

June 14, 2022

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM June 14, 2022. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Dave Cunningham, Steve Kinyon (via conference call), Jeff Burger, Mary Hill and Kristie Nixon 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 May 10, 2022 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,727.44
Crystal Thomas	Econ.Dev-Ext Beautification Grant	500.00
Josh Craig	Econ.Dev-Ext Beautification Grant	500.00
Madison National Life	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Life Ins/Suppl.	46.75
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	163.54
Petty Cash	Rec-Concession Start Funds	435.00
Radar Road Tec.	Gen-2 Radar Certs	70.00
Skogerson McGinn LLC	Gen-Legal Fees	260.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Barnes Final Bill	135.00
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Health Ins.	1,621.42
Cindy Crispin	Econ.Dev-Ext Beautification Grant	500.00
J&A Flooring	Gen-City Hall Carpet	3,118.02
Podium Ink	Rec-TBall/Coach Pitch Uniforms	2,936.08
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,650.10
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-May Payroll Taxes	3,055.88
Glen's Refrigeration	Rec-Recharge Concession Cooler	103.66
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-May Payroll W/H	506.17
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-May Retirement	1,971.29
Kayla Weeks	Econ.Dev-Ext Beautification Grant	500.00
Keith & Sheila Brown	Gen-Sidewalk Assistance Grant	500.00
Spring Valley Sheds, LLC	Rec-Shed-Replacement-Damaged	10,325.00
Windstream	Gen-Internet	329.14
Central Financial	Elec.Skg.-Elec Loan Note Pmt	82,075.75
Iowa Dept of Rev.	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,391.96
Iowa Finance Authority	Sr.Skg.-Sr Loan Note Pmts	20,420.00
Verizon	Gen-Police Internet	40.03
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas & Cemetery Supplies	214.37
Windstream	Gen-Phone System	153.74
Windstream	Gen-Internet-City Hall/Wi-Fi	329.14
Afton Star	Gen-Ads & Publications	242.43
Akin Building Ctr.	Gen/Rec/Sr/Elec-Supplies	2,717.78
Alyxandria Gatewood	Mtr.Dep-Refund After Final	86.37
Capital One	Gen/Sr/Elec/Rec-Supplies	279.63
Gibson Memorial Library	Gen-Annual Library Dues	1,321.00
Green Valley Pest Control	Gen/Rec-Spray Office/Rec	94.80

Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	63.00
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling	5,615.80
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	41,471.64
Riteway Business Forms	Gen/Sr/Elec-Check	185.47
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	120.00
Skogerson McGinn LLC	Gen-Legal Fees	240.00
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Test Samples	156.00
Union County LEC	Gen-Enforcement Training/Uniform	700.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Hanan/Gatewood Finals	213.63
Ahlers & Cooney	Elec-Work On Poss. Refinancing	1,047.64
Amanda Ewing	Mtr.Dep-Prompt Pay Refund	50.00
Brenda Callison	Econ.Dev-Ext Beautification Grant	500.00
Brown Power & Control	Elec-Park Light Timer	147.80
Card Services	Gen/Rec-Concessions/Lake Cam	988.98
Dannco Inc.	Rec-Basketball/Softball Uniforms	510.25
Farner-Bocken	Rec-Concession Supplies	2,843.59
Feldhacker Contracting	Gen/W.Trail-Fix Bandshell/Seal	13,662.00
Green Valley Pest & Lawn	Gen-Cemetery Mowing Contract	3,055.71
Innovative Industries	Gen-May Comm. Ctr Cleaning	90.00
Office Machines Company	Gen/Sr/Elec-Tissues & Towels	141.89
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas & Chemicals	849.23
USIC Locating	Elec-May Locates	290.25
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Means Prompt Pay Refund	225.00
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,767.81
Mayor Pay	Gen-2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Payroll	461.75
Hometown Insurance	Gen/Sr/Elec-Insurance Audit	463.00
Madison National Life	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Life & Supple.	46.75
Page Portables LLC	Rec-Portable Toilet Rental	140.00
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep.-Klos Final	175.00
Dennis & Twyla Lory	Mtr.Dep-Prompt Pay Refund	225.00
Iowa Prison Industries	W.Trail-No Parking on Trail Signs	219.78
Jennifer Seales	Gen/Econ.Dev-Sidewalk/Ext Beaut.	1,000.00
KLC Construction LLC	Sr-Lagoon Piping Project	60,943.93
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	49.33
Petty Cash	Gen/Sr/Elec-Supplies & Postage	27.07
SW Iowa REC	Rec-Ballfield Electricity	69.00
T&S Industries	Gen-Park Manhole Cover	236.84
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Osterhout Final	175.00
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Health Insurance	1,621.42
Hull Monument	Gen-Monument Repair Project	500.00
Core-Mark Midcontinent	Rec-Concession Supplies	930.36
Quality Glass	Gen-Cemetery Key & Coil Stock	195.00
FNB	Perp.Care-Purchase CD	4,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 296,236.41

General Fund	\$ 30,785.75	Road Use	395.96
Employee Benefit	7,420.72	Economic Development	3,000.00
Walking Trail	2,155.78	Recreation	21,991.98
Sewer Fund	62,295.65	Sewer Sinking	20,420.00
Electric Fund	45,302.72	Electric Sinking	82,075.75
Meter Deposit	1,285.00	Payroll	<u>14,607.10</u>
Perpetual Care	4,500.00	TOTAL	\$ 296,236.41

#### RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 8,017.04	Road Use	5,033.89
Employee Benefit	571.43	Emergency	103.60
LOST	11,726.96	Walking Trail	13,430.00
Recreation	7,484.11	Capital Equipment	1.14
Sewer	8,170.52	Sewer Sinking	3,164.17
Sewer Reserve	5.91	Electric	61,253.45
Electric Sinking Fund	13,667.25	Meter Deposit	<u>2.32</u>
		TOTAL	\$132,631.79

**FORUM:** No one present spoke.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Brylea Woollums was present for the incoming EU Junior Class to request permission to leave the fundraising can trailer in the current location. Cunningham moved to allow the can trailer to stay at the current location for next school year's Junior class. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Kathy Flam and Gary Clear, representing United Methodist Church, ask the Council permission for them to concrete right-of-way parking area on the south side of the church along E. Polk Street which they will continue to maintain. Nixon moved to allow their request and Cunningham seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Council was updated on the "Ruling on Appeal" received on 708 E. Grand recorded with Clerk of District Court on 5/24/22 which AFFIRMED the original 4/5/22 ruling the property was in violation of weeds, junk, junk vehicles and dangerous building. Neighbors Darren Moore, Eddie & Sheri Tomas and Gary Clear all spoke about the property's ongoing nuisances and the City needing to do something to clean it up. Property owner Melanie Beaman was present and stated they are continuing to work on the house. City Attorney Weeks advised Council of options to consider which included 1.) moving forward on abatement of all violations not taken care of using insurance funds and small claims for maximum of \$16,500 available to help offset costs or 2.) give additional time but this would require starting process all over if owner does not fully abate. After discussion of junk vehicles and dangerous house nuisances Council considered options, Nixon moved to start abatement process and Burger seconded the motion. Cunningham voted nay and voting in favor were Hill, Kinyon, Burger and Nixon. Motion carried. Clerk will

schedule asbestos inspection and stated the inspector will need access inside house and will update Beaman on date of inspection.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2022-20 A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Nixon, Cunningham, Burger and Hill. Motion carried.

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2022-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE INTERFUND TRANSFER OF SUMS AND RECORD THE SAME IN THE APPROPRIATE MANNER FOR THE FY2022 FOR THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Cunningham, Hill, Kinyon, Nixon and Burger. Motion carried.

Cunningham moved to approve Resolution 2022-22 RESOLUTION SETTING SALARIES FOR APPOINTED CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. Nixon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Kinyon, Hill, Burger, Nixon and Cunningham. Motion carried. Salaries effective July 1, 2022: Landers \$56,680/yr., McGuire \$49,870/yr., Shade \$22.50/hr. and Walter \$18.75/hr.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Landers stated there is information on City website and Facebook page looking for volunteers to serve on a committee for the new Downtown Façade City Grant and no interest received. Landers contacted three people and Bruce Jones will serve on the committee. The Mayor and Council discussed people to contact and tabled until July meeting to try to form a full committee.

Council discussed tax abatement and the required Urban Revitalization Plan. A letter was shared to support discussion of a tax abatement on behalf of the Afton Development Corporation from their President Retta Ripperger. Burger moved to table until there is a real interest in building and Nixon seconded. Voting aye: Burger, Kinyon and Nixon. Voting nay: Hill and Cunningham. Motion carried to table.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Due to receiving some resident questions on City Rec involvement with old Afton Care Center, City Clerk reached out to EU Superintendent Tim Kuehl and the City Recreation Board to discuss details with City Council. The Rec Board said no formal discussions have happened with the Rec Board yet and Kuehl stated the only thing formally planned is the childcare portion at this time and they have not closed on the building yet. Both agreed they will come to City Council if they discuss Rec involvement at that building.

#### **Afton Community Club Items:**

- Requested ACC's new outdoor park sound system be kept at City Hall for community groups holding events in the park to check out and city cover electric hook up of speakers as contractor is working on guy wire on pole and electricity already on pole. Burger

moved to approve the sound system requests and Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

- Nixon moved to allow street closures of Kansas/Webster/Railroad on square area to be closed for Autumn Days on 9/30 & 10/1. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
- Kinyon moved to approve El Ranchito's Outdoor Liquor License for July 16 street dance and Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Cunningham moved to approve Casey's General Store Class E Liquor License renewal and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Cunningham moved to approve the \$500 bid from McNeill for the dead tree removal on N. Dodge Street and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council reviewed Exterior Beautification & Sidewalk Assistance Grant programs. Nixon moved to approve both programs with \$500/property for Exterior Beautification and \$1,000/property for Sidewalk Assistance with maximum city LOST funds of \$5,000 for each program. Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

A request from Chelsea Reeve to consider selling Wi-Fi building via open bids was discussed. Nixon motioned to leave it as a public Wi-Fi center and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Burger moved to adjourn and Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Michelle Burger, Mayor

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