iowa and the City Clerk will make changes so our ordinance complies with the state laws and present the updated ordinance at the April meeting.

Parrott moved to allow City Clerk Landers attend the IMFOA conference in Des Moines on April 16th. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Council discussed summer street repair projects. Council would like to continue to have City Street employee Parrott pick the streets, take measurements and request bids.

Council decided to review Chapter 131 – Building Permit at the April meeting.

Burger moved to adjourn and Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Council adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk