

July 11, 2023

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

Kinyon moved to approve the agenda and Nixon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Kinyon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of June 13, 2023 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Afton Fire	RU-Street Washing	750.00
City of Lamoni	Rec-Boys Baseball Entry Fee	20.00
Zach Clear	Rec-Reimb. Equipment/Tourn. Fee	201.14
Brown Truck Leasing Corp	RU-Repairs to Plow Truck	20.77
Paulus Concrete LLC	Gen-Park Sidewalk Construction	4,500.00
Petty Cash	Gen/Rec-Supplies & Postage	40.61
Union County Recorder	Gen-Record Nuisance Fees	7.00
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	5,010.78
Bomgaars	Gen/Sr-Supplies & Uniforms	181.60
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jun Payroll Taxes	3,313.81
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jun State W/H	480.80
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Jun Retirement	2,122.58
Pepsi	Rec-Concession Supplies	744.98
Derrick & Kelsey Lear	Econ.Dev-Ext. Beautification Grant	305.10
This Weeks Projects	Gen-Police Logo on Uniforms	21.40
SWIPCO	Cap.Proj-CDBG Housing Grant	31,889.00
Capital One	Sr/Rec-Supplies & Concessions	548.21
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,708.43
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	47,339.52
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	168.54
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.05
Windstream	Gen-Phone System	149.08
Access Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Qtrly. Copier Maint.	159.18
Afton Star	Gen/Elec-Ads & Publications	600.97
Banyon Data Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Annual Software	3,405.00
Dakota Supply Group	RU-Striping Paint	762.95
EU HS Boys Baseball	Rec-Summer Ball Help	368.00
Echo Group Inc	Rec-Ball Field Lights	85.14
Green Valley Pest Control	Gen-Cemetery Mowing-June	3,551.86
Iowa Codification	Gen-Ordinance 266	76.00
Iowa League of Cities	Gen-Annual Dues	863.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	108.90
Iowa Prison Industries	RU-Parking Signs	126.40
Mainstay Systems of Iowa	Gen-Laptop Maintenance Contract	384.00
Meggen L. Weeks	Gen-Legal Fees	66.00

NAPA	Sr-Pickup Maintenance Supplies	68.26
SICOG	Gen-Annual Membership Dues	1,616.90
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Qtrly Substation/Repairs	1,449.72
State Hygienic Lab	Sr-Lagoon Test Samples	58.00
Trophy Shop	Rec-Trophies	129.00
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	5,375.26
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas	240.30
IAMU	Elec-Summer Energizers	142.80
Innovative Industries	Gen-Jun Comm Ctr Cleaning	90.00
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling	5,698.69
Matura Action Corp.	Elec-Refund Green LIHEAP	132.14
Prairie Solid Waste Agency	Gen-Annual Per Capita Fee	4,370.00
United Farmers Coop	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas	335.79
USIC	Elec-June Locates	223.66
Windstream	Gen-Internet	352.76
Card Services	Rec/Gen/Sr/Elec-Gas/Email Bills	25.07
Madison National Life Ins.	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Life Ins.	47.61
		<u>TOTAL \$ 130,476.76</u>

General Fund	\$ 24,033.35	Road Use	1,815.96
Employee Benefit	5,951.85	Economic Development	305.10
Recreation	2,139.49	Capital Project	31,889.00
Sewer Fund	1,444.98	Electric	52,510.99
Payroll	10,386.04	TOTAL	<u>\$ 130,476.76</u>

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 91,360.21	Road Use	13,492.72
Employee Benefit	255.91	LOST	10,874.29
Economic Development	4,495.26	Walking Trail	.95
Tyler Cemetery	296.60	Huss Cemetery	1.89
Recreation	26,339.95	Capital Project	31,889.00
Capital Equipment	5,000.00	Perpetual Care	241.60
Sewer	7,603.09	Sewer Sinking	3,146.05
Sewer Improvement	38.10	Sewer Reserve	73.16
Electric	59,364.99	Electric Sinking Fund	13,658.18
Meter Deposit	238.17	Sick Leave	4.74
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$268,374.86</u>

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 6:31 PM Mayor Burger opened the public hearing. Matthew Lee, Building Inspector with Southwest Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO), presented information on the status of Community Development Block Grant project 20-HSG-016, the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation project. It was reported that the housing project was approximately 50% complete and the anticipated end date for the project is July 31, 2023. The City received a total of \$334,000 for the housing project. To date, \$164,000 has been spent. The city's local match is \$0. The project beneficiaries for the housing project are the residents of the City of Afton, 100% of whom are of

low to moderate income. The following homes receiving assistance are: 1.) 208 W. Railroad St.; 2.) 201 N. Temple St.; 3.) 511 N. Pearl St.; 4.) 804 E. Filmore St.; 5.) 202 N. Colfax St.; 6.) 108 S. Dodge St.; 7.) 208 S. Colfax St. There were 5 amendments made to the original contract: terminate SICOG, hire SWIPCO, budget cost breakdown, budget revision and contract extension. The Mayor asked if there were any comments from those in attendance and none were made. City Clerk reported no written or oral comments have been received at City Hall. Nixon moved to close the public hearing and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the public hearing was closed at 6:34 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Harold Dalton, Save The Peonies group, presented a petition to Mayor asking cemetery board to reverse their decision regarding permanent plants. John Proffitt stated his offer still stands to cut back plants in the fall and agrees the cemetery needs more volunteers for everything, not just plants. Wava Selim asked if 4 board members resigned due to the person that is still there. Ernie Abell stated he would serve on the board. Rhonda McIntosh stated she would serve on the board. Harold Dalton is also interested in being on board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council received cemetery board resignations from Barb McIntire, Vickie Paulus, Scott Nixon and Ellen Jensen. K. Nixon commented that no board is needed if Council makes all decisions and commented on other town that city runs and maintains cemetery and not a board. Several comments made about other things at cemetery by those in attendance. Mayor Burger stated we needed to discuss having board or not. Nixon moved to table discussion and do more research. Kinyon seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

Kinyon moved to approve Resolution 2023-24 RESOLUTION TO SPECIAL ASSESS SNOW REMOVAL & MOWING CHARGES DUE TO NON-PAYMENT BY PROPERTY OWNER (208 W. Nebraska & 404 W. Filmore). Burger seconded the motion. Roll call votes of ayes: Hill, Nixon, Kinyon and Burger. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council discussed Notice to Abate Nuisance served 3/29/23 giving property owner at 100 W. Iowa 90 days to replace, rehabilitate, repair, demolish or remove the dangerous building (garage). 90 days expired 6/29/23 and no work has been completed. Nixon moved to turn over nuisance to city attorney for legal process. Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to approve paying CDBG Housing Grant GAX #7 (payment of \$81,339) once grant funds are received. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed 3 Exterior Beautification Grant applications. Nixon moved to approve 308 S. Webster for siding/windows/doors, and table 305 E. Filmore & 616 E. Grand since they had both received past grants. Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Hill moved to approve completing the Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa Dept. of Revenue and City of Afton regarding state setoff program. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. City will continue in setoff program it is just changing which state department runs the program.

Hill moved to approve street closures on July 22 for the Union County Fair. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. City streets include E. Kansas/N. Webster/E. Railroad/E. Filmore.

Hill moved to approve street closures on October 7 for Afton Community Club Autumn Days. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. City streets include Kansas/Webster/Railroad around square and 200 blocks of E. Kansas & E. Railroad.

Hill moved to reappoint Lynn Kruse to the Board of Adjustments. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Term will expire 7/11/28.

Appointment to Recreation Board opening was table to August.

Kinyon moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk