

June 9, 2020

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM June 9, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and social distancing guidelines the meeting was held at the Afton Community Center. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Dave Cunningham, Mary Hill, Jeff Burger, Sherry Parrott and Steve Kinyon present.

Parrott moved to approve the agenda and Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Parrott moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of May 12, 2020 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,296.08
Jesse Shade	RU-Reimburse Safety Glasses	23.34
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	55.81
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-June Health Ins.	1,138.64
Summer Ball Parents	Rec-Reimburse Cancelled Season	5,155.00
Summer Ball Parents	Rec-Donated Check Back-Voided	( 105.00)
J&A Flooring	Cap.Proj-Wi-Fi Ctr Flooring	1,381.38
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,271.40
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-May Payroll Taxes	2,819.99
Ben Roan	Mtr.Dep-Refund for Prompt Pmt.	145.00
Bobbi Grail	Mtr.Dep-Refund for Prompt Pmt.	140.00
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-May Retirement	1,867.54
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-May Payroll W/H	455.74
Afton Star	Gen-Publications & Ads	363.94
Akin Building Ctr.	Gen/Cap.Proj-Pocket Park & Wi-Fi	974.71
Brown Supply Co.	RU-Striping Paint	602.50
Creston True Value	Cap.Proj-Wi-Fi Ctr Paint	99.96
Greater Regional Med Ctr	Gen-W/C Eye Scratch	96.00
Iowa Finance Authority	Sr.Skg.-Sewer Loan Prin./Int. Pmt	19,980.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	27.90
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling & Stickers	5,318.80
Mainstay Systems Inc.	Gen-Police Laptop Contract	360.00
MMIT	Gen/Sr/Elec-Copier Maintenance	40.98
Radar Road Tec	Gen-Certify 2 Radar	70.00
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	20,955.52
SIRWA	Gen-Water	39.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Repairs & Disconnection	449.40
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Test Samples	191.00
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-June Cemetery Contract	3,415.84
Texas Capital Bank	Elec.Skg.-Elec Prin./Int. Pmt.	82,424.50
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Connelly & Liesner Final	270.00
Veenstra & Kimm	Sr-Engr Svc. Piping Project	11,413.94
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Walmart	Gen-Entrance Sign Mulch	29.55
Wilson, Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	120.00
Card Services	Gen-Lake Camera Annual Plan	120.00
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas	129.21
Cihak Trucking	RU-Haul Rock	1,426.00

Schildberg Construction	Gen/RU-Rock	3,682.84
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,390.47
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas	231.06
Akin Building Ctr.	Cap.Proj-Wi-Fi Supplies	360.23
Bomgaars	Sr-Shop Supplies	94.82
Galls	Gen-Armor Vest & Uniform	965.00
Gibson Memorial Library	Gen-Annual Library Dues	1,321.00
J&J Plumbing	Cap.Proj-WiFi Heating/Cooling Unit	3,622.00
Jesse Shade	Sr-Reimburse Uniforms	97.33
Keith & Sheila Brown	Econ.Dev-Exterior Beaut. Grant	500.00
Keul Electric LLC	Cap.Proj-Wi-Fi Electrical Work	1,741.42
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Life & Supplemental	44.60
Paulus Concrete	Gen/Cap.Proj-Sidewalks & Ramp	52,210.00
Service Techs Inc.	Gen-Mower Supplies	219.94
USA Bluebook	Gen-Splashpad Tablets/Sanitizer	302.46
Sunset Law Enforcement	Gen-Police Training Ammo	188.48
TOTAL		\$ 237,575.33

General Fund	\$ 65,795.68	Road Use	5,504.77
Employee Benefit	5,822.73	Economic Development	500.00
Recreation	5,050.00	Capital Project	8,217.40
Sewer Fund	12,184.70	Sewer Sinking	19,980.00
Electric Fund	22,973.07	Electric Sinking	82,424.50
Meter Deposit	555.00	Payroll	8,567.48
		TOTAL	\$ 237,575.33

#### RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 15,898.02	Road Use	\$ 7,976.40
Employee Benefit	1,058.76	Emergency	184.27
LOST	9,075.51	Recreation	1,660.00
Capital Equipment	29.81	Sewer	8,023.64
Sewer Sinking	3,090.00	Sewer Reserve	44.55
Electric	66,428.88	Electric Sinking Fund	13,722.00
Meter Deposit	14.90	TOTAL	\$ 127,206.74

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

At 6:33 PM Mayor Burger announced it was time for the public hearing on the matter of the proposed ordinance renewing the City's gas franchise to MidAmerican Energy Company. There was no one present to speak for or against the franchise and no calls or comments had been received at City Hall. Mayor Burger closed the public hearing at 6:34 PM.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Wayne Pantini, UCDA Executive Director commented that the new sidewalks look nice.

#### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

Hill moved to place Ordinance No. 246 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT AND NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, ERECT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, A NATURAL GAS SYSTEM AND TO

FURNISH AND SELL NATURAL GAS TO THE CITY AND ITS INHABITANTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO COLLECT FRANCHISE FEES FOR A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Kinyon, Burger, Parrott and Hill. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 246. Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Hill, Burger, Cunningham and Kinyon. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to approve Ordinance No. 246. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Burger, Hill, Kinyon, Parrott and Cunningham. Motion carried. Mark Reinders, Franchise Manager with MidAmerican Energy Company was present via conference call and thanked the City for our past and future confidence in their services.

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2020-16 A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Burger, Parrott, Hill and Kinyon. Motion carried.

Cunningham moved to approve Resolution 2020-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE INTERFUND TRANSFER OF SUMS AND RECORD THE SAME IN THE APPROPRIATE MANNER FOR THE FY2020 FOR THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Kinyon, Cunningham, Burger and Hill. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to approve Resolution 2020-18 RESOLUTION SETTING SALARIES FOR THE APPOINTED CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 (3% raises: Landers, Shade & Walter, \$1.00/hr raise: McGuire). Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Burger, Parrott, Kinyon and Cunningham. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Wi-Fi Center update and progress was discussed. Clerk Landers noted the DNR Derelict Building Grant is due by the end of June. Hill will be painting window frames and the trim has all been stained. Volunteers will be laying flooring and trim this week. Council discussed the following items that are still needed: 2 interior doors, sink & toilet and railing for front door ramp. Clerk will contact T&S on railing and volunteers will get supplies at Akin. J&J will be installing the heating/cooling unit yet this week. The internet is installed and we are very close to being done!

Hill updated on the Wellmark Healthy Hometown Pocket Park project. The brick walk is almost finished, plants are in and nursery will be planting tree soon. Hill mentioned need to enforce apartment residents picking up their dog feces. Chief McGuire will serve notices.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed McNeill Tree Service tree removal bid. Sewer/Maintenance Employee Shade had requested 3 trees be removed on the 100 block of N. Webster. 1 tree was topped due to electric lines and roots have caused issue in sewer main and the other 2 trees drop lots of branches that are plugging the ditch where the splashpad water drops into. Burger moved to approve McNeill \$1,000 bid and remove all 3 trees. Cunningham seconded the motion. Parrott, Kinyon, Cunningham and Burger voted in favor and Hill voted nay. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to donate \$500 to Afton Fire Department for cleaning streets on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council discussed City Exterior Beautification Grants for Fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. City will again use Local Option Sales Tax revenue to approve grants up to \$500 per property until our \$5,000 max is reached. Council reviewed current application and would like awards to again be used for structural improvements that can be seen from the street side. Hill moved to approve the Exterior Beautification Grant program using same guidelines as Fiscal Year 2020. Parrott seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Note: Application process will begin July 1<sup>st</sup> and Clerk will advertise the program the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

Hill moved to approve the request from the EU Junior Class to leave the fundraising can trailer in town. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Clerk Landers will notify Junior sponsor Clarissa McCollough on the approval.

Clerk Landers gave Council information on the Request for Proposals that will be in the paper this week for Technical Services on the CDBG housing rehab grants. The proposals are due June 30<sup>th</sup> and a housing committee needs formed to score and approve the proposals. Note: The firm selected will NOT be hired until we are awarded the grant. Parrott moved to place Toni Landers, Retta Ripperger, Sherry Parrott and Shelli Burger on the committee. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to approve the Casey's General Store Liquor License renewal. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Wayne Pantini with UCDA was present and had estimated figures for the loss on the UCDA house built by SWCC carpenter students at 409 W. Filmore. Total construction costs \$134,962.46 and seller expenses including realtor fee \$9,551.85= \$144,514.31. House sold at \$135,000 and per Resolution 2016-13 & 14 the City agreed to share any loss 50/50 with UCDA. UCDA had estimated carrying costs of \$3,380.18 and City \$3,779.05. Pantini suggested zeroing out carrying costs. Parrott moved to approve paying UCDA \$4,757.15 on loss of house and Kinyon seconded. All voted in favor and motion carried. Pantini continued to look up previous balance costs and found mowing, snow removal and sign from 2016-2018. Landers mentioned Afton's carrying costs were greater than UCDA's so Pantini suggested Afton only pay \$4,500. Parrott moved to void previous motion and approve the \$4,500 50/50 loss to UCDA. Burger seconded. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Kinyon, Parrott, Hill and Burger. New Motion carried.

Burger moved to adjourn and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:39 PM.

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Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Toni Landers, City Clerk