

May 11, 2021

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM May 11, 2021. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Mary Hill, Sherry Parrott, Steve Kinyon, Jeff Burger and Dave Cunningham 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 April 13, 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	4,421.50
Scott & Karla Askland	Gen-Sidewalk Assistance Grant	425.00
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	99.05
Southwest Iowa REC	Rec-Electricity at Ball Fields	92.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Miller Final Bill	145.00
Rustic Graphic Displays	Rec-Uniforms & Banners	2,638.40
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,425.37
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Apr. Payroll Taxes	4,375.65
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Apr. Payroll W/H	729.54
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Apr. Retirement	2,865.48
Judy Harman	Elec-Void Uncashed Check	(348.63)
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	344.58
Ahlers & Cooney	Elec-Legal for Elec Refunding Note	1,561.76
Akin	Gen-Cemetery Supplies	39.48
Brown Truck Leasing Corp.	RU-Plow Truck Hydraulic Hose	192.20
Deluxe Business Forms	Gen/Sr/Elec.-Deposit Tickets	75.98
Frank Dunn Co.	RU-Cold Patch	799.00
Innovative Industries	Gen-Cleaning Services-April	250.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	20.70
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling Collection	5,320.93
Office Machines	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	71.89
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	26,212.64
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	120.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Flag Pole Light/Svc Line Work	559.33
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Test Samples	98.00
Sue Rahn	Gen-Sidewalk Asst Grant	500.00
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-Cemetery Contract-May	3,518.33
Trophy Shop	Gen-Light Pole Plaque Replacement	10.99
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Wilson, Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	454.32
Casey's Business MC	Gen-Gas	159.33
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,456.36
Iowa Utilities Board	Elec-IEC/CGRER Assessment	854.00
Petty Cash	Rec-Concession Start Funds	235.00
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Rec-Sr-Gas/Weed Killer	518.06

Windstream	Gen-Phone System	154.83
AgriVision	Rec-John Deere X730 for Fields	5,126.00
Bomgaars	Gen/RU/Rec/Sr-Supplies	96.69
Card Services	Gen/Elec-Postage/Trail Cam Fee	131.14
Carey Lynam	Gen-Spray for Weeds-Park/Entrance	225.00
Fareway	Rec-Concession Supplies	179.05
Farner-Bocken	Rec-Concession Supplies	1,350.72
Fastenal	Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	48.14
Madison National Life	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Life/Supplemental	45.46
Service Techs Inc.	Gen-Mower Maintenance	246.60
Summit Supply	Gen-PP & Rec Trail Parking Stops	1,834.41
USA Bluebook	Gen-Splashpad Dechlor Tablets	187.05
Wellmark BC/BS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Health Ins.-June	<u>1,371.92</u>
	TOTAL \$	74,278.26

General Fund	\$ 14,105.42	Road Use	1,257.87
Employee Benefit	8,773.98	Recreation	9,790.00
Sewer Fund	763.80	Electric Fund	30,595.32
Meter Deposit	145.00	Payroll	<u>8,846.87</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 74,278.26

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 72,629.20	Road Use	22,708.44
Employee Benefit	9,914.01	Emergency	1,646.30
LOST	8,553.49	Perpetual Care	160.00
Sewer	7,181.87	Sewer Sinking	3,128.34
Electric	72,118.36	Electric Sinking Fund	<u>13,614.17</u>
Meter Deposit	755.00	TOTAL	\$ 212,409.18

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ryan & Robin Crenshaw would like to purchase the alleys by their house. Council will put their request on the June agenda. Sherry Parrott stated she has been monitoring the cameras at the Wi-Fi Center and would request we discuss the use of the center again at the June meeting. Toni Landers reminded all in attendance that there will be a City electric outage on 5/13 & 5/20 starting at 10 PM in the evening until the following morning at 6 AM.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION:

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 second reading. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Kinyon, Hill, Burger and Parrott. Motion carried.

Hill moved to place Ordinance No. 252 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, 2018 BY AMENDING CHAPTER 75 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, OFF ROAD UTILITY VEHICLES, SNOWMOBILES AND GOLF CARTS on its 1st reading after removing one of the exempt vehicles line items. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Burger, Cunningham, Hill and Parrott. Motion carried. Hannah Jackson was also present and let Council know a golf cart will fit on the bridge sidewalk in order to get to the north side of town since per the DOT, Iowa Code 321I.10 does not allow these types of vehicles to operate upon a highway.

Parrott moved to place Ordinance No. 253 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE PARK on its first reading after changes were added “for Afton civic organizations” and “no beer or wine will be allowed after 10:00 PM”. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Kinyon, Burger, Parrott and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 253 and Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Burger, Cunningham, Parrott and Kinyon. Nay: Hill. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to approve Ordinance No. 253 and Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Kinyon, Burger and Cunningham. Nay: Hill. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-11 RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY OF AFTON, IOWA PROVIDING FISCAL SPONSORSHIP FOR THE AFTON COMMUNITY CLUB GRANT APPLICATION FOR THEIR 2021 MURAL PROJECTS approved April 13, 2021 was discussed. City Attorney Weeks advised to reverse approval as to not create a precedent since IRS requires you be a 501(c)(3) organization and the City is not. Part of the mural project is for a mural on the city owned Wi-Fi Center building. Council discussed continuing the project with the grant. Parrott moved to reverse approval of Resolution 2021-11 and to continue the mural as a city project. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Kinyon, Burger, Parrott and Cunningham. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council reviewed Afton Community Club’s Beer/Wine Permit application for 6/1, 6/15, 6/29, 7/20 & 8/3 Tuesday Night in the Park events. Parrott moved to approve the City Park Beer/Wine Permit for Afton Community Club. Burger seconded the motion. Parrott, Kinyon, Burger and Cunningham voted aye and Hill nay. Motion carried.

Tim Ostroski with SICOG was present as requested by Council to give more information on an Urban Revitalization Plan (URP) that would be required by State Code in order to add Tax Abatements. Tim stated SICOG could write the URP and estimated cost around \$2,500. There are other fees for the process like publication costs and legal review of the plan. Parrott feels there is no plan for a new subdivision or many places to build and it would not be worth the cost. J. Burger asked if we could do the plan later if there was a builder or interest. K’Lea Johnson with the Afton Development Corporation (ADC) mentioned there is a need for multi-family

dwelling for teachers and young families that want to move to Afton. Parrott asked if ADC has a plan for where these would be built or if it was for the old Afton Care Center. Hill stated ADC is not the builders. Parrott wanted to know an estimated total cost before Council makes a decision. Ostroski will send a Plan they did in 2020 for the City of Decatur and Clerk Landers is to see if City Attorney Weeks can estimate legal fees for reviewing a similar plan should Afton have one written and report back at the June meeting. Hill motioned to get legal fee estimate and Burger seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council discussed walking trail extension. Samples were given by Clerk Landers on what the City of Creston has done currently to build their trails with grants, donation and fundraisers. Parrott is in favor if no city funds are used. Parrott moved to pursue looking into extending the walking trail and forming a committee to do the fundraising and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Mary Hill volunteered to head the committee and Sandy Ralya, K'Lea Johnson, Jane Eklund with ADC have agreed to be on the committee.

Afton Manor, Inc requested the City of Afton be a fiscal sponsor for a grant application for windows. Per City Attorney Weeks the IRS requires you be a 501(c)(3) organization to be a fiscal sponsor and the City is not organized under a 501(c)(3) and therefore cannot be a fiscal sponsor for anyone. Clerk Landers updated the Afton Manor Manager who also let her know their grant was denied.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rogelio Lopez with El Ranchito talked to the Council about the demo of the old building at 191 E. Kansas Street beside their restaurant. Buildings were worse than they thought and they removed the additions and original structure. They want to add a kitchen in the back area and make a patio on the front section. He is working on getting estimates and a plan. Lopez asked if any City funds were available for his project. Parrott mentioned the \$500 Exterior Beautification & \$500 Sidewalk grants. Tim Ostroski mentioned SBDC, UCDA and SW Iowa REC loan program at 0%. Lopez has already talked to SICO and FNB.

The American Rescue Plan signed into law will allocate money to cities. A basic use of funds has been released limiting what the money can be used for and includes sewer infrastructure. More guidelines are due to be released in the near future. Clerk Landers discussed the sewer lagoon piping project and how it fits into use for these funds and is needed due to DNR requirements. Kinyon moved to use the American Rescue Plan funds for the Sewer Lagoon Piping Project if eligible and Cunningham seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mary moved to accept the proclamation for Greenlawn Cemetery for Cemetery Appreciation Month in May. Burger seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Council reviewed a list of 15 nuisances provided by Police Chief McGuire. Hill commented on some indoor furniture outside and also 211 W Filmore. It was noted on report that 708 E Grand was sent formal notification.

Council reviewed proposal from K-4 Construction to Jennifer Seales for repair of bricks at 101 E. Kansas and stating City Hall awning damaged bricks on her building. Council had pictures of

current building and past pictures of the second story of City Hall before siding was put over it. Clerk Landers had requested more details on size of area covering the \$14,674 proposal. Klejch Masonry also looked at building for City and doesn't feel our building caused the damage. Council did not have enough information to go on and no motions were made.

Hill moved to approve the treatment of 3 ash trees in the city park from Wilkey Tree & Turf for \$807-\$827 range. Parrott seconded the motion. Voting aye: Hill, Cunningham, Kinyon and Parrott. Nay: Burger. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk