

February 9, 2021

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:28 PM February 9, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and social distancing requirements the meeting was held at the Afton Community Center. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Dave Cunningham, Sherry Parrott, Jeff Burger, Mary Hill 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 January 12, 2021 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,406.34
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	18.90
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	163.84
Wellmark BC/BS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Health Ins.	1,343.33
Windstream	Gen-Phone/Internet	464.87
State of Iowa Insurance Div.	Gen-Greenlawn Annual Report	36.00
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jan Payroll Taxes	2,963.34
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jan Payroll W/H	494.36
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jan Retirement	1,937.74
Ally's Print Shop LLC	Gen-Police Door Hangers	56.25
Bomgaars	RU-Shop & Vehicle Supplies	169.82
John Clark	Elec-Refrigerator Rebate	50.00
Petty Cash	Gen/Sr/Elec-Postage & Supplies	44.00
Akin Building Center	Gen-Lake Supplies	61.25
Creston True Value	RU-Snow Shovel	34.99
IDALS	Gen-Animal Pound License	75.00
Innovative Industries	Gen-Clean Wi-Fi & Comm Ctr.	250.00
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,851.12
Iowa Pump Works	Sr-Lift Station Floats	93.17
JC Grafix	Rec-Basketball T-Shirts	241.00
Michael Todd & Co.	RU-Sander Spinner for Plow Truck	125.99
Office Machines	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	221.29
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	34,055.86
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	100.00
Stalker Chevrolet	Gen-Service Police Truck	54.75
T&S Industries	RU-Material for Hitch	113.01
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-February Cemetery Contract	3,518.33
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Tanner Final Bill	95.00
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Walmart	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office/Lake Supplies	38.82
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,404.13
Afton Star Enterprise	Gen-Publications	327.35
Broadview Networks	Gen-Phone System	168.60
Casey's Business M/C	Gen/Rec-Gas & BB Tournament	181.95

Chris Schmitz	Mtr.Dep-Balance after Final Paid	105.70
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Street Light & Disconnect	281.76
T&S Industries	RU-Fabricate/Install Pin on Plow	93.78
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas	407.54
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Schmitz Final Bill	180.00
Card Services	Sr-Flow Meter Paper/Truck Tires	707.88
Windstream	Gen-Internet & Partial Month Fax	357.35
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling	5,303.41
TOTAL \$		65,637.83

General Fund	\$ 11,160.83	Road Use	961.78
Employee Benefit	6,158.28	Recreation Fund	256.89
Sewer Fund	1,373.11	Electric Fund	36,535.77
Meter Deposit	380.70	Payroll	8,810.47
TOTAL		\$	65,637.83

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 7,464.95	Road Use	9,775.44
Employee Benefit	150.90	Emergency	25.88
LOST	10,166.37	Recreation	617.00
Perpetual Care	160.00	Sewer	7,528.34
Sewer Sinking	3,128.34	Electric	79,244.63
Electric Sinking Fund	13,614.17	TOTAL	\$ 131,876.02

PUBLIC FORUM: No one present spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:30 PM Mayor Burger announced it was time for the public hearing on the proposed Property Tax Levy for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. There was no one present with comments and no comments had been received at City Hall. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:31 PM.

RESOLUTIONS:

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2021-08 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 FOR THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Burger, Hill, Parrott and Cunningham. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Issues with installing 2 signs in the first spots on the north and south side of W. Kansas at the Hwy 169 intersection came up. Clerk Landers and Police Chief McGuire updated the Council on issues with "Car Parking Only" signs with the narrow sidewalks and recommended waiting until warmer weather to paint the parking spots. Council agreed to wait and do the painting.

City received an Order that was E-Filed with the Clerk of District Court on 2/4/21 regarding the case with defendant Jere Busenbarrick. The City met its burden on the rear portion is an Unsafe

Building or Structure at 250 N. Douglas but found the City has not met it's burden on the front, original structure based on Engineer Report dated 11/25/19 which stated the braced wall is structurally stable and the braces should remain in place until the roof and ceiling framing and roof sheathing are installed. There will be a Remedy and Sentencing Hearing 3/4/21 at the courthouse. City Attorney Weeks advised to discuss possible remedies. Clerk Landers asked for clarification from Engineer on the 11/25/19 letter and received letter back that braces were to be temporary and anticipated up to about 6 months. Engineer had not considered the building would remain exposed to the elements for any significant amount of time. With the clarification on the engineer letter it was unclear if the Magistrate would change the order on the front so two separate motions were made regarding a remedy. If the order is not changed Parrott moved to give the property owner 90 days to tear down the back half of the building and if not completed after 90 days the City will remove and bill owner. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Parrott moved if the judge changed decision and deems the whole building a nuisance we would give the property owner 90 days to tear it down and if not completed in 90 days the City of Afton will complete removal and bill the owner. Burger seconded the motion. Aye votes: Kinyon, Parrott, Burger. Nay votes: Hill & Cunningham. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Landers proposed implementing a new snow emergency ordinance. Issues with vehicles parking in business district during November 1st to April 1st with our current snow ordinance were also discussed. Council discussed wording issues for snow emergency and also contacting apartment owners in business district to let them know about discussion. Clerk Landers will make a draft ordinance for March meeting to review and work on wording with possibilities of passing changes that would take effect next winter season.

Maintenance Employee Shade would like to get a 10' box blade snow pusher attachment for the skid steer. He found a CL Fab EZ Snow Pusher built in Clarinda, Iowa with Jared Chambers, dealer in Corydon, for a price of \$2,830. Dealer would deliver it this week with \$500 down and balance due after July 1st. Parrott moved to purchase the 10' box blade snow pusher and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Barb McIntire inquired at City Hall about donating a metal bench for the City Park in memory of Gerald & Betty Nixon. Council had additional questions regarding where benches are needed in the park, if the bench would be mounted or movable, would they consider the lake or walking trail. Clerk is to gather more info from McIntire and Shade and report back to Council in March.

Council discussed the closed Wi-Fi Center. Due to incidents involving someone sleeping there overnight and someone punching a hole in the bathroom door it was closed. Parrott mentioned when Hill proposed the center she said there would be volunteers to help open, close and watch over the center. All agreed with COVID having volunteers hasn't been possible. Mayor Burger suggested with the cold temps to leave it locked until it warms up and try to find volunteers. All agreed and Council will discuss again in March.

Council completed SICOG's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy survey and turned into Clerk Landers to compile and submit answers for the City.

Hill moved to approve Mayor and City Clerk sign the Disclosure and Consent for Association with Outside Counsel form. Cunningham seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Council held a budget workshop after the meeting from 7:36 PM to 7:51 PM to discuss the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 budget draft.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk