

March 8, 2016

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM March 8, 2016. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Dave Cunningham, Jeff Burger, Cindy Williams, Sherry Parrott and Mary Hill present.

Parrott moved to approve the agenda and Hill 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 9, 2016 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, 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	3,740.15
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	195.68
Murphy Tractor	RU-Fenders for Backhoe	187.34
Petty Cash	Rec-BB Concession & Gates Start	550.00
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Health Ins.	1,708.74
Windstream	Gen-Phone & Internet	287.58
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	3,894.50
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Payroll Taxes	2,850.32
EMC National Life	EB-Feb Supplemental W/H	9.54
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Retirement	1,664.50
Ryan Carlson	Rec-Referee 7 BB Games	70.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Payroll W/H	467.84
Utility Fund	Elec/Mtr.Dep-Carter Final/Tucker AC	200.00
Afton Star	Gen-Publications & Subscription	279.11
Atlantic Bottling	Rec-Concession Supplies	314.65
Barco Municipal Products	Sr-Marking/Locate Paint	66.81
Creston Farm & Home	RU-Fender Bracket Paint	6.72
First National Bank	Gen-Safe Deposit Box Rent	20.00
Gibson Memorial Library	Gen-Annual Dues	1,321.00
Hometown Insurance	Gen/Sr/Elec-Insurance	30,461.00
IAMU	Elec-Energy Efficiency Plan	125.00
Iowa DNR	Sr-Operator Certification Exam	30.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	41.40
JEO Consulting	Elec-Electric Project Engineer	8,287.25
Premier Printer Supplies	Gen/Sr/Elec-Printer Toner	89.95
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	36,382.48
Ripperger Auto	Gen-Police Truck Maint./Tires	436.65
SIRWA	Gen-Water	38.00
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Sewer Sample Tests	56.50
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-March Cemetery Contract	3,034.91
Upbeat	Gen-Memorial Planter-Comm Ctr	929.44
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Wireless Service	40.03
Walmart	Gen-Vacuum for City Hall	66.97
Casey's General Stores	Gen/Rec-Gas & Concessions	269.10
Creston True Value	Gen-Comm. Ctr. Supplies	26.28
Farmers Coop	RU/Sr-Gas	166.60
IES Commercial	Elec-Substation Pmt. 4	59,302.56
Marta Addo	Elec-Refrigerator Rebate	50.00
Muscle Mat	Rec-Concession Supplies	327.63

Schildberg Construction	RU-Rock	833.99
T&S Industries	RU/Sr-Ship Samples/Bracket Parts	92.29
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	2,067.79
Waste Management	Gen-Recycling Haul Off	150.00
Brown Power & Control	Elec-Parts & Labor	3,038.12
Card Services	Gen/Sr/Elec-Stamped Envelopes	1,196.80
Fareway	Rec-Concession Supplies	56.70
Ripperger Auto	Gen-Cemetery Tractor Fuel Inject.	1,091.88
Waste Management	Gen-Garbage Collection	<u>4,536.37</u>
TOTAL		\$ 171,060.17

General Fund	\$ 40,921.78	Road Use	1,253.96
Employee Benefit	6,221.97	Recreation	1,522.57
Sewer Fund	2,561.17	Electric Fund	110,844.07
Meter Deposits	100.00	Payroll	<u>7,634.65</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 171,060.17

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 7,770.51	Road Use	\$ 8,733.95
Employee Benefit	265.11	Emergency	33.53
LOST	7,882.82	Recreation	4,101.80
Sewer	8,198.93	Sewer Sinking	2,529.13
Sewer Reserve	6.30	Electric	<u>83,905.22</u>
Meter Deposit	150.00	TOTAL	\$ 123,577.30

PUBLIC FORUM: Wayne Hill spoke regarding comments he made to Mayor about the City not being friendly to businesses and wanted to give more details which included the need to follow ordinances. He talked about parking on the square, use of businesses on square and allowing apartments and need to reverse decision. He asked that Council consider selecting ordinances to review that have current problems.

RESOLUTIONS:

Williams moved to approve Resolution 2016-11 RESOLUTION SETTING FEES FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCES AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS AND PLANNING AND ZONING REQUEST FOR REZONING FOR THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Hill, Williams, Burger and Cunningham. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Police Chief Coulter said he has started a new list of nuisances. Properties discussed by Council were 208 N Pierce (unlicensed vehicles), 308 N. Pierce (unlicensed vehicles), 408 W. Polk (garage), 266 N. Douglas (garbage).

City Clerk Landers gave an update on the DOT projects in Afton. The Highway 169 concrete project from Filmore south to the City limits has a contract start date of April 18 and the contractor doing the project is Croell and Subsidiaries. The DOT is willing to hold a meeting with the City, residents and businesses about the project and schedule. The Council is interested in having the DOT do a public meeting for this project. The ADA sidewalk project is being done by Bluffs Paving and Utility Company and will be started in March or April depending on the weather and take 3-4 weeks. The crosswalk is not incorporated into the ADA plan, but could

still be added. Council discussed and decided not to put it in the middle of the block to the park since some parking spaces would need eliminated. Parrott moved to put the crosswalk on the south end of the block close to the intersection of Kansas/Douglas. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voting aye and the motion carried. City Clerk will check with Rex Allen at the DOT to make sure the crosswalk study would allow for the placement in this area and if so will coordinate with the DOT engineering firm to change the plans on the ADA project to incorporate the curb ramp cut in that area.

Sidewalk Project on E. Filmore – SCICF Union County Grant Application. Council held off on the grant for this project and discussed another project for this grant in the New Business section of the agenda.

Wayne Pantini from UCDA was present to update the Council on building a house on our lot at 409 W. Filmore. UCDA received a list of reasons why the SWCC Building and Trades program is not interested in building a house in Afton. UCDA's Executive Committee discussed and their proposal is to now try to pre-sale the house which will be 1,200 square feet with walk-out unfinished basement. UCDA will put together estimates and marketing material and try to pre-sale first. If it is not sold in 3-4 months they will hire contractors and spec build the home and put on the market. They would like to do a 50/50 share in the loss or profit of the house with the City. The next step is to transfer the lot to UCDA. Parrott motioned to move forward on the plan with UCDA as discussed and Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Cunningham, Parrott, Burger and Williams. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Chief Coulter updated the Council regarding the request for stop signs at Gregory & Grand intersection. Coulter reviewed and in the last 15 years there were 1 injury and 3 property damages but since it was changed in 2008 there have been no accidents. His recommendation was to make no changes. Council wondered if the yield sign could be moved west closer to the curve. It will be looked at to see if it needs moved.

The Class of 2017 & 2018 wants to discuss the can trailer fundraiser at the April meeting. This item was tabled until next month.

David Denton was present to discuss his sewer line damage at 700 E. Filmore. Jeff Burger and City Employee Jesse Shade were both present when Denton's contractor dug up the line in the street on 2/20/16. Burger feels it was caused by the contractor that was doing the sewer lining project and had to fix the main line when they caused it to collapse back in 2011. Denton and Burger discussed the problem in details and the cost of the repair totaled \$4,664. Due to the timeframe of the claim, Veenstra & Kimm (V&K-engineer on the 2011 project) said the City could not go back on the contractor. Williams moved to pay ½ (\$2,332) to the Denton's and explain the issue in more detail with V&K again to see if the contractor will cover claim. Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Ashley Malone, Callie Gossman, Josh Hardy & Colton Mitchell, EU students with the Highlakes Youth Group, would like to do projects around Afton that include painting poles and lines and getting new nets for the basketball court, buying and planting flowers in the planters around the square and planting trees along the walking trail on the Cheers' land section. City Clerk has talked to Ken Cheers and given the students a few questions that still need answered for the trees on the trail. Council then discussed the basketball court. Hill presented estimate of \$18,950 to resurface the basketball court. Council discussed timeframe for applying for grants for that

project and felt that we could possibly have the funds in place to do the resurfacing in 2017 so if the kids want to paint the lines this year that would be fine. Pantini is in charge of the group and was present. He will let the students know about our basketball court surfacing plans and let them know they can still paint this year if they want. Pantini also mentioned the projects they select to do will be done on April 20th within a 3 hour timeframe. The Council didn't feel it was a good time to plant the flowers this early. City Clerk will contact Jeremy Rounds about applying for SCICF Union County grant for resurfacing as well as a list of other grants.

Mary Hill with the Afton Star Enterprise requested that the parallel parking spaces on the north half of the west side of Douglas be designated as either one-hour or two-hour parking to provide space for customers throughout the day. There was discussion among Council and it was decided to talk about parking issues and review that ordinance at the April meeting.

Hill moved to allow the EU summer meal program to serve in the City Park. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Burger opened proposals for insurance agents. One proposal was received from Hometown Insurance partnering with Jester Insurance Service and Allan Landers being the agent assigned to the City policy with EMC. Parrott moved to approve Allan Landers as the agent. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Hill, Burger, Parrot and Williams. Motion carried.

Council discussed summer street project and will have City Maintenance/Sewer employee Jesse Shade work up the list and get bids for the April meeting. Council mentioned a few streets to review (Scott, Polk, Grand and Pearl).

Parrott moved to allow City Clerk Landers to attend the IMFOA Conference in Des Moines April 21-22. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Council reviewed Participation Agreement with Government Payment Services, Inc. This will be no cost to the City and equipment will be provided for debit and credit card payments in office. Residents can still pay on-line or in office like we currently do with icash that will be dissolving. Parrott moved to approve the agreement and Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Council reviewed ordinance Chapter 8 – Urban Revitalization Plan. The plan expired 1/1/09 and tax abatements are no longer allowed on construction improvements for single-family residential, multi-family residential and business commercial properties. Hill mentioned we should look into updating the plan in the future. No changes were made on the ordinance.

Council discussed and will review Chapter 69 – Parking Regulations at the April meeting.

Burger moved to adjourn and Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Council adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk