

September 24, 2019

The Afton City Council met in special session at 5:30 PM September 24, 2019. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Cindy Williams (via conference call), Mary Hill, Sherry Parrott, Jeff Burger and Dave Cunningham present.

Parrott moved to approve the agenda and Williams seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Burger let the Council know that City Clerk Landers called Raker Rhodes Engineering on 9/11, as requested by Jere Busenbarrick, property owner of 250 N. Douglas, and approved at the 9/10/19 meeting. Landers received a quote of \$1,500 for them to come look at the building's safety on 9/24, write up something and answer calls. Landers called Busenbarrick to confirm and he told her to hold off as he thought it would be \$1,250. Landers updated that on 9/18 she found out Raker Rhodes Engineering declined the work when Busenbarrick phoned them back on 9/11. Busenbarrick stated to the Council he has a call and emails in to another firm but hasn't heard back yet. Parrott moved to approve Resolution 2019-16 RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE PROPERTY AT 250 N DOUGLAS STREET IN AFTON, IOWA and Burger 2nd the motion. Mayor started roll call with Cunningham and he thought we should give owner more time to get the structural engineer so voted nay, Williams agreed and voted nay, Hill nay, Burger aye and Parrott aye. Motion failed. City Attorney Weeks explained the process in more detail and said it could take 30 days or longer once the resolution passes. Council requested Landers put the Resolution back on the 10/8/19 agenda. Clerk Landers verified with Busenbarrick that he was contacting and setting up the new structural engineer at his cost and he said yes. Council discussed more safety issues with the front of the building. Burger moved to block off the sidewalk area and Parrott seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council discussed the Wi-Fi Center project. Volunteer Richard Siddens reported to Hill and Landers that there were no surprises in the floor when the carpet was removed. Hill moved to proceed with the project using Siddens and volunteers, having water and sewer lines installed by City and SIRWA, hiring Josh Keul for electrical work and applying to Dekko Foundation for grant funds to help with the windows/doors, heating/cooling and furnishings. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Williams, Burger, Hill, Cunningham and Parrott. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all ayes. Council adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk