

February 12, 2019

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM February 12, 2019. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Sherry Parrott (via conference call), Dave Cunningham, Jeff Burger, Mary Hill and Cindy Williams present.

Hill moved to approve the agenda and Williams seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Parrott moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of January 8, 2019 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer and the following bills. Williams seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,127.49
IAMU	Sr/Elec-Muni Law Workshop	125.00
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	245.33
SIRWA	Gen-Water	38.00
Windstream	Gen-Phone/Internet	300.30
Petty Cash	Gen/RU-Postage/Truck Chains-Wash	75.08
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,829.38
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jan Payroll Taxes	2,937.04
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jan Retirement	1,936.00
Bomgaars	Gen/RU-Supplies	38.93
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Feb Life Ins	43.53
Petty Cash	Rec-Concessions & Gate Start	400.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jan Payroll W/H	532.26
Union County Abstract	Gen-VFW Bldg Abstract	249.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Wilson Final Bill	110.00
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Health Ins.	1,565.20
Afton Star	Gen-Publications & Subscription	425.07
Bob & Doris Johnson	Elec-Refund Credit on Account	292.17
Farner-Bocken	Rec-Concession Supplies	490.85
Fine Services	Gen-Spray City Hall	49.00
GSS, Inc.	Cap.Proj-VFW Bldg Phase I ESA	1,850.00
Iowa Environmental Svc.	Cap.Proj-VFW Bldg Asbestos Insp.	800.00
JEO Consulting	Elec-Electric Distribution Maps	2,000.00
MMIT	Gen/Sr/Elec-Copier Maint. Contract	41.66
Quill	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	186.25
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	42,411.12
Simmering Cory/IA Codif.	Gen-Codify Ord. No. 239	64.00
Southern Iowa Tourism	Gen-Tabloid Ad	145.50
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-February Cemetery Contract	3,316.33
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	2,437.11
Unity Point Clinic-Occ Med	RU-Mucca Membership Dues	40.00
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,372.23
Casey's General Store	Gen-Gas	142.32
IDALS	Gen-Annual Pound License Fee	75.00
IMFOA	Gen-Annual Membership Dues	50.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Aca.	Gen-Police Academy	6,240.00

J&J Plumbing	Sr-2 Furnaces-Shop & Shop Office	5,896.29
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage, Recycling, Stickers	5,166.95
NAPA	Sr-Battery for Pickup	129.98
Petty Cash	Rec-Concession & Gate Start	450.00
Union County Recorder	Gen-Record Deed-VFW Bldg	12.00
United Farmers Coop	RU/Sr-Gas & Plow Truck Repairs	1,179.24
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Kessler Final Bill	185.00
Emery Mullen	Mtr. Dep-Void Unclaimed Check	(42.68)
Chad & Jamie Needham	Rec-Void Refund on T-Shirt	(15.00)
Brown Power & Control	Gen/Elec-Repairs/Street Lights	2,047.19
Fareway	Rec-Concession Supplies	27.86
Roxanne Walter	Elec-Mileage to IAMU Workshop	81.20
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Trudeau Final Bill	150.00
Windstream	Gen-Phone/Internet	299.35
TOTAL		\$ 98,588.54

General Fund	\$ 17,361.52	Road Use	1,321.68
Employee Benefit	6,319.68	Recreation	1,353.71
Capital Project	2,650.00	Sewer Fund	6,815.82
Electric Fund	49,034.71	Meter Deposit	<u>402.32</u>
Payroll	13,329.10	TOTAL	\$ 98,588.54

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 9,744.68	Road Use	\$ 9,219.54
Employee Benefit	219.17	Emergency	35.54
LOST	7,277.65	Recreation	2,203.40
Perpetual Care	160.00	Sewer	7,917.60
Sewer Sinking	3,176.02	Electric	76,306.99
Electric Sinking Fund	13,654.44	Meter Deposit	<u>236.00</u>
TOTAL			\$ 130,151.03

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 6:31 PM Mayor Burger announced it was time for the public hearing on the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 budget. The estimated total tax levy rate per \$1,000 valuation on regular property after rollback is \$11.67450. No one present had comments and city hall had received no comments. Mayor Burger closed the hearing at 6:32 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM: No one present spoke.

RESOLUTIONS:

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2019-07 ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF CITY TAXES FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 – ENDING JUNE 30, 2020. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Burger, Parrott, Hill, Cunningham and Williams. Motion carried.

Williams moved to approve Resolution 2019-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE INTERFUND TRANSFER OF SUMS AND RECORD THE SAME IN THE APPROPRIATE MANNER FOR THE FY2019 FOR THE

CITY OF AFTON, IOWA. (LOST funds transferred to General for Streets, animal pound and church demo). Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Williams, Hill, Burger and Parrott. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nuisance Hearing: Jere Busenbarrick was present to discuss his property at 250 N. Douglas. He received a nuisance letter regarding it being a dangerous building (various areas of missing bricks, leaning bricks and holes in roof) and was asked to get an engineering report stating his building was secure and not a danger. Busenbarrick stated this is an historical building and the oldest building in town and didn't want to tear it down and Hill agreed (this was not what was requested). He went on to say all doors are locked and no access to get into building so it is secure. He had looked into fixing roof and it will need new beams, etc put on and is very costly. He feels the building is not a danger and if any bricks were to fall, since they were leaning in, they would fall inside his building and not out. He acknowledged if anything did happen with falling bricks he would be liable. He feels the City should have applied for the Catalyst grant for this building. It was explained that our grant writer didn't feel it was a good option for this grant and that is why his other building on E. Kansas was selected. He wants the City to try to get the Catalyst grant next year for 250 N. Douglas. Parrott said he owns the building and not the City and it is up to him to fix it up and not the taxpayers. Busenbarrick agreed to take down the chimney, fix the bricks on the southeast corner and board up a broken area of glass in the front by July 1, 2019. If the Catalyst grant is offered again, the City will work with him and apply using this building.

Council reviewed nuisance report. Hill mentioned no progress is being made at 708 E. Grand and now the south side is getting worse. Hill added deer heads and junk in back yard at 108 W. Filmore and Piano on deck and parking over sidewalk at 205 W. Kansas. Clerk will send notices.

The Wi-Fi Gathering Center update was given. The Phase I ESA was completed and showed no big issues. Asbestos Inspection only showed window caulking and glazing. City Clerk got asbestos removal quotes and renovation estimates done and to Jeremy Rounds with SICOG. Jeremy is going to get Derelict Building Grant completed by next week and we can also apply for Brownfield funds for portion or matching for asbestos removal. The Warranty Deed has been signed by the VFW and recorded so the building is now owned by the City as of last week.

Vacant Lot – 201 W. Kansas was tabled as no one was able to attend for the Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wayne Pantini with Union County Development Association was present and gave Council updates on their 2018 Impact Statement and also presented their new 3 year 2019-2021 Vision Plan.

Livestock Permits:

- Carol Holste & Jeanette Morrill discussed their request for 11 chickens and 1 duck at their lot 311 (behind 409 N. Douglas). There is a 9X13 coop in a 10X20 penned in area. The coop has electricity and they dispose of waste at in-laws farm. Neighbors are 300' away or more. City Clerk talked to manager of Casey's and neighbor behind and they

were both fine with the permit. Morrill would like to get a few more chickens and have broilers for 6-8 weeks in the summer. Hill moved to approve the permit of a maximum of 25 chickens and 1 duck. Williams second the motion. Cunningham, Hill, Burger and Williams voted aye and Parrott nay. Motion carried.

- John Becker requested 3-4 poultry be allowed at 616 E. Grand. He will be moving the 4X8 chicken coop from 308 W. Kansas and has filled out a building permit for this shed type structure. Coop will be located on side yard on the south side of current sheds and north of camper. Waste will be taken to farm. City Clerk contacted two abutting neighbors to the north and they were fine with the permit request. The neighbor to the east never answered phone or called back. Cunningham moved to approve the request of 3-4 chickens and Williams seconded the motion. Williams, Burger, Hill and Cunningham voted aye and Parrott nay. Motion carried.

City Clerk gave an update regarding trying to bring fiber to Afton. Mt. Ayr is currently in early discussions with gWorks and Allo. We were contacted and will be having an initial call with these companies to see what options are available and if it is a possibility. Mayor Burger and Clerk Landers will be involved in the discussions. Wayne Pantini with UCDA asked if he could sit in on the call and Landers will check with the companies and let him know.

The City received a letter from Union County LEC Board on 2/11/19 regarding it being proposed that entities listed on the letter be billed at a percentage of calls for service received by that entity. City Clerk had emailed Rick Friday who is on the board with a few additional questions on when this will be implemented and how percentages will be calculated when answering calls to other areas. The letter did mention they wanted input and their next meeting will be March 4, 2019 at 4:30. Friday said he had questions also and would bring our questions to the board. Mayor Burger said she would try to attend the meeting for Afton.

Williams moved to adjourn and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Council adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk