

March 8, 2022

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM March 8, 2022. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Dave Cunningham, Mary Hill, Kristie Nixon, Steve Kinyon and Jeff Burger present.

Hill moved to approve the agenda and Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Hill moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of February 8, 2022 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Brad Jones	Mtr.Dep-Void Check	(54.67)
Wayne Little League	Rec-Void Duplicate Check	(20.00)
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,586.01
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Payroll Taxes	3,055.78
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Retirement	1,988.29
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Payroll W/H	510.30
Windstream	Gen-City Hall & Wi-Fi Internet	333.14
Madison National Life Ins.	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Life/Supplemental	46.97
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	487.21
Quality Glass	Gen/Sr-Keys & Locks	207.00
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar Health Ins.	1,621.42
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,581.78
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Capital One	Rec-Concession Supplies	58.02
FNB	Gen-Annual Safe Deposit Rent	20.00
Frank Dunn Co.	RU-Pallett of Cold Patch	849.00
Green Valley Pest Control	Gen/Rec-Quarterly Pest Control	93.00
Hometown Insurance	Gen/Sr/Elec-EMC Insurance	48,579.00
IAMU	Elec-22/23 Member Dues	2,509.00
IMFOA	Gen-Annual Membership Dues	50.00
Jean Cross	Mtr.Dep-Prompt Pay Refund	140.00
Meggen L. Weeks PLC	Gen-Legal Fees	20.00
NAPA	Gen-Police Jumper Cable Box	160.00
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	40,820.16
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	120.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Line Inspection	1,391.00
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,602.01
Mayor Pay	Gen-Quarterly Payroll	461.75
Afton Star	Gen-Publications/Ads	471.67
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas	206.67
Danny Neisemeir	Mtr.Dep-Final Bill	80.38
Innovative Industries	Gen-February Comm. Ctr. Cleaning	90.00
Office Machines	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	52.87
Skogerson McGinn LLC	Gen-Legal Fees	54.00
United Farmers Coop	Sr-Gas	83.45

USIC	Elec-Locates	103.00
Windstream	Gen-Phone System	153.82
Card Services	Gen/Sr/Elec/Rec-Supplies	1,989.71
Keegan Hill	Mtr.Dep-Balance After Final	64.25
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Hill & Neiseimer Finals	<u>230.37</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 117,836.37

General Fund	\$ 42,168.89	Road Use	967.58
Employee Benefit	6,498.12	Recreation	327.98
Sewer Fund	3,935.74	Electric Fund	53,827.96
Meter Deposit	460.33	Payroll	<u>9,649.77</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 117,836.37

#### RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 8,089.92	Road Use	9,631.48
Employee Benefit	178.25	Emergency	31.35
LOST	75.74	Walking Trail	2,095.00
Recreation	7,586.00	Perpetual Care	160.00
Sewer	7,121.38	Sewer Sinking	3,164.17
Sewer Reserve	2.51	Electric	73,294.08
Electric Sinking Fund	13,667.25	Meter Deposit	<u>340.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$125,437.13

**PUBLIC HEARING:** At 6:31 PM Mayor Burger announced it was time for the public hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The estimated total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property after rollback is \$11.06855. There was no one present with comments and no comments were received at City Hall. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:32 PM.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** Kinyon moved to approve Resolution 2022-15 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023. Hill seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Nixon, Kinyon, Hill and Burger. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Council discussed Downtown Façade (DTR) Grant. There are several downtown property owners interested at various contribution levels. The Agreement for Architectural Services from Curtis Architecture & Design P.C. was reviewed. The architect cost at \$1,200 per façade could cost the city over \$20,000 for the grant application. The total DTR grant costs to the city could be \$200,000 and Council felt there are other ways we could try to help these property owners. Kinyon moved to scrap the DTR grant and investigate our own local grant using LOST funds. Nixon seconded the motion. Voting aye: Kinyon, Nixon and Burger. Abstain: Hill and Cunningham. Motion carried. Will discuss other options at April meeting.

Lighting options for pocket park were reviewed. Clerk Landers had estimate for 1 antique lamp pole light like those in park at \$3,327.78 + freight +\$1,735 for underground electric costing over \$5,000. Another option of spotlight at top of street light pole would be around \$500. Hill had 3 solar lamp pole options and stated Afton Development Corporation (ADC) would pay for one. Landers noted \$226.27 left from mural funds could be used if lights up mural area. Landers showed Council sample banner that Mike & Sandy Ralya would like to donate and have hung on light pole on north side of park. Hill moved to agree to the donated banner and have ADC select and purchase the solar lamp post. Kinyon seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Greenlawn Board of Trustees Council Rep Nixon updated Council that cemetery mowing bids were reviewed during the Greenlawn Board meeting on 3/6. The Board recommends hiring Green Valley Pest Control & Lawn Care with the low bid of \$21,389.97. Nixon stated one part-time Caretaker bid was received and the Board had questions on payroll benefits required so no decision was made. Hill moved to approve mowing contract from Green Valley as recommended by Greenlawn Board of Trustees. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Police Chief McGuire updated Council on 5-Day Tact Team training in Chariton. Creston PD & Sheriff's office is covering cost of training and gear. Cunningham moved to approve McGuire attend training and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Afton Community Club has scheduled a street dance sponsored by FNB on Saturday, July 16 and request permission to close E. Kansas Street in front of El Ranchito and the intersection of Kansas/Webster that evening. Burger moved to allow the street closure for this event and Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk Landers presented a street list put together by Sewer/Street Maintenance Employee Shade for this summer's street repairs. Hill wondered about adding 200 block of S. Pierce and removing 100 block of N. Dodge. Landers will discuss with Shade on reasons for selections and switching those blocks. Shade will work on getting estimates for April meeting.

Tess Cochran at 305 E. Filmore has completed Livestock Permit Application requesting 3 chickens (no roosters) be allowed in her back yard under porch in 4X6 building with large dog kennel run. Hill moved to approve the chicken livestock permit request. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk Landers shared J&A Flooring estimate for City Hall carpet in hallways and 3 offices as budgeted for in FY22. Two estimates were reviewed. Nixon moved to approve the low carpet bid of \$3,118.02 and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Kinyon moved to reappoint Kathy Lockard to a five-year term on the Afton Housing Commission Board. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Lockard's term will run through 4/1/2027.

Nixon moved to adjourn and Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:29 PM.

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Michelle Burger, Mayor

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