

October 13, 2020

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM October 13, 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 (via conference call), Sherry Parrott, Jeff Burger, Dave Cunningham and Mary Hill present.

Parrott moved to approve the agenda and Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Parrott moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of September 8, 2020 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Amber Neisemier	Gen-Replace Voided Ck	75.00
Amber Neisemier	Gen-Comm. Ctr. Refund-Ck Lost	(75.00)
JC Grafix	Rec-Soccer/Football Shirts	922.00
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Life/Supplemental	45.46
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	25.11
Petty Cash	Rec-Concession/Gates Start Funds	550.00
Riteway Business Forms	Gen/Sr/Elec-Checks	173.06
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Oct Health Ins.	1,138.64
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,378.72
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Sept Payroll Taxes	3,009.06
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Sept Retirement	1,911.66
JC Grafix	Rec-Football Shirts	163.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Sept Payroll W/H	474.97
Windstream	Gen-Phone/Internet	469.25
Bomgaars	Sr-Locate Flags	23.98
East Union Schools	Rec-Reimburse Concession Supplies	814.92
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling	5,310.32
Monica Guzman	Mtr.Dep-Refund After Final	165.89
Nouveau Flux Media	Econ.Dev-Exterior Beautification	500.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Guzman Final	84.11
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,421.57
Access Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Qtrly Contract	112.50
Afton Fire	Gen-Annual Tax Levy	10,055.00
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	175.16
Akin	Gen/RU/Rec-Supplies	243.90
Bohlmann, Inc.	Gen-6 Planters	2,340.00
Bomgaars	Gen-Supplies-Bike Rack/Camera	41.38
Creston True Value	Gen-Supplies-Bike Rack Install	9.96
David McNeill	RU-Trim Trees-Polk Street	200.00
GPM	Sr-Calibrate Flow Meter	465.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	20.70
Iowa Prison Industries	Gen-3 Bike Racks	442.20
Iowa Utilities Board	Elec-IEC & CGRER Assessment	900.00
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling	5,327.84
Martin Marietta	RU-Sand	155.50
Office Machines	Gen/Sr/Elec-Envelopes & Paper	101.51

Petty Cash	Rec-Gates/Concession Start Funds	550.00
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	31,856.95
Samantha Tanner	Rec-Refund Soccer Registrations	60.00
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	1,932.18
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Qtrly Inspection & Check Pole	316.80
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Test Samples	152.00
T&S Industries	Gen-Rebuild Hydraulic Cylinder	498.76
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-Oct Cemetery Contract	3,518.34
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,677.93
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Bammarkh Final Bill	500.00
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Walmart	Gen-Camera Monitor at Wi-Fi	84.00
Wilson, Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	20.00
Card Services	Gen/Rec/Sr-Supplies/Class/Equip.	3,368.38
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas	76.18
Michael Cihak Trucking	RU-Haul Sand	160.00
Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn	Gen-Final Audit Expenses	2,297.57
IAMU	Elec-Fall Energizers	142.80
Schildberg Construction	Gen/RU-Rock	1,014.25
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas	202.24
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Jones/Noveu/Leisener	520.00
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Nov Life Ins	45.46
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	31.99
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Nov Health Ins.	1,138.64
Windstream	Gen-Phone & Internet	469.41
TOTAL		\$ 95,846.26

General Fund	\$ 35,824.07	Road Use	1,669.76
Employee Benefit	6,756.01	Economic Development	500.00
Recreation	4,182.06	Sewer Fund	1,434.99
Electric Fund	35,409.08	Meter Deposit	1,270.00
Payroll	8,800.29	TOTAL	\$ 95,846.20

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 69,371.79	Road Use	\$ 12,000.44
Employee Benefit	1,170.98	Emergency	194.98
LOST	10,678.91	Economic Development	1,500.00
Walking Trail	2.13	Tyler Cemetery	268.20
Huss Cemetery	4.26	Recreation	4,545.59
Capital Project	1,042.45	Capital Equipment	65,000.00
Perpetual Care	.05	Sewer	9,056.03
Sewer Sinking	3,196.40	Sewer Improvement	37.19
Sewer Reserve	76.68	Electric	83,994.33
Electric Sinking Fund	13,708.69	Meter Deposit	741.34
Sick Leave	21.81	TOTAL	\$ 276,612.25

PUBLIC FORUM: No one present spoke.

RESOLUTION:

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2020-22 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOUSING PROGRAM. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Parrott, Kinyon, Hill and Burger. Motion carried.

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2020-23 RESOLUTION REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Hill, Cunningham, Burger and Parrott. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Janelle & Katie Hamilton discussed their plans for Trunk-or-Treat. They will provide trunk participants with hand sanitizer, gloves and space vehicles out for social distancing. They will also recommend everyone wear mask. Cunningham moved to approve the closure of East Kansas Street on the square from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM on 10/31/20 for Trunk-or-Treat. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council reviewed Notice to Abate Nuisances paperwork and pictures from 9/15/20 regarding junk, junk vehicles and weeds at 608 E. Filmore. More pictures were taken this afternoon by Police Chief McGuire to show the nuisances still exist. Some items have been cleaned up, but several remain. Parrott moved to turn this nuisance over to City Attorney and Burger seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

City Clerk Landers discussed Windstream OfficeSuite® phone system and quote of \$130.80/month. We could cancel all wired lines and be able to receive and make calls from mobile device or tablets while not in the office while keeping our current phone numbers and receiving new phones for City Hall. Mass texts can also be sent regarding outages or important information to residents. Wired line bundles can be cancelled saving \$89.98 and taxes and surcharges with wired lines of \$63.02. Parrott moved to approve the Windstream OfficeSuite® phone system and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The current garbage/recycling contract with Jim's Sanitation will expire 12/31/21. Jim's sanitation has requested an extension and Waste Management has requested we go out for bids next year. Tom Marquart was present from Jim's Sanitation and said they would like to continue to serve Afton and if we agree to a 5 or 7 year extension they will hold rates with no increases for 2 years. Ammon Taylor with Waste Management said they would like to bid and believes they could save Afton money and also discussed recycling and educating us on the industry to make sure the City is protected. Landers asked if they would still use their heavy trucks and drive each street twice to get both sides again as that was hard on our streets. Ammon was not sure. Landers also mentioned when we had Waste Management as our contractor and bid in 2016 they were \$1.57 higher per container and we also had several issues when our residents tried to call their non-local call center for bulk pick up items. Ammon said they have changed and the local Creston office would be used to call in bulk items. Hill said she thinks we should go out for bids. Parrott motioned to approve a 5 year extension with Jim's Sanitation and Burger

seconded the motions. Aye votes: Kinyon, Cunningham, Burger and Parrott. Nay vote: Hill. Motion carried.

Daniel & Kiki Scarberry discussed their detailed business plans that were provided to the Council and requested the Council consider rezoning the Mobile Home District to an RV Park. Parrott stated she lives in that area and is not in favor. Hill mentioned knowing what happens when people camp and sit around the fire drinking and getting loud. Council mentioned City Attorney advised against campers in that area for the current owner and Mayor Burger didn't think it would be fair not letting him have campers and then let them. Gary Clear was present and said this keeps getting rehashed and listed dates we keep talking about campers in the mobile home park and that it would hurt his chances of developing his property beside it. Council didn't think rezoning to an RV Park around residential zoning was a good fit. Parrott moved to not refer this on to Planning and Zoning for re-zoning. Cunningham seconded the motion. Burger, Cunningham, Parrott and Hill voted in favor. The conference call service with Kinyon was disconnected due to technical difficulty during this discussion and he was not available for the vote. Motion carried.

Council reviewed information on Ramsey's Market which would provide fresh food grocery lockers in Afton. Members from the Afton Development Corporation, UCDA and City met for a presentation earlier in the month. Hill, Kinyon and Mayor Burger let the others know more information on the project. It was a unique and good concept, but there were concerns and questions on why the City would pay \$65,000 for this project. Parrott moved to not contribute money for the grocery lockers and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk Landers explained past issues with south wall of the community center sided and receiving fund from the class action lawsuit with the CertainTeed fiber siding that failed. That wall was resided in 2016 when 50% of the claim funds were received and we used most of that money. Once they reconcile all the claims they will send out balances by end of this year or beginning of 2021. Our north wall is now bad and needs fixed. Parrott moved to get bids and fix it right and not patch it. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Maintenance/Sewer Employee Shade would like to get a trailer that will haul the new skid loader and attachments to different sites around Afton so he has all the equipment at the site when needed. He has found a used trailer on Marketplace and the owner is willing to take \$1,300. Parrott moved to approve the purchase contingent on Shade's knowledge on the trailer and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk