

October 12, 2021

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM October 12, 2021. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Mary Hill, Steve Kinyon (via conference call), Sherry Parrott, Jeff Burger and Dave Cunningham present.

Parrott moved to approve the agenda and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Parrott moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of September 14 & October 4, 2021 meetings, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,567.73
Rustic Graphic Creation	Rec-T-Shirt & Hoodie Order	562.98
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,780.10
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Sept Payroll Taxes	4,814.31
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Sept Payroll W/H	790.34
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Sept Retirement	3,040.10
Access Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Qtrly Copier Contract	156.76
Afton Fire Dept.	Gen-Annual Tax Levy	10,463.00
Afton Star	Gen/Sr-Publications	237.51
Akin Building Center	Gen/Rec-Repairs and Supplies	215.84
Capital One	Gen/Rec-Office & Concessions	451.20
Commercial Roof Coating	Gen-City Hall Roof & Walls	11,600.00
Creston True Value	Gen/RU-Park & Office Supplies	70.93
Gingerich Gutter LLC	Gen-City Hall Back Gutters	204.00
GPM	Sr-Calibrate Lagoon Flow Meter	465.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,686.00
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage & Recycling	5,340.45
Logan Osterhout	Gen-October Cemetery Contract	3,623.75
Martin Marietta	Gen/RU-Street & Playground Sand	702.37
Office Machines	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	130.86
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	33,664.24
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	2,193.47
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Qtrly Sub Insp & Repairs	7,086.89
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Test Samples	58.00
T&S Industries	Sr-Ship Lagoon Samples to Lab	16.65
Veenstra & Kimm Inc	Sr-Engr Service for Piping Project	372.26
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Wilson Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	252.00
Card Services	Rec-Solar Lights & Ball Equip.	209.28
Caseys Business M/C	Gen/Rec-Gas & Concessions	295.50
Cihak Trucking	RU-Haul Sand	954.00
Communications Solutions	Gen-Repairs to Camera Computer	941.49
GRH Business Health	RU-Random Selected Drug Screen	80.00
Honorable Cynthia Axne	Gen-US Flag Order	64.95
IAMU	Elec-Fall Energizers	142.80

Innovative Industries	Gen-Clean Comm. Ctr	90.00
Iowa League of Cities	Gen-Budget Workshop Training	50.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Photo Cell for Street Light	6.83
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas & Grass Seed	411.57
USIC Locating Services	Elec-Locates for Sept.	324.00
Windstream	Gen-Phone System	154.28
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	19.80
Madison National Life	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Life & Supplement	46.97
US Postal Service	Gen/Sr/Elec-Postage Stamps	62.00
SW Iowa REC	Rec-Ball Field Electricity	114.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Refund of Deposits	355.00
Windstream	Gen-Internet	327.68
TOTAL		\$ 102,236.90

General Fund	\$ 36,667.49	Road Use	1,514.55
Employee Benefit	8,678.77	Recreation	1,444.79
Sewer Fund	1,281.01	Electric Fund	42,947.46
Meter Deposit	355.00	Payroll	9,347.83
		TOTAL	\$ 102,236.90

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 19,377.05	Road Use	14,542.02
Employee Benefit	1,451.88	Emergency	260.40
LOST	11,919.29	Walking Trail	2.11
Tyler Cemetery	139.20	Huss Cemetery	4.26
Recreation	366.46	Perpetual Care	.10
Sewer	8,583.63	Sewer Sinking	3,232.23
Sewer Improvement	50.84	Sewer Reserve	100.44
Electric	84,446.40	Electric Sinking Fund	13,692.45
Meter Deposit	180.13	Sick Leave	21.19
		TOTAL	\$ 158,370.08

PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:31 PM Mayor Burger announced it was time for the public hearing on the proposed plans and specifications, proposed form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of wastewater treatment lagoon piping improvement project. No on present had comments and no comments had been received at City Hall. Mayor Burger announced three (3) bids were opened 10/7/21: J&K Contracting, LLC \$355,355, C.L. Carroll Co., Inc \$289,000 and KLC Construction, LLC \$276,000. Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., recommended awarding the contract to KLC Construction, LLC. Council discussed and Clerk stated the project is to meet DNR requirements on our wastewater permit, KLC references were good and project will be completed by August 1, 2022 deadline. Clerk provided Council with funding sources using LOST, American Rescue Plan and Sewer funds for the project. Parrott moved to award contract to low bid from KLC for \$276,000 and Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Cunningham, Hill, Kinyon and Burger. Motion carried. Mayor Burger closed the public hearing at 6:35 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM: Ben Walter asked the Council to not leave us in a box with too many rules on campers. Retirees may go south and when they are back want to stay in campers. He thinks an RV Park might be a good future thing to consider. He was also unsure if the camper parking on agenda would not allow him to keep his camper at his house. Clerk clarified ordinance on agenda regarding parking recreational vehicles did not change where they could be parked the change was to amount of time they could be used for occupancy.

ORDINANCE: Hill moved to place Ordinance #257 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA 2018 BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PARKING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES on its first reading. Parrott seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Burger, Parrott, Cunningham and Hill. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council discussed fire damaged house & property at 708 E. Grand. Clerk Landers shared email received today from Melanie Beaman stating she would not be able to attend and she believes they were tearing siding off today. Council discussed and commented little to no work has happened to clean up the house and property since the fire June 8th. Hill moved to start proceedings by sending certified papers to property owner on the nuisance. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Tim Ostroski, Executive Director with SICO, was present to answer question from Council regarding URP. Parrott asked if a new house was built can 100% be abated. Tim stated yes the Council could write the URP to do it that way. Other questions answered included the abatement follows the property and not the person, City can set the % of increase to qualify for additions and then Ostroski provided Council with a draft copy to review. Parrott suggested all the Council read the draft and then discuss it at the November meeting. All agreed.

Cunningham moved to approve request from Afton Autumn Days Committee to close the east ½ of the 100 block of W. Kansas in order to accommodate BBQ Contestants Friday, 10/15-Saturday, 10/16. Parrott seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parrott moved to appoint Kathy Lockard to fill opening on the Afton Housing Commission. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Lockard's term will expire 4/1/22.

Council reviewed two new grant programs available from the State. SICO sent information that was reviewed on the COVID Downtown Building Façade Program and the Downtown Housing Grant. Council instructed Clerk Landers to notify downtown business owners that may qualify and find out if there is interest from any property owners on these grants. Council can review and set up meeting with property owners and SICO to go over more details once it is determined how many are interested.

Cunningham moved to approve the added outdoor service 10/16 to 10/17 for El Ranchito liquor license. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of all in favor and the motion carried.

Council reviewed Wellmark BC/BS health insurance renewal rates. The current plan will renew with a 19.16% increase. Option to switch from current plan to ACA plan would increase rates 40.50%. Parrott moved to renew the current plan and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk