

August 10, 2021

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM August 10, 2021. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Sherry Parrott (via electronic), Dave Cunningham, Mary Hill, Jeff Burger and Steve Kinyon present.

Kinyon moved to approve the agenda and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Kinyon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of July 13, 2021 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Hill seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Afton Fire Department	RU-Donation Cleaning Streets	500.00
Brown Supply Co.	RU-Yellow Stripping Paint	120.00
James Green	Mtr.Dep-Prompt Pay Refund	60.00
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	25.11
Wayne Little Girls Softball	Rec-Majors Tournament Entry Fee	20.00
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,587.02
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jul Payroll Taxes	3,040.52
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jul Payroll W/H	506.62
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jul Retirement	1,959.09
Moore Home Services LLC	Gen-Shelter/Bandstand Repairs	2,650.00
Randy & Lisa Miller	Mtr.Dep-Prompt Pay Refund	445.00
Utility Fund	RU-Reimb. Digging Out Manhole	300.00
Akin	Gen-Park & Cemetery Supplies	283.91
Bomgaars	Gen-Supplies	32.97
Capital One	Gen/Rec-Park/Office/Concessions	264.67
Fastenal	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	26.20
Iowa Codification	Gen-Codify Ordinance 254	66.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,848.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	12.60
Logan Osterhout	Gen-August Cemetery Contract	3,623.75
Office Machines Co.	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	49.50
Quill	Gen-Garbage Can Liners	143.98
Radarsign, LLC	Gen-Police Radar Signs	5,015.40
Raymond James	Gen-Stock Acct Maint. Fee	50.00
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	48,054.02
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	2,860.04
SW Iowa REC	Elec-Repairs to System	1,789.94
Stalker Chevrolet	Gen-Oil Change & Maintenance	68.75
T&S Industries	RU-Weld Tractor Hitch	95.23
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Smith/St.John Final	50.00
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Wilson Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	36.13
Windstream	Gen-Phone System	154.43
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,590.16
Afton Star Enterprise	Gen-Publications	278.54

AgriVision	RU-Tractor Parts	126.00
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas	169.95
Iowa Finance Authority	Elec-Refund Wrong Pmt Sent	1,000.00
Innovative Industries	Gen-Clean Comm. Ctr.	90.00
Iowa Codification	Gen-Legislative Code Changes	361.00
Iowa DNR	Gen/Sr-NPDES Annual Fees	420.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-System Repairs	407.07
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas & Weed Killer	427.26
Card Services	Gen-Pressure Washer/Tool Box	866.40
David McNeill	Gen-Trim Branches for Speed Sign	89.18
Dog Gone Rescue	Gen-Vet & Neuter Abandoned Dog	316.36
Echo Group Inc.	Gen-Electric Supplies Speed Sign	255.53
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling-2 Mo.	10,651.86
Mary Hill	Gen-Reimb. Paint for Mural	157.26
Sherresse Buzard	Gen-Artist Fee to Paint Mural	2,000.00
SICOG	Cap.Proj-CDBG Housing Adm.	11,285.00
United Farmers Coop	Gen-Diesel & Summer LP Fill	91.65
Utility Fund	Gen-Bal of Trimming for Sign	60.82
TOTAL		\$ 112,422.93

General Fund	\$ 30,799.87	Road Use	1,279.84
Employee Benefit	5,506.23	Recreation	207.76
Sewer Fund	557.48	Electric Fund	53,054.57
Meter Deposit	555.00	Payroll	9,177.18
Capital Project	11,285.00	TOTAL	\$ 112,422.93

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 22,953.11	Road Use	13,218.18
Employee Benefit	1,451.46	Emergency	248.92
LOST	10,036.78	Recreation	1,353.00
Sewer	8,075.18	Sewer Sinking	3,164.17
Electric	79,494.00	Electric Sinking Fund	13,667.25
Meter Deposit	75.00	TOTAL	\$ 153,737.05

PUBLIC FORUM: No one present spoke.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION:

Cunningham moved to place Ordinance No. 255 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES on its first reading. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Parrott, Kinyon, Burger and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Cunningham moved to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance No. 255. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Burger, Kinyon, Hill and Parrott. Motion carried.

Cunningham moved to approve Ordinance No. 255. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Cunningham, Burger, Parrott and Kinyon. Motion carried.

Burger moved to place Ordinance No. 256 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL on its first reading. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Hill, Cunningham, Kinyon and Burger. Motion carried.

Burger moved to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance No. 256. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Burger, Hill, Kinyon and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Burger moved to approve Ordinance No. 256. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Burger, Cunningham, Hill and Parrott. Motion carried.

Kinyon moved to approve Resolution 2021-15 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE CITY OF AFTON, IA FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021. Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Parrott, Hill, Kinyon and Burger. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Melanie Beaman was present to discuss cleanup steps requested by the Council regarding their fire damaged house at 708 E. Grand. Beaman explained they will be keeping the same foundation and 28x38 size of the house. They will be removing the upper story and making it into a 1 story house with new tin roof and siding. Beaman provided licensed contractor info on Joseph Beaman and stated start date depends on when they can get it emptied, but stated they will be all finished by December 2022. Beaman also stated they are taking most debris to landfill and using garbage containers weekly for some things and keeping shingles separately. She said they are working with landfill on the rules they need to follow. Beaman stated they are working on financing with their contractor. They have also received donated windows and doors to use. Council requested monthly updates and to come back to October 12 meeting on progress.

Mary Hill presented a letter to the Council she received from Doug & Joy Seeley with lots of details on Afton Manor and a copy of a retirement letter from Gary Clear to the Afton Manor residents. Hill stated she was told the Afton Manor's finances are good and she also stated if they need to do projects they will take out loans just like homeowners have to do. Gary Clear was present and was confused on why it was brought to city since it is not a city entity and also stated Afton Manor has a good board and they are very solvent. Council had agreed last month to allow Shannon Harper to look into HUD & USDA as another possible option for the Manor to consider that would help fund projects they need to do. No information on HUD or USDA was available and Council felt if they are solvent and sustainable no decision is needed from the City.

Mary Hill & Sandy Ralya gave trail committee updates. They have been contacting businesses for donations and feel it would help to have the City commit funds. Discussed new route using Olive Street and working on sidewalk infill areas. Parrott feels the first step to complete should be from the Rec field back into town before miscellaneous sidewalks are done. The committee

estimates the entire tail around \$130,000-\$160,000. Committee will continue working on trail funding.

Council discussed tax abatements. Hill provided a list of 14 homeowners who have vacant lots they would be willing to sale. She mentioned they had 20 homeowners unwilling to sale vacant lots and still some to get back. Kinyon wondered about waiting to approve doing the tax abatement until lumber prices go down. Parrott feels that we should wait on spending approximately \$8,000 until we have someone wanting to build that would use the tax abatement. Hill moved to move forward on tax abatements. Cunningham seconded. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Cunningham and Hill; and nays: Burger and Parrott. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rana Scarlett with SICO presented Claim #1 for the CDBG Housing Grant 20-HSG-016. Hill moved to approve paying the claim and Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Kinyon, Cunningham, Burger and Hill. Motion carried.

Jennifer Seales asked City Clerk to check if her or her tenants could have reserved parking spaces behind city hall during the snow emergencies when they have to be off the street parking. Council agreed the area behind City Hall is public parking on a first come basis.

Council reviewed 6 Exterior Beautification Grant applications with only 3 spots remaining. Kinyon moved to approve Lear, Martin/Craig and Brandt going in order of date received and adding remaining application to a waiting list. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Kinyon moved to approve the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/21. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Abbie Cook with the Afton Community Club was present to discuss plans for the 1st Annual Afton Autumn Days to be held October 15-17. She gave info on street closures needed for 5K race, car show, vendor fair and, street dance on 10/16; alley closure for BBQ contest on 10/15-16; and details on private property location and qualified licensed and insured person doing fireworks display on 10/16. Cook also stated she has talked to United Farmers Coop since it is harvest time and they are fine with the closures. Cunningham moved to approve the street/alley closures and fireworks display and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to reappoint Clinton Haight, Jennifer Jackson and Kayla Weeks to the Recreation Board. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to appoint Violet Beem to the Afton Housing Commission as an interim board member for DyAnn Clark until Clark is able to return. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council reviewed 69.14 PARKING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ordinance because of complaints on living in a camper and also recreational vehicles parked in streets. Clerk Landers

was instructed to get ideas and samples from other towns and also to discuss wording options with City Attorney Weeks.

Clerk Landers updated the Council on a donated mural from the Waller family that will be painted by artist Jenna Brownlee on the building owned by Dave & Connie Cunningham that is on the east side of the pocket park. They are also looking into making it possible to add items to the mural as memorials for loved ones.

Burger moved to adjourn and Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk