

April 12, 2022

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM April 12, 2022. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Mary Hill, Jeff Burger, Steve Kinyon, Kristie Nixon and Dave Cunningham present.

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

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,586.01
Brown Truck Leasing Corp.	RU-Repairs to Plow Truck	3,567.28
East Union Schools	Rec-Concession Supplies	1,498.96
Iowa Codification	Gen-Codify Ord #258	73.00
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycle	5,445.79
Madison National Life Ins.	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Life/Supplemental	44.77
Matura	Elec-LIHEAP Refund-2 Closed Accts	597.86
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	329.13
Quality Glass	Gen-Door Handle & Keys	47.00
Southern Iowa Tourism	Gen-Afton Ad in Tourism Tabloid	350.00
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-April Health Ins.	1,621.42
Haley Hodges	Mtr.Dep-Refund Balance	41.10
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Hodges Final	278.90
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,630.92
Windstream	Gen-City Hall & Wi-Fi Internet	329.00
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar Payroll Taxes	4,618.97
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar Payroll W/H	759.24
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar Retirement	2,958.01
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	165.94
Bomgaars	Gen/RU/Sr-Supplies	110.63
Capital One	Gen/RU/Sr-Office Paper	33.46
Hometown Insurance	Gen-Cyber Liability Ins.	1,750.00
IAMU	Elec-Spring Energizers	142.80
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,441.69
Jennifer Iwed	Mtr.Dep-Balance After Final	16.40
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycle	5,450.79
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	34,060.45
Service Techs	Gen-Lawn Mowing Supplies	133.37
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	120.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Parts/Labor/Sub Qtrly Insp.	2,430.47
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Test Samples	58.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Iwed Final Bill	103.60
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Police Truck Gas	188.09
Access Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Qtrly Copier Contract	167.96

Huddleson Tree Service	Elec-Trim Branches Map 4	3,500.00
Innovative Industries	Gen-Comm.Ctr. March Cleaning	90.00
Quill	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office/Park Supplies	225.98
Schildberg Construction	Gen-Rock Streets/Tree Dump/Lake	1,082.29
Skogerson McGinn LLC	Gen-Legal Fees	804.80
SICOG	Cap.Proj-CDBG Housing Pay3	6,522.00
T&S Industries	Sr-Ship Samples to Lab/Supplies	40.98
United Farmers Coop	RU/Sr-Gas	455.99
USIC Locating Services	Elec-Electric Locates-March	196.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Witt Prompt Pay Refund	120.00
Windstream	Gen-City Hall & Wi-Fi Internet	153.74
Madison National Life Ins.	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Life & Suppl. Ins.	46.75
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Sanden & Miller Finals	645.00
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-May Health Ins.	1,621.42
Windstream	Gen-Internet Service	329.14
TOTAL		\$ 94,025.11

General Fund	\$ 16,783.57	Road Use	4,152.12
Employee Benefit	10,223.11	Recreation	1,498.96
Capital Projects	6,522.00	Sewer Fund	1,320.39
Electric Fund	43,103.03	Meter Deposit	1,205.00
Payroll	9,216.93	TOTAL	\$ 94,025.11

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 9,856.56	Road Use	5,458.38
Employee Benefit	211.53	Emergency	37.49
LOST	20,005.03	Walking Trail	7,798.47
Tyler Cemetery	282.80	Huss Cemetery	.93
Recreation	481.93	Capital Project-CDBG	3,812.00
Capital Equipment	1.13	Perpetual Care	80.11
Sewer	8,108.12	Sewer Sinking	3,178.97
Sewer Improvement	6.84	Sewer Reserve	17.95
Electric	80,422.79	Electric Sinking Fund	13,691.90
Meter Deposit	7.19	Sick Leave	5.00
TOTAL			\$153,465.12

PUBLIC FORUM: No one present spoke.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCE:

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2022-16 RESOLUTION ADOPTING ELECTRIC UTILITY RELIABILITY PLAN AND APPROVING FILING WITH THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD. Nixon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Burger, Kinyon, Hill and Nixon. Motion carried.

Nixon moved to approve Resolution 2022-17 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF SLFRF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF AFTON. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Burger, Nixon, Cunningham and Kinyon. Motion carried.

Hill moved to place Ordinance No. 259 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, 2018, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES on its first reading. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Nixon, Hill, Cunningham, Kinyon and Burger. Motion carried.

Hill moved to waive the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 259. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Burger, Kinyon, Hill, Nixon and Cunningham. Motion carried.

Hill moved to approve Ordinance No. 259. Nixon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Kinyon, Burger, Hill and Nixon. Motion carried. Note: this increases the garbage/recycling collection from \$19.60 to \$19.90/mo. for 96-gal & \$15.00 to \$15.25/mo. for 35-gal due to increase landfill tipping fee increased from \$67.50 to \$71.00/ton.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nixon updated the Council that the Greenlawn Board of Trustees met on March 27 and talked to Janell Chenoweth about the part-time caretaker position and varied hours. The Board is recommended hiring Chenoweth. Cunningham moved to hire Janell Chenoweth at \$16.00/hour as recommended by Greenlawn Board. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council reviewed asphalt and concrete estimates for this summer street repairs. Hill moved to approve the low bid from Blacktop Services at \$116,558.45 and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Hill moved to approve the concrete bid for curb work from Feldhacker for \$4,876 and Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council was updated on the Order for Judgement received from the courts filed on 4/5/22 finding Kelly & Melanie Beaman at 708 E. Grand guilty of violations on 4 counts (Vegetation, Junk, Junk Vehicles and Dangerous Buildings). City Attorney was getting clarification from court if the Beaman's have 14 or 30 days to abate as there was a typo on the order. Melanie Beaman was present and asked what is needed to stop the City by the 30 days. It was stated it needed to be livable and up to all state and local codes. Hill moved to have the dangerous buildings inspected for asbestos as soon as we legally could. Burger seconded the motion. Hill, Nixon, Burger & Kinyon voted in favor and Cunningham voted nay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nixon moved to approve the Mutual Suspension Agreement with SICOG on the CDBG Housing Grant. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. This will be effective 3/31/22.

Dani Briggs, with SWIPCO was present and explained IEDA was working with SICOG on workload and challenges created by staff changes/vacancies and determined best path moving forward with CDBG Grant was to have SWIPCO out of Atlantic take over grant administration. All costs will still be covered by grant. Kinyon moved to approve the SWIPCO Administrative and Technical Services Contracts for the CDBG Housing Grant. Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The contract start dates are 4/1/22.

Council discussed request from Jim's Sanitation to add fuel surcharge to their invoices. Clerk Landers stated a 3% fuel surcharge would add \$164.65/month to our invoices from Jim's Sanitation and we would not need a rate increase. Burger moved to approve a 3% fuel surcharge from Jim's Sanitation for 3 months and review again after 3 months. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk Landers reported on utility hook up costs at 402 S. Pierce. SIRWA's charge to hook up water is \$9,570.50 and was explained the main was over a block away and with new DNR lead and copper rules would require new saddle and service line to pit. MidAmerican explained they had options to run gas line and with the need to bore due to street crossing or rugged and hilly terrain the cost would be either \$13,186.98 or \$16,724.48 and costs are in compliance with their tariff on file with IUB. It was stated each new service is handled on a case-by-case bases and costs may vary. Lot owners should contact utilities to determine costs before building.

Hill moved to approve Feldhacker Contracting bid of \$6,850 to repair park bandshell steps, tuckpoint cracked joints, seal joints between floor and wall, replace missing blocks and repair damaged blocks. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to approve Feldhacker Contracting estimate of \$9,112 to seal asphalt trail. Nixon seconded the motion. Hill, Nixon, Cunningham and Kinyon voted in favor and Burger voted nay. Motion carried. It was noted that the price may vary some due to material costs changes.

Nixon moved to approve the 14-day Beer Permit starting 7/18/22 for the Union County Fair Association. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Recreation Board had a shed damaged in the wind derecho in December. They are requesting permission to replace with a larger portable or stick built shed. We will receive some insurance funds on the damaged smaller shed. Rec Board will use their funds for the difference. Cunningham moved to approve the purchase of the replacement shed with Rec Funds and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council discussed the possibility of starting our own City funded Downtown Building Façade program using LOST funds. Hill would like to make sure we set rules on what is allowed. Landers stated Jeremy Rounds with SICOG was helping with the DTR grant we decided not to pursue and may be able to help us create our own grant guidelines. Council asked Landers to reach out to Rounds for help with our new program.

Hill requested Afton consider starting a new Rental Inspection Program but when she talked to Creston's contract inspector, he was not interested due to Afton's small size. Council requested Clerk contact Lorimor to see if they found inspector for their inspections and report back in May.

Hill moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk