

March 13, 2018

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM March 13, 2018. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Sherry Parrott (via video conference call), Cindy Williams, Mary Hill, Jeff Burger and Dave Cunningham present.

Cunningham moved to approve the agenda and Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Parrott moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of February 13, 2018 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Police Chief Report and the following bills. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Health Ins	2,337.09
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,337.06
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Payroll Taxes	2,881.79
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Retirement	1,793.84
Iowa Insurance Division	Gen-Cemetery Report Fee	31.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Payroll W/H	488.21
Afton Star Enterprise	Gen-Publications	187.89
First National Bank	Gen-Safe Deposit Box Rent	20.00
Gibson Memorial Library	Gen-Annual Library Dues	1,321.00
IAMU	Elec-Annual Dues & Research	2,189.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	3.60
JEO Consulting Group	Elec-Engineering Services	5,714.75
Office Machines Co.	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	146.37
Premier Printing Supplies	Gen/Sr/Elec-Copier Toner	95.00
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	37,956.28
Selena Lee	Mtr.Dep-Remaining Deposit	128.60
SIRWA	Gen-Water	38.00
Solomon Corporation	Elec-Transformers (Weavers/Fair)	14,575.00
T&S Industries	RU-Straps	7.33
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-March Cemetery Contact	3,219.75
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Lee Final Bill	116.40
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Wesco	Elec-Metering/Transformers	1,687.84
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,239.48
Mayor Payroll	Gen-1 st Quarter Payroll	461.75
Card Services	Gen-Timecard Ribbon	43.00
Casey's General Stores	Gen-Gas	144.56
Iowa Prison Industries	RU-Street Marker Sign Brackets	57.15
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage & Recycling	5,009.45
MMIT	Gen/Sr/Elec-Copier Maintenance	32.04
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	2,127.62
United Farmers Coop	RU/Sr-Gas	317.56
Wilson Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	346.80
Hometown Insurance	Gen/Sr/Elec-/EMC Insurance	31,464.00
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	222.65

Mid-States Organized Crime	Gen-Annual Dues	100.00
Windstream	Gen-Phone/Internet	<u>295.74</u>
TOTAL		\$ 124,177.61

General Fund	\$ 37,503.15	Road Use	425.82
Employee Benefit	6,811.92	Sewer Fund	2,090.42
Electric Fund	68,063.01	Meter Deposit	<u>245.00</u>
Payroll	9,038.29	TOTAL	\$ 124,177.61

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 6,798.17	Road Use	\$ 11,879.42
Employee Benefit	49.92	Emergency	7.03
LOST	129.10	Recreation	2,080.00
Sewer	8,039.63	Sewer Sinking	3,862.85
Sewer Reserve	13.23	Electric	82,705.29
Electric Sinking Fund	13,485.96	Meter Deposit	<u>415.00</u>
		TOTAL	129,465.60

PUBLIC FORUM: No one present spoke.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Parrott moved to place Ordinance No. 236 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE “CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA” on its seconded reading. Hill seconded the motions. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Parrott, Burger, Hill and Williams. Motion carried.

Williams moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance No. 236. Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Burger, Cunningham, Williams and Parrott. Motion carried.

Williams moved to approve Ordinance No. 236. Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Burger, Williams, Hill, Cunningham and Parrott. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council reviewed and discussed Police Chief Coulter’s nuisance report. Three addresses were added to be served: 302 N Douglas, 200 W Railroad and 314 N Douglas. Police Chief Coulter and Clerk Landers updated Council on KLM Church. City Attorney Hanson has been in touch with Church and they stated time for restoration has passed. Council reviewed a few options for church. Parrott moved to try and get clear title and proceed once that is received. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council discussed the following Livestock Permit Applications that were tabled in February for more research and information:

- Rink-501 E. Filmore. 1 Miniature Horse, keep in corral/pen approximately 1350 sq. ft. in back yard. 72 sq. ft. indoor shelter in back of garage and 60 sq. ft. lean-to in the pen. Waste Management method is bagging and distributing to family and friends for garden use. Horse is 29” tall and 15 years old and has been on lot for 14 years. Average life for

super mini is 12 years. Owner has no plans to replace once horse dies. Six + neighbors were contacted and all had no issues with smells or any problems with horse getting loose or causing any issues. No complaints had been made at City Hall on horse. Parrott moved to approve the permit with notes that the horse will not be replaced once gone. Cunningham seconded the motions. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

- Brammer-302 N. Browning. 7 chickens (1 rooster & 6 hens) kept on NE back corner of lot in chicken coop with 6'X4' fenced enclosure and 3'X 6' hen house. Waste management method is garden use. Two neighbors were called and there were no issues with smells or noise. Hill moved to approve the permit and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
- Price/Pettit-408 S. Browning. 16 chickens (1 rooster) & 10 ducks (7 babies) all kept in 24 x 24 enclosure behind house with a 12 x 12 shed for shelter. Waste Management method is garden and compost. Three neighbors were called and all had no issues with smells or noise and enjoyed having the animals around. Price would like to get 2 turkeys, but Council said he would need to apply for those separately when he is ready to get them. Hill moved to approve the permit with max 25-30 chickens and max 6 ducks and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
- Beaman-708 E. Grand. 1 Reg. Emotional Support Horse & 8 chickens. Horse location is behind house next to driveway-unsure of size – need to build chicken pen (currently in garage). Sheltering is nature (trees) for horse & chickens in garage. Waste Management method is garden and family gardens for horse and chickens outside pen natural and chicken house dumpster. It was noted that the waste from the horse and waste mixed with wood chip bedding from chickens is not allowed in dumpster per a call to Jim's Sanitation. There were 7 neighbors contacted with 6 having issues with horse smells, size of location, proper care for horse, getting loose and no shelter. No real concerns with chickens except they had been loose in past but no issues lately. Two letters from neighbors about past issues regarding horse were received and a letter from a past person that allowed the horse on her pasture with several problems mentioned was received at City Hall. Williams noted the following issues regarding the horse: The size of the structure is too small, there is no shelter, no good manure management plan for the amount of waste a full size horse produces as well as the urine smells and they were not able to control the smells in the past, past performance with the horse on the lot did not go well (loose several times, smells, not cleaning up waste enough). The health and safety of all neighbors has to be considered. Cunningham moved to approve the permit for the chickens and deny the horse permit per above reasons listed. Parrott seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Williams moved to have the Mayor sign the Home Rule 50th Anniversary Proclamation and Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

City Sewer/Maintenance Employee Shade received an estimate to clean and televise sections of the City's sewer main over the next ten years. Only one estimate had been received by the Council meeting. Williams moved to table and try to get 1 or 2 more estimates for next month's meeting. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council reviewed a list of streets and measurements put together by employee Shade for this summer's paving and concrete projects. Hill had listed a few streets that were getting bad and wondered if Shade could check into them to see if they were any worse than the ones on the list. Cunningham wondered if the asphalt companies quoting could look at intersection of Jefferson/Hwy 169 to see if it could be fixed for less money with asphalt over the concrete if possible.

The Council scheduled 3 interviews with prospective Police Officer Employee candidates. All candidates requested to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5i (to evaluate the professional competency of an individual who's hiring is being considered).

Interview #1: At 7:19 PM Hill moved to go into closed session as requested by interview candidate #1. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Hill, Parrott, Burger and Williams. Motion carried. Interview ended at 7:40 PM and Council returned to open session.

Interview #2: At 7:42 PM Williams moved to go into closed session as requested by interview candidate #2. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Parrott, Burger, Cunningham and Williams. Motion carried. Interview ended at 7:56 PM and Council returned to open session.

Interview #3: At 8:01 PM Williams moved to go into closed session as requested by interview candidate #3. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Parrott, Williams, Cunningham and Burger. Motion carried. Interview ended at 8:22 PM and Council returned to open session.

Council discussed all three interviews and salary and all agreed and requested Mayor Burger make an offer of \$40,000 to Candidate interview #2-Travis Clark pending all employment hiring requirements are met.

Cunningham moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Council adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk