

March 10, 2020

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM March 10, 2020. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Sherry Parrott (via conference call), Mary Hill, Dave Cunningham, Steve Kinyon and Jeff Burger present.

Parrott moved to approve the agenda and Hill seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Hill moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of February 11, 2020 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	4,233.47
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb. Payroll Taxes	2,792.61
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb. Retirement	1,851.30
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Life Ins. Premiums	44.60
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	177.83
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb. Payroll W/H	451.36
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Doresett Final Bill	88.14
Wesley Dorsett	Mtr.Dep-Balance After Final Bill	26.86
Wilson, Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	154.00
Windstream	Gen-Phone/Internet	367.12
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	509.60
Agri Drain Corp.	Gen-Supplies for Lake Driveway	85.67
Akin Building Center	Gen/Cap.Proj-Office & Wi-Fi Ctr.	559.05
First National Bank	Gen-Safe Deposit Box Annual Fee	20.00
Galls	Gen-Police Supplies	228.43
Graphic Display	Gen-Cemetery Rule Signs	180.00
Hometown Insurance	Gen/Sr/Elec-Insurance	37,292.00
IAMU	Elec-Annual Dues	2,348.00
IMFOA	Gen-Annual Dues	50.00
Iowa Codification	Gen-Codify Ord. 244-245	95.00
Iowa Tool & Mfg. Inc.	Gen-Supplies for Lake Driveway	291.18
MMIT	Gen/Sr/Elec-Copier Contract	44.15
Quill	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	90.97
Resale Power Group of Iowa	Elec-Purchase Electricity	31,469.49
SIRWA	Gen-Water	39.00
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-March Cemetery Contract	3,415.84
Veenstra & Kimm Inc.	Sr-Lagoon Study Fees	45.50
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Walmart	Gen-Police Office Supplies	33.44
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,341.10
Mayor Payroll	Gen-1 st Qtr Payroll	461.75
FNB	Rec/LOST/Sr/Elec-Cash to CD's	150,000.00
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas	174.06
Frank Dunn Co.	RU-Pallet of Cold Patch	799.00
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling Collection	5,255.79
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-2018-2019 IUB Inspections	458.00
United Farmers Coop	RU/Sr-Gas	129.48

Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-M. Johnson Final Bill	110.00
Hometown Insurance	Gen-Cyber Liability Ins.	1,000.00
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Life Ins. Premium	44.60
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Qtrly Substation Inspection	201.20
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-W. House Final Bill	<u>190.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 250,189.60

General Fund	\$ 43,178.32	Road Use	875.61
Employee Benefit	5,160.51	Local Option Sales Tax	7,000.00
Recreation	16,000.00	Capital Project	552.99
Sewer Fund	12,659.03	Electric Fund	155,311.82
Meter Deposit	415.00	Payroll	<u>9,036.32</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 250,189.60

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 15,666.36	Road Use	\$ 10,424.86
Employee Benefit	46.79	Emergency	8.14
LOST	7,760.04	Recreation	5,115.37
Capital Equipment	34,530.47	Sewer	7,918.59
Sewer Sinking	3,090.00	Sewer Reserve	45.55
Electric	79,400.68	Electric Sinking Fund	<u>13,722.00</u>
Meter Deposit	140.23	TOTAL	\$ 177,869.08

PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:32 PM Mayor Burger announced it was time for the public hearing on the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 Budget. The estimated total tax levy rate per \$1,000 valuation on property after rollback is \$11.82545. No one present had comments and no comments had been received at City Hall. Mayor Burger closed the hearing at 6:33 PM

PUBLIC FORUM: Mark Shepherd introduced himself and talked about why he is running for Union County Sherriff.

RESOLUTION:

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2020-10 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Parrott, Kinyon, Hill and Burger. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wi-Fi Center Project: City Clerk Landers updated the asbestos removal crew will complete their work the week of April 6th. Quality Glass will try to coordinate to install doors after asbestos is removed or hang up plywood until they can be installed. They are donating some double hung windows for the front and Brian Eckels has volunteered to install. Hill reported some drywall taping is currently being done.

A Wellmark Healthy Hometown project updates were given. Hill presented a Pocket Park plan, using Build with Bags grant for benches & receptacles and has some bricks for the walkway. Requested City provides dirt and sponsor grant application for the project. Hill also requested using 2 parking spaces for Parklet that will be moved periodically during the summer months.

Sandy Ralya gave update on mowed trail around Recreation Complex and reported she has discussed with the Recreation Board. Ralya also would like to do a nature trail at the Afton Lake. She is working on a \$10,000 grant to help with bike racks, trail markers and flower pots. Cunningham moved to approve the City sponsor the grants and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Landers updated on the IEDA Catalyst Grant. Jeremy Rounds with SICOG notified Landers and property owner Busenbarrick on 2/25 that we are invited to submit the grant for 250 N. Douglas due April 17. Landers noted the last 2 years we were also invited to submit full grants but they were not received so this does NOT mean this grant will be awarded for this project. Council reviewed forms requiring signatures for the grant. Council made change to the City's Letter of Intent to Participate that owner's architect or engineer will be responsible for inspection of the project. Hill moved to approve signing documents for Catalyst grant with amendment to Letter of Intent. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bart Collins, Real Estate Broker contacted Clerk Landers last week to report his investors working on building a discount retail store in Afton visited several sites on 3/3 and listed why each site would not work for the store. They are back to wanting to purchase the City owned parcel 0716330006 (SE section of Hwy 34 & 169). Landers contacted SIRWA and received a map of 8" water main running through the northern part of this parcel and the City has an 8" sewer main running through the SW corner. Landers gave maps to Collins who said their engineers could try to make it work between the utilities. Parrott moved the City is interested with possibly selling but would need to approve their plans for the building site and easements would be needed for all current utilities before finalizing any sale and we would need to make sure we are getting fair market value. Cunningham seconded the motion. Kinyon, Burger, Cunningham and Parrott voted aye and Hill voted nay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Burger moved to appoint Dave Campbell to the Afton Housing Commission for a 5 year term to replace Tammy Clark who's term is due to expire 3/31/20. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jeremy Newton and his wife were present to introduce themselves. They are opening Afton Grill and Bar soon. Council & Mayor welcomed them and their new business to town. Cunningham moved to approve the liquor license for Afton Grill and Bar pending the dram shop approval. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

A bid for removal and replacement of approximately 3360 sq.ft. of concrete in the 100 block of E. Filmore, widening the north radius of the intersection of E. Filmore at Douglas and running 4" tile 244' was reviewed and discussed. Parrott moved to approve the bid of \$30,578 from Feldhacker Contracting LLC. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council reviewed map of asphalt street maintenance for this summer submitted by Street Employee Shade. Council suggested if he feels there is a worse street in need of maintenance to remove the section of McEldery Street this year. Bids will be presented at April meeting for review.

To meet new IDNR NPDES ammonia effluent limits by July 2022, Sewer Employee Shade has been working with Veenstra & Kimm Engineering (V&K) firm on piping improvements at our 4 cell lagoons. An email from V&K, new piping option maps and cost estimates were reviewed and discussed. Landers updated the Council that Shade recommended option 2 with less piping and slightly lower cost estimate of \$133,000. Parrott moved to notify V&K to proceed with option 2 plans. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk Landers updated Council on emailed letter received on 2/26 regarding Cloud 1, LLC proposed antenna & equipment installation of a 300' guyed tower. This is part of the FirstNet law that was signed 2/22/12 to provide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety nationwide. It is currently in a Section 106 review for any comments from anyone in the next 30 days from date of letter. Landers also noted they are outside City Limits to the south on Colfax Ext, but within 2 miles so they have a building permit with special exception meeting planned with our Board of Adjustment on 3/16.

Windstream has a few fiber projects coming to Afton. Windstream wants to attach to several of our electric poles. Clerk Landers is working with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. to prepare a Pole Attachment Agreement. Council reviewed Engagement Agreement for the hourly fees for the firm to work on the Windstream agreements for the City. Kinyon moved to approve the Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council reviewed track skid loader with blade, angle broom and rotary mower attachments. Ziegler-Cat \$75,823, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co-John Deere \$75,249 and Vetter Equipment-Bobcat \$79,736.62 quotes. Clerk Landers mentioned the USDA Rural Development Grant will cover up to \$50,000 and LOST funds can be used for balance. Maintenance Employee Shade liked the Cat because of the longer 118" angle broom; the machine was slightly narrower for better maneuvering tight areas and has good reviews. Parrott moved to proceed with USDA grant for the Ziegler Cat machine. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Landers discussed City owned old unused police car currently being shared with Fire Department. City Employees don't have a use for it and Fire Chief Weis said they didn't have a big need for it and would remove their radio if we wanted to sale it. Parrott moved to approve selling the 1996 Ford Crown Vic and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 8:05

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk