

December 14, 2021

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM December 14, 2021. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Sherry Parrott (electronically), Dave Cunningham, Mary Hill, Steve Kinyon and Jeff Burger present.

Hill 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 November 9 & 18, 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	4,688.52
Dad's Bait Shop	Sr-Lagoon Flow Meter Battery	119.95
Echo Group, Inc.	Elec-Park & Entrance Lights	54.20
Madison National Life Ins.	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Dec Life/Suppl.	46.97
Mid American Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	106.51
Rustic Graphic Creations	Rec-T-Shirts & Hoodies	102.60
Southwest Iowa REC	Rec-Ballfield Electricity	107.00
Wellmark BC/BS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Dec Health Ins.	1,371.92
Windstream	Gen-Internet	327.68
Council Payroll	Gen-Annual Pay for Council	3,199.42
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,599.87
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Nov Payroll Taxes	3,573.48
Ashley Brown	Mtr.Dep-Balance After Final Bill	27.80
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Nov Payroll W/H	518.52
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Nov Retirement	2,087.68
Kristen Eklund	Rec-Refund on Shirts Not Rec'd.	39.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Brown Final Bill	82.20
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	331.12
Brown Supply	RU-Tire Chain Cross Bars	869.70
Central Bank	Elec.Skg-Electric Note Payment	81,930.75
Green Valley Pest Control	Gen-Spray Office	55.00
Hull Monument Service	Gen-Monument Restoration Proj.	1,700.00
Iowa Finance Authority	Sr.Skg-Sewer Note Payment	17,550.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locate Emails	63.90
Iowa Prison Industries	Gen-Trail Maintenance Signs	103.60
Iowa Utilities Board	Elec-FY21 Dues on Elec Bal.	448.00
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling & Stickers	5,313.41
Logan Osterhout	Gen-Dec. Cemetery Contract	3,623.75
Meggen L. Weeks, PLC	Gen-Legal Fees	60.00
Michael Todd & Co.	RU-Sander Spinner for Plow	160.70
NAPA	Sr-Pickup Maintenance Supplies	128.26
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	36,266.38
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	120.00
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Test Samples	196.00
Trophy Shop	Gen-Council Name Plates	19.48

US Postal Service	Gen-Annual PO Box Rent	102.00
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,580.53
Mayor	Gen-Mayor 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr Payroll	461.75
AccuJet LLC	Sr-Clean/Televiser Sewer Main	8,179.12
Bomgaars	Gen/RU-Shop/WiFi/Vehicles	89.81
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas	113.22
Innovative Industries	Gen-Clean Comm. Ctr-Nov	90.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,447.00
Schildberg Construction	RU-Rock	249.81
United Farmers Coop	RU/Sr-Gas	375.05
USIC Locating Svc. LLC	Elec-November Locates	200.00
Windstream	Gen-Phone System	154.28
Green Valley Pest Control	Rec-Rodent Control at Rec	91.20
Madison National Life Ins.	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Life Ins.	46.97
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	225.63
Southwest Iowa REC	Rec-Ballfield Electric	80.00
T&S Industries	RU-Supplies to Hang Signs	7.02
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Jan Health Ins.	1,621.42
Windstream	Gen-Internet at City Hall/Wi-Fi	327.68
TOTAL		\$ 188,475.87

General Fund	\$ 12,584.22	Road Use	1,766.04
Employee Benefit	7,927.44	Recreation	419.80
Sewer Fund	9,683.58	Sewer Sinking	17,550.00
Electric Fund	38,973.95	Electric Sinking	81,930.75
Meter Deposit	110.00	Payroll	17,530.09
		TOTAL	\$ 188,475.87

#### RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 14,689.10	Road Use	7,671.23
Employee Benefit	833.91	Emergency	153.16
LOST	25,218.68	Recreation	1,410.00
Perpetual Care	240.00	Sewer	8,380.79
Sewer Sinking	3,164.17	Sewer Reserve	6.29
Electric	61,059.49	Electric Sinking Fund	13,667.25
Meter Deposit	170.00	TOTAL	\$136,664.07

**PUBLIC FORUM:** No one present spoke.

#### RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCE:

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2021-18 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID AND AWARD CONTRACT IN OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM-HOUSE #1. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Parrott, Hill, Cunningham and Burger. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to approve Resolution 2021-19 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID AND AWARD CONTRACT IN OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM-HOUSE #2. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Hill, Burger, Parrott and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2021-20 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID AND AWARD CONTRACT IN OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM-HOUSE #3. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Cunningham, Hill, Burger and Kinyon. Motion carried.

Parrott moved to approve Resolution 2021-21 RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,750,000 ELECTRIC REVENUE REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, STATE OF IOWA, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Hill, Parrott, Kinyon and Burger. Motion carried.

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

Hill moved to approve Ordinance #257 and Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Parrott, Burger, Kinyon, Hill and Cunningham. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Jeremy Rounds with SICO provided spreadsheet of interested downtown property owners and went over three different grant options. Rounds feels with number of properties the City could consider the Federal DTR Grant for downtown façade's due annually in August. This grant requires a minimum of 6 properties with required owner and city contributions. He estimated City might be required to contribute \$150,000 and \$10,000 up front architect costs. Rounds also mentioned The Roost building would be good if only picking 1 property for the COVID Façade funds. Rounds stated he could write grant using the Catalyst and Downtown Housing grants for Busenbarrick buildings at 155, 161 & 175 E. Kansas. Busenbarrick was present and stated he could hire architect for estimated cost of \$4,000 if City would commit. Rounds stated both the Catalyst & Housing grants are due end of January and work well together. Cunningham moved to select Jere Busenbarrick's buildings for the Housing and Catalyst grants and Hill seconded the motion. After a discussion and clarification from property owner all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill gave a trail update. Hill met with County Supervisor, Engineer, and employee at the trail site today and they stated with dirt work the trail would be possible in the County and City area along the fairgrounds on Grand and they are supportive of the trail. The route would start at Rec Field and go west to last drive of Greene's property (easement needed) and cross to north side of Grand along fair property. County would paint and maintain crosswalk. County would not

require easement but we would need a permit approved before work is started. Hill will reach out to contractor to get new estimate with added dirt work required and once estimates are in will continue with grants and fundraising efforts.

Council discussed 708 E. Grand nuisances. Nuisance papers were sent, went unclaimed and then personally served by Police Chief and time has expired. Attorney Hardisty stated to discuss and let her know if Council approves filing with courts as next step. After discussion of the junk, junk vehicles and amount of work still needed on property Parrott moved to approve filing nuisance with court and Burger seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Burger moved to appoint Mike Rollings to the Afton Housing Commission to fill a vacancy. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Kinyon discussed a need for added lighting in the pocket park. He thought solar gas lamp looking lights would be nice. Kinyon will get more info on lights and prices and report back at January meeting.

Hill moved to approved McNeill Tree Service bid of \$400 to remove a damaged tree in the City Right-of-Way at 208 W. Filmore. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to approve Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney for the Not to exceed \$1,750,000 Electric Revenue Refunding Capital Loan Note. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council and Mayor submitted completed SICOG Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Survey to City Clerk to compile and complete online by due date of 1/31/22.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Toni Landers, City Clerk

After meeting adjourned, City Clerk distributed new laptops for use at meetings. City received laptops through the State of Iowa BuyIT@OCIO program with COVID funds at no city cost.