

December 10, 2019

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

Hill moved to approve the agenda and Parrott seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Williams moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of November 12, 2019 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Parrott seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,191.39
Chambers Auction Co.	Cap.Proj-Tables & Chairs	313.38
Windstream	Gen-Phone/Internet	302.53
Council Payroll	Gen-Annual Pay-Mtgs. Attended	3,102.94
Southwest Iowa REC	Rec-Electric at Rec Fields	80.48
Wilson, Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	342.00
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,218.90
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Nov. Payroll Taxes	3,305.89
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Nov. Retirement	1,845.80
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Nov. Payroll W/H	501.16
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	194.48
Akin Building Center	Cap.Proj-Renovation Supplies	247.18
Cihak Trucking	RU-Haul Sand	422.00
Green Valley Pest Control	Gen-Spray Office	55.00
Iowa DNR	Gen-Splashpad NPDES Renewal	85.00
Iowa Finance Authority	Sr.Skg.-SRF Loan Payments	17,100.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	18.00
Iowa Rural Water Assoc.	Sr-Annual Dues	225.00
JEO Consulting Group	Elec-Final Contractor Letter	40.00
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage & Recycling	5,130.87
MMIT	Gen/Sr/Elec-Copier Contract	39.25
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity & REC's	34,149.35
SIRWA	Gen-Water	39.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Labor Less Credit	65.07
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Sample Tests	95.50
TAC 10	Gen-Annual Renewal	394.00
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-Cemetery Contract-Dec.	3,415.83
Texas Capital Bank	Elec.Skg.-Electric Loan Pmt.	82,236.75
The Landers Agency	Econ.Dev-Exterior Grant	84.80
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,892.49
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Watch Guard	Cap.Equip.-Police Camera System	5,900.00
Bomgaars	Gen/Sr-Office & Shop Lights	57.93
Brown Supply Co.	RU-Backhoe Bucket Edge	490.22
Casey's General Store	Gen-Gas	127.13

NAPA	RU-Truck Maintenance Supplies	126.13
Office Machines	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	107.30
US Postal Service	Gen-Annual PO Box Rent	94.00
Quill	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	54.26
Schildberg Construction	RU-Rock	378.58
Sunset Law Enforcement	Gen-Training Ammo	163.40
United Farmers Coop	RU/Sr-Gas	261.26
Card Services	RU-Strobe Light for Dump Truck	48.76
David McNeill	RU-Remove Dead Tree in R-O-W	<u>800.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 172,783.02

General Fund	\$ 10,460.16	Road Use	2,461.57
Employee Benefit	5,652.85	Economic Development	84.80
Recreation	80.48	Capital Project	560.56
Capital Equipment	5,900.00	Sewer Fund	603.94
Sewer Sinking	17,100.00	Electric Fund	36,128.68
Electric Sinking	82,236.75	Payroll	<u>11,513.23</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 172,783.02

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 40,298.62	Road Use	\$ 9,269.48
Employee Benefit	1,066.07	Emergency	185.54
LOST	14,612.53	Recreation	2,024.00
Capital Equipment	29.48	Perpetual Care	160.00
Sewer	7,649.54	Sewer Sinking	3,090.00
Sewer Reserve	42.28	Electric	63,417.10
Electric Sinking Fund	13,722.00	Meter Deposit	<u>90.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 155,656.64

PUBLIC FORUM: Wayne Pantini from UCDA stated the house at 409 W. Filmore is almost finished and should be completed by 12/20. It is currently listed with R Realty for \$145,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meggen Weeks, City Attorney, was present and gave an update on the process going on with 250 N. Douglas. Weeks reported Busenbarrick plead Not Guilty at the initial hearing and the pre-trial conference would be next on December 17 at 11:00 AM. The Council can either proceed, continue or cancel this process. Council discussed in length with Weeks and Busenbarrick. Parrott moved to continue the pre-trial conference to April. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes ayes: Williams, Hill, Cunningham, Parrott and Burger. Motion carried. Council will discuss again at the April regular council meeting and Week's will file the paperwork requesting a pre-trial conference date in April after the April Council meeting date.

Clerk Landers gave an update that she met with Jere Busenbarrick, property owner, and Jeremy Rounds, SICO, to discuss what Rounds will need for the pre-application process of the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Community Catalyst Grant for 250 N. Douglas. Rounds

gave a list of things needed to Busenbarrick and will also need to know what contributions the City will provide if the grant is received. Landers updated Council as to what was approved on the last two application attempts. Busenbarrick asked about in-kind work on the building and Landers said that is a possibility with the grant if Council approves, but stressed several times that no in-kind work would be done by the city outside of the grant being awarded. Hill moved to do the same as what was approved on Jere's buildings (155-175 E. Kansas) with last year's application. Cunningham seconded the motion. Voting aye: Williams, Hill & Cunningham and Nay: Parrott and Burger. Motion Carried. (Note: The 2019 application approved \$5,000 in Local Option Sales Tax funds, various incentives & in-kind resources such as downtown façade [Exterior Beautification] grant and energy rebates).

Wi-Fi Center update: Landers reported a letter was received in the mail from the Dekko Foundation notifying us that our grant application was not chosen for an investment by their board of directors. Hill had mentioned a Southwest Iowa REC possible grant and Landers is getting more information on their process. Parrott suggested stopping the renovations until more grants are received. After discussing options Burger moved to continue renovations and apply for other grants for the doors/windows/heating & cooling. Hill seconded the motion. Voting aye: Cunningham, Hill, Williams and Burger, and voting nay: Parrott. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peg Anderson & Kay Raymond presented information regarding the Gibson Memorial Library Building Campaign. The new design, layout, projected budget and Afton usage was shared with the Council. Council discussed possible donations. Hill moved to pledge \$10,000 to the library capital campaign. Technical issues with our Council conference call started and it was decided to table and discuss again at the January regular meeting.

Mary Hill updated the council on meetings being held to discuss possibilities for the Afton Care Center. Four temporary officers were appointed (Donna Walter, Patty Fastenau, Shannon Harper & Retta Ripperger) and the group has filed nonprofit corporation papers with the Iowa Secretary of State to reinstate the Afton Development Corporation (ADC). The revived ADC group is requesting the funds that were given to the city by the past Afton Development Corporation (ADC) be returned. Cunningham moved to repay Afton Development Corporation funds back to the revived ADC. Williams seconded the motion. Hill abstained and Cunningham, Burger, Williams and Parrott voted in favor. The motion carried. (Note: \$7,956.76 was received in December, 2015 from the inactive ADC and specified it could only be used for furniture or appliances for the community center and is currently being held in a CD.)

Afton ordinances regarding driveways and sidewalk have different requirements as to concrete thickness. Parrott moved to change the sidewalk ordinance driveway area to 4". Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Clerk will update ordinance 136.08(5)(C) and the first reading will be at the January meeting.

Cunningham moved to approve El Ranchito Liquor License Renewal and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Police Chief McGuire updated the council that the new police truck is at the dealer location and next in line for equipment installation. Karl Chevrolet offered \$6,500 for trade in of our current truck. Parrott moved to trade in the current truck and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Parrott moved to approve the 2020 Southern Iowa Tourism advertisement for \$145.50 and remove the fitness center from the ad design. Cunningham seconded the motion. Hill volunteered to work up a new ad design. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Due to vacation schedule conflict Parrott moved to change the regular meeting on January 14 to Tuesday, January 7th. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Cindy Williams for years of service as a City Council member from November 9, 1999 to December 10, 2019.

City Clerk Landers administered the Oath of Office to newly elected & re-elected officials:

Michelle Burger, Mayor
Dave Cunningham, Council
Mary Hill, Council
Steve Kinyon, Council

Burger moved to adjourn and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Council adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk