

September 10, 2019

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM September 10, 2019. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Mary Hill, Sherry Parrott, Cindy Williams, Jeff Burger and Dave Cunningham present.

Parrott moved to approve the agenda and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Parrott moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of August 13, 2019 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Williams seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

FNB-Deluxe Business Sys.	Gen/Sr/Elec-Deposit Tickets	64.25
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,398.37
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Aug Payroll Taxes	2,856.56
Bomgaars	Gen-Pound, Trail & Mower Supplies	58.45
Commercial Recreation	Gen-Freight on Splashpad Activator	45.00
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Aug Retirement	1,884.21
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage & Recycling-July	5,152.86
Sandy Jesina	Econ.Dev-Ext. Beautification Grant	500.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Aug Payroll W/H	512.49
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Sept. Health Ins.	1,579.42
AccuJet	Sr-Clean & Televis North Mains	7,259.86
Afton Star Enterprise	Gen-Publications	406.08
Akin Building Center	Gen-Repairs to Back Stairs	66.43
Alan & Ellen Jensen	Econ.Dev-Ext. Beautification Grant	500.00
Auditor of State Rob Sands	Gen-Audit Filing Fee	175.00
Frank Dunn Co.	RU-Pallet of Cold Patch	799.00
Henningsen Construction	RU/Gen-Asphalt Minus Retainage	74,082.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	19.80
Jeanette Oakes	Econ.Dev-Ext. Beautification Grant	396.88
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage & Recycling-Aug	5,181.84
McNeill Tree Service	RU-Trim Trees at Intersection	300.00
MMIT	Gen/Sr/Elec-Copier Maintenance	37.71
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	42,432.36
SIRWA	Gen-Water	2,733.35
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Labor, Repairs, Disconnect	835.75
Spencer Hysell	Mtr.Dep-Refund on Prompt Pay	130.00
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-Cemetery Contract	3,415.83
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	2,161.43
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Walmart	Gen/Sr/Elec-Supplies	73.13
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,243.06
Mayor	Gen-3 rd Quarter Payroll	461.49
Jamie Stonehocker	Mtr.Dep-Balance After Final Bill	73.23
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep/Elec-Deposit & Rebates	1,545.89
Creative Inc & Design	Rec-Football T-Shirts & Hoodies	754.14

April Lack	Rec-Reimburse Concession Supp.	1,454.09
Card Services	Gen/Sr/Elec-Stamped Envelopes	1,314.65
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas	126.13
Graphic Displays	Rec-Sponsor Banners	270.00
Green Valley Pest Control	Gen-Spray City Hall	55.00
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Life Premiums	44.60
Office Machines	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	86.81
Petty Cash	Rec-Concession & Gates	550.00
Riddell/All American Sports	Rec-Football Helmets & Kits	488.04
Schildberg Construction Co.	RU-Rock	300.15
Teena Dike	Rec-Reimburse Game Footballs	90.92
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas, Chemicals, Propane	641.17
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Up In Smoke Final Bill	200.00
Wilson, Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	54.00
TOTAL		\$ 170,851.44

General Fund	\$ 21,453.59	Road Use	72,595.44
Employee Benefit	6,182.51	Economic Development	1,396.88
Recreation	3,607.19	Sewer Fund	8,807.41
Electric Fund	46,505.50	Meter Deposit	1,200.00
Payroll	9,102.92	TOTAL	\$ 170,851.44

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 7,390.76	Road Use	\$ 12,210.48
LOST	8,920.90	Recreation	4,585.00
Capital Equipment	3,800.00	Sewer	8,892.05
Sewer Sinking	3,090.00	Sewer Reserve	20.16
Electric	98,944.04	Electric Sinking Fund	13,722.00
Meter Deposit	470.00	TOTAL	\$ 162,045.39

PUBLIC FORUM: No one present spoke.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updated nuisance list was discussed:

161 E. Kansas: City Clerk Landers updated that the water in the alley from 161 E. Kansas has been removed by City and Property Owner. Property owner Jere Busenbarrick stated it wasn't "his" water and Hill wanted to discuss the water problem further. After some discussion the water source is still unknown, but it is no longer causing issues in the alley.

250 N. Douglas: Jere Busenbarrick, Property Owner was present and requested additional time to paint his other buildings on E. Kansas while weather is still good and then he will start working on this property. Several safety concerns on the property were brought up and Busenbarrick still kept requesting to paint his other property first. Williams asked repeatedly for a timeframe and Busenbarrick finally stated either sometime in October or November. Parrott made a motion to pass Resolution 2019-16 RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE PROPERTY AT 250 N. DOUGLAS STREET IN AFTON, IOWA and started reading the

resolution. Busenbarrick interrupted the reading and stated he was doing repairs and would not let Parrott finish the reading. Busenbarrick feels the building is safe and not a risk and that we didn't have anyone qualified determine the building was unsafe. Busenbarrick requested the City hire a structural engineer with historical building background to look at this building. Council discussed this request and who should pay the cost (the property owner or the tax payers). Williams made a motion to hire the structural engineer that Busenbarrick recommended and set up a payment installment plan for the property owner to pay back the City. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Burger aye, Williams aye, Parrott nay, Hill aye and Cunningham aye. Motion carried. Clerk Landers is to call and try to schedule the engineer to come on September 24th since Busenbarrick will be available that day.

Wi-Fi Center project: Parrott requested we set a limit on the amount of money we will be using out of the Local Option Sales Tax fund. Contractors Marvin McFarland, Dennis Downey and Josh Keul were at the meeting and available to answer any questions on their bids for the project. Richard Siddens, who was also in attendance, provided a material cost list of \$4,718.42 for renovations and all volunteer labor. Not included with volunteer cost list: windows, heating/cooling, bathroom fixtures, plumbing, electrical, sewer and water lines or an entrance ramp. Hill and Siddens stated there are several volunteers ready to help and Siddens is willing to coordinate the project and volunteers. Hill also presented costs for windows of \$1,338.70 and commercial doors for \$4,000. Hill moved to use volunteer labor on the project and Cunningham seconded the motion. Council discussed further and Parrott still has concerns with unknown costs and amount we could spend on project. Clerk Landers was unclear how the project will get finished as not all renovations will be done using volunteers. Hill withdrew motion. Hill mentioned City Sewer/Maintenance Employee Shade could install new sewer line. Clerk Landers updated Council on conversation with SIRWA who would run the new water line to the curb stop close to the building. Electrician bids were discussed and Hill feels we should get more bids. Clerk Landers had received two electrical bids for Council to review but Hill feels they are too high and mentioned two other electricians. Landers also mentioned the possibility of trying to get a Dekko grant to help with costs not covered by the DNR Derelict Building Grant. Williams made a motion to have Richard Siddens and his volunteers remove the carpet and look at the floor and hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30 PM to discuss what is uncovered. Parrott seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Council will continue to discuss renovation options and applying for other grant that night.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City received notification on a \$25,000 Wellmark Foundation Small MATCH grant received for the sidewalk project on the west side of town. The City also was awarded \$10,000 from Union County-SCICF. Clerk Landers sent letters to property owners along the route with an invoice for 10% of cost of sidewalk estimate along their property to use for required MATCH. The project match is required by November 8th so the project will most likely start in the spring of 2020.

Cunningham moved to approve the Recreation Board using the street along the east side of the park on 9/22 from 9-3 for their car wash, bake sale fundraiser. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Williams moved to accept the Project Share annual report and update from Utility Clerk Walter. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Cunningham moved to approve McNeill Tree Service bid of \$800 to trim 5 large trees in the city park. Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to designate Trick-or-Treat night in Afton as Thursday, October 31st from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Parrott seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Katie Hamilton was present and requested to hold Trunk-or-Treat on the 100 block of East Kansas again this year on the same date as Trick-or-Treat. Parrott moved to approve the street closer for Trunk-or-Treat and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to close the streets around the square and East Filmore for the homecoming parade on 9/26. Parrott seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to accept the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 financial statements and audit results and Parrott seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The audit was completed by Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co. P.C.

Hill moved to approve the updated officer's list and carry out wine privilege changes on Casey's General Store liquor license. Parrott seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Council adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk