

August 11, 2020

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM August 11, 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 Steve Kinyon, Mary Hill, Dave Cunningham, Jeff Burger and Sherry Parrott 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 July 14, 2020 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,366.58
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jul Payroll Taxes	2,893.08
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jul Retirement	1,888.26
Judy Harman	Elec-Refund on Final Budget	348.63
Mike & Sandy Ralya	Gen-Pocket Park Fence & Edging	346.92
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Outage Repairs	629.02
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jul Payroll W/H	468.96
FNB	Gen/Sr/Elec-Receipt Books	68.27
Gary Siddens	Elec-Reimb. Bad Meter Socket	70.00
Plastic Recycling of IA Falls	Gen-Benches & Trash Receptacles	1,813.20
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	399.65
Akin Building Center	Cap.Proj/Elec-Supplies	115.28
Banyon Data Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Email Module/Support	790.00
Dennis Loudon	Econ.Dev-Ext. Beautification Grant	500.00
Doug Tucker	Econ.Dev-Ext. Beautification Grant	500.00
East Union	Rec-Basketball Concession Supplies	181.00
Iowa Codification	Gen-Ordinance Changes & #247	1,077.00
Iowa DNR	Gen/Sr-Annual NPDES Fee	420.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	24.30
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling	5,322.32
Michael Todd & Co.	RU-Concrete Rake	44.53
MMIT	Gen/Sr/Elec-Copier Maintenance	47.07
Office Machines	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office/Wi-Fi Supplies	173.38
Prairie Solid Waste Agency	Gen-Landfill Per Capita Assessment	4,225.00
Quill	Gen-Office Supplies	68.89
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	45,581.68
SIRWA	Gen-Water	2,230.19
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Electric System Repairs	2,111.76
T&S Industries	RU-Oxygen for Torch	18.66
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-August Cemetery Contract	3,518.34
Utility Equipment Company	RU-Manhole Riser-Street Projects	992.18
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Wal-Mart	Gen-Office/Wi-Fi Supplies	46.72

Wilson Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	624.73
Ziegler CAT	Cap.Equip-Skid Steer & Attach.	75,823.00
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,400.70
Casey's Business MasterCard	Gen-Gas	105.06
Graphic Displays	Gen-Wi-Fi Sign	100.00
Gronewold Bell & Kyhnn	Gen-Audit Progress Billing	5,500.00
Iowa Utilities Board	Elec-4 th Qtr Assessment	27.75
Schildberg Construction	RU-Rock	775.70
Tanya Jones	Mtr.Dep-Balance After Final	46.51
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	2,104.26
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas, LP, Chemicals	706.05
Utility Fund	Elec/Mtr.Dep-Rebates & Finals	465.34
AgriVision	RU-Backhoe Maintenance Supplies	61.59
Card Services	Gen/Sr/Elec-Wi-Fi & Envelopes	1,349.79
Christy Roquet	Rec-Void Ck#31135	(50.00)
Christy Roquet	Rec-Reissue Summer Ball Refund	50.00
Joe Mayhew	Rec-Void Ck#31157	(30.00)
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MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	25.11
Mindi Eslinger	Rec-Void Ck#31175	(50.00)
Mindi Eslinger	Rec-Reissue Summer Ball Refund	50.00
Paulus Concrete LLC	Gen-Wi-Fi Sidewalk	2,800.00
Samantha Morris	Rec-Void Ck#31181	(80.00)
Samantha Morris	Rec-Reissue Summer Ball Refund	80.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Void Lost Cks	(1,582.61)
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-2 nd Qtr. W/H	1,582.61
Union County Recorder	Gen-Recording Fee-Paulus Alley	73.00
TOTAL		\$ 176,349.48

General Fund	\$ 29,556.00	Road Use	2,063.01
Employee Benefit	5,250.30	Economic Development	1,000.00
Recreation	181.00	Capital Project	22.55
Capital Equipment	75,823.00	Sewer Fund	1,245.06
Electric Fund	51,971.28	Meter Deposit	470.00
Payroll	8,767.28	TOTAL	\$ 176,349.48

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 16,719.31	Road Use	\$ 14,206.86
Employee Benefit	359.83	Emergency	62.63
LOST	8,875.79	Perpetual Care	80.00
Sewer	7,589.24	Sewer Sinking	3,128.34
Electric	71,962.97	Electric Sinking Fund	13,614.17
Meter Deposit	780.00	TOTAL	\$ 137,379.14

PUBLIC FORUM: Wayne Hill commented that he didn't feel the City's 4 year tree trimming rotation in town is keeping up as there are limbs from trees around electric lines.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION:

Parrott moved to put Ordinance No. 248 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ANIMAL CONTROL on its 1st reading. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Hill, Parrott, Burger and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to waive the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 248. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Burger, Kinyon, Parrott and Hill. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to pass Ordinance No. 248. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Kinyon, Burger, Parrott and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to put Ordinance No. 249 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO STANDARD PENALTY on its 1st reading. Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Burger, Cunningham, Parrott and Hill. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to waive the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 249. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call vote of ayes: Parrott, Burger, Cunningham, Hill and Kinyon. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to pass Ordinance No. 249. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Kinyon, Parrott, Burger and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to put Ordinance No. 250 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO TOBACCO USE on its 1st reading. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Burger, Hill, Parrott and Kinyon. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to waive the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 250. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Burger, Hill, Parrott and Kinyon. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to pass Ordinance No. 250. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Parrott, Burger, Hill and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to approve Resolution 2020-20 RESOLUTION APPROVING STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Burger, Parrott, Kinyon and Cunningham. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council discussed the completion of the Wi-Fi Center building renovations. Total project cost was \$28,428.78 with grants and donations received of \$16,658.06 for a city cost of \$11,770.72. Council agreed to order cameras for the building and paint the exterior. Building will open once school starts and cameras are hung with hours of 10 AM to 9 PM. Mayor, Council, City Clerk

and Police Chief will work out schedule to help with the opening and closing of the building. Additional table and chairs will be purchased after social distancing is over.

Sandy Ralya was present to update on some Wellmark Healthy Hometown projects and noted they have received an SCICF grant and still have Wellmark Foundation grant pending. She would like permission to proceed with the following: 6 flower pots to be placed around square and adjoining blocks at \$340/ea + \$300 shipping, start trail around Rec Field-mowed shorter first and add 3 benches, (approved with Rec Board and will be discussing with City employee Shade next), 3 bike racks (1 at Rec & 2 at Park that hold 5 bikes with 3 loops at \$134/ea.), using upside down tomato cages in park planters to make trees and let kids hang ornaments, make coat hanger snowflakes to hang around park, and lastly make a map of the trails around Afton to put in the park. Council was happy with all the ideas and gave the go ahead to proceed.

Council reviewed 4 Exterior Beautification Grants. Two were on hold from last month and two new applications. Parrott moved to approve 305 E. Kansas tearing off and rebuilding front porch. Hill seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council discussed campers in the Mobile Home District. Parrott feels that we should allow the current campers to stay until they are done this year with the windmill project. Eli Gallegos, Parkview owner was present and he said all the campers are temporary during the windmill project and he doesn't want anymore RV's or trailers once they are gone and his goal is to sale the park after they leave since he is now retired. Gary Clear said he was the person that originally brought up the camper issue and thinks the campers that are there should be allowed to stay until they leave for the winter. Hill commented she had called several towns and also doesn't think we should change our ordinances. Parrott moved to let the campers there stay, but no more after they leave. Hill seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Scott & Karla Askland requested to purchase or be granted access to the alley to the west of their 304 W. Kansas property and wanted to build a retaining wall along the west side and patio on the back due to not being able to mow the steep bank. Parrott noted the city has an underground storm drain in this alley and is not for selling it or building anything on top of the storm drain. Hill agreed no selling alleys that have utilities in them. All Council agreed their proposed pictures of what they wanted to do look very nice and they all appreciated Askland's wanting to make improvements. Other ideas like erosion stone or native grass or plants were suggested with the erosion rock being approved. Kinyon moved to allow Askland's to put non-erosion rock on the bank and a border at the top to hold current rock. Cunningham seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Hill explained a parklet is a temporary patio that can be moved around in the parking areas and material we would use to make our parklet. A grant was approved to cover the costs with requirements to be completed by December 18, 2020. The \$2,500 grant required paperwork before being announced and a signed Memorandum of Understanding. Hill felt we should proceed. Hill moved to approve signing the Memorandum of Understanding and Parrott seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried. The grant will be announced 8/20.

Discussed park band stand and shelter needed repairs. City Clerk will get quotes over the winter and work on applying for grants for needed repairs to be done next summer in new fiscal year.

Burger moved to approve Proposal for Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2021, 2022 & 2023 from our current auditing firm. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co., P.C. proposal for max cost FY21 \$7,880, FY22 \$8,070 and FY23 \$8,265.

Parrott moved to approve Access Systems Purchase Option for a new Sharp MX-3051 copier/scanner/fax. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Donna Smith requested to place a memorial bench in the City Park. A bench has been purchased from Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls, Inc along with a kit to bolt the legs to concrete and should be done in September. Smith said they are willing to install and would like input on placement. Cunningham moved to have Smith work with Jesse Shade on where to place the bench in the Afton Park. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ben Wagner requested to move a manufactured home onto his lot at 512 W. Scott. The home did not meet all the City Residential Dwelling Standards. Hill commented we should not set precedent by allowing request that was not up to our code standards. Council all agreed the pictures of the house looked nice but it did not meet requirements. Hill moved to not approve the request and Burger seconded the motion. Aye votes: Hill, Cunningham, Burger & Kinyon. Nay: Parrott. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk