

April 13, 2021

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM April 13, 2021. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Sherry Parrott, Jeff Burger, Mary Hill, Dave Cunningham 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 March 9, 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	4,372.96
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar Payroll Taxes	2,987.93
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar Retirement	1,906.97
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar Payroll W/H	485.63
Arispe Alumni	Gen-Refund Comm. Ctr. Rent	50.00
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Life/Supplemental	45.46
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	199.22
O'Halloran International	RU-Repairs to Plow Truck	1,115.92
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Line Inspection & Repairs	650.60
Susan Ward	Mtr.Dep-Ward Final Bill	121.82
T&S Industries	Gen-Pipe for Lake Dock	136.92
Utility Fund	Rec/Mtr.Dep-McCollough & Ward	62.47
Wellmark BC/BS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Apr. Health Ins.	1,371.92
Windstream	Gen-Internet (City Hall & Wi-Fi)	337.99
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,395.02
Access Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Qtrly Copier Maint.	137.00
Akin Building Center	Gen-Supplies	100.00
Bomgaars	RU/Sr-Supplies & Paint	23.86
Brown Truck Leasing Corp	RU-Repairs to Plow done 1/28/21	671.93
David McNeill	Gen-Mulch for Pocket Park	50.00
Hometown Insurance	Gen-Cyber Liability Insurance	1,200.00
IAMU	Elec-Spring Energizers	142.80
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,531.00
Jesse Shade	RU/Sr-Reimb. Uniform Supplies	164.30
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling	5,320.93
Katherine McVay	Mtr.Dep-Balance after Final Bill	74.82
Loran Sneller	Mtr.Dep-Balance after Final Bill	49.99
Mike Ralya	Gen-Reimb. Pavers for Pocket Park	39.55
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	31,234.74
Riddell	Rec-Recondition Football Helmets	2,382.26
Service Techs Inc.	Gen/RU-Mowing Supplies	74.94
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	120.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Inspections & Repairs	1,931.17
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Test Samples	58.00
T&S Industries	Sr-Ship Samples to Lab	16.70

Terrinda McIntire	Gen-April Cemetery Contract	3,518.33
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Sneller/McVay Finals	120.19
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Wilson Hanson & Assoc	Gen-Legal Fees	441.29
Afton Star	Gen-Ads & Publication	258.43
Bomgaars	RU-Weed Killer, Straw & Oil	51.44
Card Services	Gen/Sr-Postage & Park Light Globes	245.94
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas	150.04
Echo Group, Inc.	Elec-LED Light for Flag Pole	90.96
Innovative Industries	Gen-Clean Comm. Ctr & Wi-Fi	210.00
Iowa Dept of Natural Res.	Sr-Wastewater Construction Permit	100.00
Schildberg Construction	RU-Rock	1,998.19
United Farmers Coop	RU/Sr-Gas & Grass Seed	697.12
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Anderson Final Bill	215.00
Broadview Networks	Gen-Phone System	169.20
Dad's Bait Shop	Sr-Battery for Flow Meter	116.95
David McNeill	Elec-Trim Trees-Map 3	6,500.00
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-May Life Insurance	45.46
Wellmark BC/BS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-May Health Ins.	1,371.92
Windstream	Gen-Internet-City Hall & Wi-Fi	338.17
TOTAL		\$ 80,243.46

General Fund	\$ 12,840.01	Road Use	4,775.21
Employee Benefit	6,987.15	Recreation	2,416.55
Sewer Fund	1,224.47	Electric Fund	42,622.09
Meter Deposit	610.00	Payroll	8,767.98
		TOTAL	\$ 80,243.46

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 12,639.37	Road Use	3,657.68
Employee Benefit	272.61	Emergency	41.04
LOST	17,780.13	Walking Trail	2.08
Tyler Cemetery	268.20	Huss	4.15
Recreation	3,391.95	Capital Equipment	7.61
Perpetual Care	400.06	Sewer	7,931.29
Sewer Sinking	3,194.92	Sewer Improvement	25.97
Sewer Reserve	80.03	Electric	87,217.97
Electric Sinking Fund	13,706.63	Meter Deposit	998.58
Sick Leave	21.35	TOTAL	\$ 151,641.62

NEW BUSINESS:

Roger & Sheryl Parham discussed their Livestock Permit Application for chickens. Sheryl listed several positive comments and reasons why they want chickens at their garden and orchard along US Highway 169. Concerns were also discussed with rooster waking up neighbor and unlicensed horse trailer as the chicken shelter. Hill moved to accept the permit with stipulation

trailer gets licensed and consider rooster in month if continued problems. Hill added after additional discussion they paint trailer. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Hill and Kinyon. Nay: Burger and Parrott. Motion carried.

Joy Seeley and Mary Kline representing the Afton Manor, Inc. Board were present and discussed their window replacement project for all of their buildings. They requested the City be their fiscal sponsor on a grant application. Parrott had concerns about sponsoring for repairs that would open the City up to sponsor any landlord or building owner wanting grants for repairs. Clerk Landers had concerns about the large project completion and our grant status if project was not able to be fully funded and completed. Mayor Burger suggested we check with our City Attorney if we can legally sponsor this type of grant application and put back on May agenda.

Hannah Jackson was present and talked to the Council about allowing golf carts in town and she had talked to surrounding communities that allow it. She had sample ordinances and permit applications. Clerk Landers also had info from 13 communities that allow golf carts and some also include ATV's, UTV's and Side-By-Sides. Landers had talked to a contact at the DOT about Highway 169 and carts can cross but not travel along the highway so they would not be allowed on the bridge to get to the north side and golf course from south of the bridge. This contact is checking on a waiver possibility for this since it is our only way to get to the north side of town. Chief McGuire checked with Chariton and how their regulations work. He felt we could set the fines and be able to enforce easier with an ordinance. Council requested Clerk Landers draft an ordinance for Golf Carts, ATV's, UTV's and Side-By-Sides for the May meeting. They wanted the draft to only allow for 18 years old and up, no driving on sidewalk, trails, E. Filmore and E. Grand, plus other regulations required by the State.

Afton Community Club Request:

- Tuesday Night in the Park: Abbie Cook, Devon Springer & Tessa Hull talked about some changes to this year's Lawn Chair Nights. It has been renamed to Tuesday Nights in the Park and they have a variety of events planned for all ages through the summer. They would like to either serve beer or have beer allowed in the park during the adult entertainment nights. The events would run on Tuesdays from June 1 to August 10 from 6-8 PM. Council discussed current ordinance that does not allow alcohol in the park and discussed making changes to allow beer to be carried on in the park (no bottles) for certain sponsored events by completing an application and getting Council approval. Clerk Landers will write up the ordinance changes and have ready for May meeting.
- Street closure for July 17 joint event with FNB & El Ranchito: Abbie Cook with the Community Club and FNB was present and talked about the Saturday evening event that included a band performing. Parrott moved to approve the street closure and intersection by El Ranchito. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Marian Davenport thanked Council for letting them observe our meeting.

ORDINANCE:

Parrott moved to place Ordinance No. 251 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, 2018 BY REPEALING SUBSECTION 69.08 (2) PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO NO PARKING ZONES AND AMENDING

SECTION 69.10 PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SNOW REMOVAL on its first reading. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Burger, Cunningham, Parrott, Hill and Kinyon. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Landers updated the Council on the court hearing held today regarding dangerous building at 250 N. Douglas. Landers stated the judge did not rule, but stated he would give his written ruling to us soon. When asked by Busenbarrick, the Judge indicated he was leaning to ruling it was a nuisance and requiring demo but he would rule after reviewing all information.

Council reviewed summer asphalt street maintenance bids: Blacktop Service Co. \$138.00/ton and Henningsen Const., Inc \$193.52/ton. Parrott moved to approve Blacktop Service Co. bid and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Afton Development Corporation Requests:

- Reinstating tax abatements for single & multi-family dwellings: Parrott felt like we didn't have a subdivision or a lot of building areas and spending up to \$8,000 to update the City Urban Renewal Plan was not needed. Hill commented if at least 1 spec home was built that would cover these costs quickly. Council requested Clerk Landers contact Tim Ostroski with SICOG to see if he can come explain more on the Urban Renewal Plan at the May meeting.
- Afton Lake Trees – have forester mark trees for removal or to keep for future possible trails: Hill commented that this would be a free service completed by the DNR. Kinyon voted to approve having the DNR Forrester complete the tree assessment at the Afton Lake. Burger seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
- Temporary dumpster on south side of square for residents to use: Council discussed and with our current garbage/recycling contract with Jim's Sanitation each resident is allowed a bulk item each week along with regular garbage and they need to utilize this option instead of saving items for a large pick up. Parrott moved to not allow a large dumpster be placed in town for this request. Burger seconded the motion. Parrott, Burger, Kinyon and Cunningham voted in favor and Hill abstained. Motion carried.

Council reviewed 15 items on Police Chief McGuire's Nuisance Report. Parrott commented that 708 W. Grand still have a lot of junk and the trees they cut need removed. McGuire commented he recently just talked to them about these issues.

Parrott moved to approve the Sidewalk Assistance Application of Scott & Karla Askland for their new sidewalk installed at 304 W. Kansas. Burger seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried. Council had nice comments on their improvements to their sidewalk.

Council discussed extending current walking trail. Parrott feels a lot more people need involved and mentioned the County, School and individuals need on board. Hill talked to Garden and Associates and they did a preliminary breakdown of project costs for two alternative routes for the possible extension that ranged from \$241,195 to \$299,540.

Afton Community Club Requests:

- Fiscal sponsor for mural project grant: The project will do 2 aluminum murals at 101 W. Kansas of old pictures of that building along the highway. The Wi-Fi Center will have a painted mural. The painted mural design has not been finalized and will be approved by City since it is a City-owned building. Cunningham mentioned doing a veteran mural since the building was received from the VFW Post. Hill moved to approve Resolution 2021-11 RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY OF AFTON, IOWA PROVIDING FISCAL SPONSORSHIP FOR THE AFTON COMMUNITY CLUB GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THEIR 2021 MURAL PROJECTS. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Hill, Kinyon, Burger and Parrott. Motion carried.
- Adding bench and/or gazebo with plantings behind the Wi-Fi Center: Hill stated this was in regards to some family memorial funds. Parrott wants to wait and see if the Wi-Fi Center works out before doing anything. No motions were made for approval.

Council requested bids for maintenance items of park shelter and bandstand, community center siding and city hall back fascia board. Two bids were reviewed. Bid from B's Pressure Washing & Handyman Service for shelter only was \$1,649 and bid from Moore Home Services, LLC for both shelter and band stand of \$2,550 labor. No bids were received for community center and city hall or concrete repairs. Burger moved to approve Moore Home Services, LLC bid since this contractor is registered with the State of Iowa. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Clerk will check with Moore on estimates for remaining work.

Burger moved to approve closing half a block of E. Kansas Street in front of Kansas Street Deli for their auction on Sunday, April 18. Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Cunningham moved to approve trading the 2015 Cub Cadet for a 2020 John Deere X730 as recommended by the Recreation Board with funds they already have for a difference of \$5,126. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Burger moved to approve Casey's General Store's tobacco renewal application. Parrott 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 8:24 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk