

April 11, 2023

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM April 11, 2023. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Steve Kinyon, Mary Hill, Kristie Nixon, and Jeff Burger present. Dave Cunningham was absent.

Nixon moved to approve the agenda and Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Kinyon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of March 14, 2023 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	4,967.47
Hometown Insurance	Gen/Sr/Elec-Void Ck 32919	(56,445.00)
Hometown Insurance	Gen/Sr/Elec-Insurance	56,067.00
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	202.47
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	5,000.42
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar Payroll Taxes	4,842.81
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar State W/H	708.44
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar Retirement	3,139.28
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,430.39
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	127.20
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Windstream	Gen-Phone System	149.07
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	39,501.92
Access Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Qtrly Copier Maint.	162.83
Afton Star	Gen-Publications & Ads	599.47
Akin Building Center	Gen-Supplies to Repair Dock	88.67
Allan Landers	Elec-LED Rebate	6.00
Capital One	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Office/Shop	84.68
Garden & Associates	Gen-Survey Work	245.98
Hometown Insurance	Gen/Sr/Elec-Cyber Liability Ins.	2,113.44
IAMU	Elec-Member Dues	2,755.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	25.20
Meggen L Weeks PLC	Gen-Legal Fees	154.00
Petty Cash	Gen-Postage & Supplies	46.17
Southern Iowa Tourism	Gen-Annual Tourism Tabloid Ad	377.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Sub Qtrly Inspection/Repairs	704.90
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Test Samples	58.00
T&S Industries	Sr-Ship Lagoon Test Samples	19.10
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas	240.16
Glen's Refrigeration	Rec-Repairs to Concession Fridge	556.78
IAMU	Elec-March Energizers	142.80
Innovative Industries	Gen-March Comm. Ctr Cleaning	90.00
Iowa Codification	Gen-Codify Ord. 261-263	783.00
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling-March	5,696.58
Petty Cash	Rec-Concessions & Pop Start Fund	472.00
Schildberg Construction	RU/Sr-Rock	1,878.53
Secretary of State	Gen-Notary Renewals	60.00

Service Techs Inc	Gen-Maintenance Supplies	146.26
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/SR-Gas & Grass Seed	607.96
USIC Locating Service	Elec-Electric Locates	395.27
Utility Fund	Elec/Mtr.Dep-Rebate & Final Bill	<u>620.00</u>
	TOTAL \$	78,861.26

General Fund	\$ 9,355.02	Road Use	2,058.83
Employee Benefit	8,690.53	Recreation	1,028.78
Sewer Fund	1,480.48	Electric	45,959.73
Meter Deposit	320.00	Payroll	<u>9,967.89</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 78,861.26

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 8,910.78	Road Use	5,798.09
Employee Benefit	211.26	LOST	10,010.25
Walking Trail	.46	Tyler Cemetery	296.60
Huss Cemetery	.93	Recreation	10.36
Capital Project	1.53	Perpetual Care	1.37
Sewer	7,551.89	Sewer Sinking	3,130.64
Sewer Improvement	5.00	Sewer Reserve	17.96
Electric	81,040.57	Electric Sinking Fund	13,652.15
Meter Deposit	177.94	Sick Leave	<u>4.65</u>
Capital Project	14,750.00	TOTAL	\$145,572.43

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 6:31 PM Mayor Burger announced it was time for the public hearing on the Proposed Budget Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Total revenues of \$2,094,055 & expenses of \$2,120,232 and total tax levy rate per \$1,000 valuation of 11.70960. There was no one at the meeting with comments and City Hall had received no comments. Mayor Burger closed the public hearing at 6:32 PM.

At 6:32 PM Mayor Burger announced it was time for the public hearing on the Amendment of the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Total revenues as amended of \$2,811,252 and expenses of \$3,099,185. No one present had comments and City Hall received no comments. Mayor Burger closed the public hearing at 6:33 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one present had comments.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2023-14 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Nixon, Hill, Kinyon and Burger. Motion carried.

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

Hill moved to place Ordinance No. 265 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 2nd reading. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Nixon, Hill, Burger and Kinyon. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alex & Candace Ripperger discussed their fence located on Washington Street. They mentioned it has been there 50 years and Washington Street has never been an open street and probably would not be because of the ditch. They cited Iowa fence law 650.14 stating it has been there over 10 years. Alex ended with 4 questions to Council: 1-would city consider giving them easement to leave fence with stipulation it would have to be removed if needed by the city, 2-why did they find out by receiving letter from city attorney (Mayor stated because of conflict with neighbor and to make sure their sewer connection occurred on city property this lead to the survey which we then became aware the fence was on city property), 3-does the trailer house need moved now as they thought it might be too close to street, 4-if they have to remove fence could they get extension to July 1st to get it done. Nixon moved to grant extension of July 1st and to look into easement question with city attorney. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Police Chief McGuire personally served 100 W. Iowa Nuisance Abatement Letter on 3/29/23 giving 10 days to remove camper & 90 days to repair garage. Clerk Landers stated Steve Ruby called on 4/10 stating they have someone coming to get camper this week or by next week. Hill moved to contact city attorney regarding filing on camper and continue as attorney recommends. Nixon seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Summer asphalt maintenance bids were reviewed. Clerk Landers mentioned Temple Street may be changed to another street due to private sewer repair and needing additional time to settle. Kinyon moved to approve the low asphalt bid of \$122,915 from Grimes Asphalt and Paving Corporation and per Jesse's street change. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frank Weihs discussed plans to open furniture/guitar variety store at 175 E. Kansas and he would be living in back of building. He currently has been residing at this address zoned CM Business Commercial since 9/1/22 and it does not allow residential uses. Clerk Landers stated the Council cannot approve request as it would require Special Exception as approved by Board of Adjustment. Hill moved that building owner needs to get Special Exception form completed and returned in 1 week. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Sandy Rolling requests permission to donate and hang 2 solar butterflies on the fence by the butterfly garden. Kinyon moved to allow hanging solar butterflies and if they get bad, we can remove them. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to reappoint Mike Rollings to the Afton Housing Commission Board. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Term will end 4/1/28.

Hill moved to approve the low bid of \$1,700 from Huddleson Tree Service for trimming trees from power lines on map 1 & additional location on north side. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council discussed request to consider installing storm siren at Rec fields. Landers stated it could be between \$21,500-\$35,000 and Jo Duckworth from Emergency Management said there could be Hazard Mitigation Grants coming sometime and we might be 75% eligible. Police Chief McGuire mentioned checking with school to see if any safety funds might be available since it would be across the street from school. Kinyon moved to look into/investigate a siren at the ballfields. Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Nixon moved to adjourn and Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk