

July 12, 2022

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM July 12, 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 Nixon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Cunningham moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of June 14, 2022 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,622.95
David McNeill	Gen/RU-Dead Tree Removal (2)	700.00
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jun Payroll Taxes	3,141.84
Deluxe Business Forms	Gen/Sr/Elec-Deposit Tickets	68.47
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jun Payroll W/H	507.82
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-May Retirement	1,979.08
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,775.52
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	725.15
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Access Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Qtrly Copier Contract	147.65
Akin	Gen/Rec-Dug Out, Park Benches	1,351.03
Banyon Data Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Software License Fee	3,210.00
Bomgaars	Gen-Supplies	9.48
Capital One	Rec-Concession Supplies	912.12
City of Mt. Ayr	Rec-Minor Girls SB Tourn.	20.00
East Union Baseball Team	Rec-Concession Help	957.38
Echo Group, Inc.	Elec-Electric Pole Box	39.80
Hometown Insurance	Rec-Additional Storage Shed	47.00
IAMU	Elec-Summer Energizers	142.80
Iowa League of Cities	Gen-Annual Dues	830.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	30.60
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling	5,633.99
Kayla Weeks	Rec-Reimburse Ball Bags	14.98
Meggen L Weeks PLC	Gen-Legal Fees	120.00
Osceola Park & Rec	Rec-Major Boys Tourn.	20.00
SICOG	Gen-Annual Dues	991.99
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Wind Storm Repairs/Qtrly Sub	1,227.36
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Sewer Sample Tests	98.00
Trophy Shop	Rec-Baseball Medals	90.00
United Farmers Coop.	Gen-Propane Contract	1,111.79
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,852.85
Casey's Business M/C	Gen/Rec-Gas & Concessions	875.26
Fareway	Rec-Concession Supplies	133.63
Green Valley Pest Control	Gen-Cemetery Mowing Contract	3,055.71
Innovative Industries	Gen-Comm. Ctr Cleaning	90.00
James Sterling	Mtr.Dep-Balance After Final	185.34
NAPA	RU/Sr-Pickup & Shop Supplies	97.45

Quill	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	229.98
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	61,851.41
Skogerson McGinn LLC	Gen-Legal Fees	240.00
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas & Wasp Spray	592.81
USIC	Elec-Locates	242.95
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Clark & Sterling Finals	164.66
Windstream	Gen-Phone System	154.19
Windstream	Gen-Internet-City Hall/Wi-Fi Ctr	330.20
Afton Star	Gen/Elec-Publications	450.77
Card Services	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Envelopes/Supplies	2,246.90
KLC Construction LLC	Sr-Lagoon Piping Project Pmt 2	60,177.47
Madison National Life	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Life/Supplemental	48.47
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-New Svc/Transformer/Repairs	2,220.88
SW Iowa REC	Rec-Ballfield Electricity	69.00
TOTAL		\$ 168,876.74

General Fund	\$ 16,068.28	Road Use	870.51
Employee Benefit	5,664.10	Recreation	4,046.42
Sewer Fund	62,388.07	Electric	70,013.56
Meter Deposit	350.00	Payroll	9,475.80
		TOTAL	\$ 168,876.74

RECEIPTS:

General	\$107,133.19	Road Use	15,326.28
Employee Benefit	287.95	Emergency	51.49
LOST	11,845.22	Economic Development	4,000.00
Walking Trail	20,250.48	Tyler Cemetery	282.80
Huss Cemetery	5.86	Recreation	7,142.09
Capital Equipment	5,000.00	Perpetual Care Fund	80.11
Sewer	152,548.78	Sewer Sinking	3,179.26
Sewer Improvement	6.99	Sewer Reserve	14.83
Electric	61,057.58	Electric Sinking Fund	13,691.95
Meter Deposit	545.00	Sick Leave	4.74
		TOTAL	\$402,454.60

PUBLIC FORUM: No one present spoke.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2022-23 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR ROCK AND SAND DELIVERED by increasing backhoe scoop to \$60 with a 2 loads a year maximum. Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Nixon, Kinyon, Hill, Cunningham and Burger. Motion carried.

Hill moved to place Ordinance No. 260 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, 2018 BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, OFF ROAD UTILITY VEHICLES, SNOWMOBILES AND GOLF CARS on it's first reading. Cunningham seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Burger, Kinyon, Nixon, Hill and Cunningham. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Landers notified the Council the asbestos inspection scheduled for July 6 at 708 E. Grand could not be completed because the homeowner demolished the house over the holiday weekend and it was in a pile. Melanie Beaman, property owner, was present and reported that they will be done with cleanup by tomorrow and have equipment coming to fill in basement and level dirt on Thursday, 7/14. Police Chief McGuire will inspect property when cleanup is completed and if house cleanup is 100% finished the City Clerk will notify insurance company to remove the hold city had on funds for cleanup. All junk vehicles had also been removed and property mowed. There is still cleanup needed on the property which Beaman stated would be completed.

Council discussed forming a committee for the Downtown Façade City Grant Program. Volunteer committee formed: Mary Hill, Jane Briley, Darren Moore, Bruce Jones, Steve Kinyon, and James Erlbacher. Clerk Landers will contact all members and get the program and application draft to the committee to review and set up their first meeting. Final draft will be given to Council to approve when completed by committee.

The trail project will be starting soon. Clerk Landers received quote of \$1,500-\$2,000 from Garden & Associates to survey trail area inside city limits so the trail or sidewalks will be placed in the correct area. We will need temporary easements during construction and permanent easements in the county area. City Attorney will help with easements when we get her the information. Hill stated we will need a permit from County Engineer when we are ready to start. Cunningham moved to approve having Garden & Associates perform the survey for the trail and Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deb Ruby was present for the requested hearing city hall received in writing on 6/16 regarding the nuisance served at 100 W. Iowa. Ruby reported they have completed a lot of things from the nuisance list but still have work to do. They have contractor coming in September. They have added a gate to their fence so city dead city tree can be accessed. They will continue working and requested an extension. Nixon moved to allow them to continue working to abate the nuisances and attend the August and September meetings to update Council on progress. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bob Culbertson discussed issues with the drainage ditch on his property at 302 S. Colfax. He discussed history of ditch from when he purchased property in 1977 to issues with city in 1980, constant debris he cleans up flowing to his property and problems he has had and has with ditch. He said standing water has created mosquito problem. Now splashpad water creates more water so it should be tax exempt since city uses it. If nothing done in 30 days, he will fill it all in. Nixon moved to have City Attorney Meggen Weeks research city responsibility and have J. Burger, Cunningham, and City Employee Shade meet with Culbertson to look at ditch and see what can be done. Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Culbertson also discussed issues with kids and/or adults driving 4-wheelers dangerously and someone is going to get hurt or killed. Police Officer McGuire has talked to several kids and has contact in that area that will call him when he is off duty if there are issues. He will continue to work to get this stopped and make sure the laws are being followed.

Retta Ripperger updated Council on Housing Conference she attended this spring. A list of items discussed and questions was read aloud and written copy given to the Council to consider.

Hill, Ripperger and K'Lea Johnson with ADC discussed a project they would like to do at the Afton Lake. Lily McMillen will take on the blazing of the trail at the Afton Lake for a college project. She will mark things and volunteers will trim areas along trail. Council appreciated the update on the lake project ADC is working on.

Nixon moved to reappoint Tyler Mason to the Afton Board of Adjustment. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Mason's term will run until 7/11/27.

Council reviewed 6 Exterior Beautification and 1 Sidewalk Assistance grant applications. One application did not meet the qualification of the grant. Nixon moved to approve 101 E. Kansas (painting upper story window trim & shutters), 305 E. Filmore (painting house), 208 W. Polk (front screen door & stain front deck), 308 W. Nebraska (Replace front stoop), 111 W. Filmore (replace upper story front window), 208 W. Polk (replace 48' of public sidewalk). Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Discussed possible steps needed to adopt International Building Codes. Clerk Landers will talk to inspector at V&K Engineering on helping Council through process to add to our ordinances and report back at August meeting.

Nixon moved to approve Livestock Permit for Sheri Tomas at 616 E. Grand St. for 10-15 broiler chicken, located in 6'x12' enclosure on east property line in custom built cage and over 50' from neighbor. They will be gone next week for the fair, have never gotten loose and she was unaware a permit was required. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Nixon moved to approve Vi Beem appointment to Afton Housing Commission to replace DyAnn Clark. Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Kinyon moved to table bids to remove damaged tree reported on 7/11 on Sullivan Street as we were not able to get bids in time for meeting on 7/12. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Kinyon moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk