

October 17, 2023

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM October 17, 2023. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Steve Kinyon, Mary Hill, Jeff Burger, and Dave Cunningham present. Kristie Nixon was absent.

Cunningham 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 September 12, 26 & 28, 2023 meetings, 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	5,324.58
Mayor Pay	Gen-Qtrly Payroll	461.75
Petty Cash	Rec-Concession/Gate Start Funds	550.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Rec-Ballfield Electricity	69.00
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	5,308.58
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Sept Payroll Taxes	3,568.84
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Sept Retirement	2,267.86
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Sept State W/H	531.44
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Hoyt & Beam Finals	325.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	1,613.40
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	44,618.90
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Windstream	Gen-Phone System	149.36
Casey's Business M/C	Gen-Gas & Animal Pound	211.58
SIRWA	Gen/Sr-Water	4,380.20
State Treasurer of Iowa	Mtr.Dep-Hodges Unclaimed Dep.	41.10
Windstream	Gen-Internet	353.36
Access Systems	Gen/Sr/Elec-Copier Qtrly Contract	187.62
AccuJet	Sr-Clean & Televiser Sewer Main	6,700.83
Afton Star	Gen-Publications	815.91
Akin Building Ctr.	Gen/Rec-Comm Ctr Siding/Paint	920.29
Echo Group Inc.	Gen-Parts to Repair Park Outlet	40.78
Gibson Memorial Library	Gen-FY23/FY24 Library Services	2,642.00
GPM	Sr-Calibrate Flow Meter	448.00
Green Valley Pest Control	Gen-Mowing Pmt 6 of 7	3,551.86
Grimes Asphalt & Paving	Gen-Balance of Asphalt Streets	5,500.00
Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn	Gen-FY23 Audit Balance	2,646.59
Highland Products Group	W.Trail-Garbage Cans	1,421.09
IAMU	Elec-Fall Energizers	142.80
Innovative Industries	Gen-Sept Comm. Ctr. Cleaning	90.00
Iowa One Call	Sr/Elec-Locates	28.80
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage & Recycling	5,795.05
NAPA	Sr-Shop Supplies	35.42
Quill	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	61.76

Skogerson, McGinn LLC	Gen-Legal Fees	220.00
SW Iowa Planning Council	Cap.Proj-CDBG Housing Pmt 8	103,143.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Qtrly Substation Inspection	209.24
Stalker Chevrolet	Gen-Police Truck Maintenance	95.60
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-Vandel Final	170.00
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	5,413.55
Afton Fire Department	Gen-Annual Fire Levy	11,426.00
Card Services	Gen/Rec/Sr/Elec-Office/Rec/Shop	133.55
East Union Football Boys	Rec-Concession Percentage Help	516.92
Jacob Walter	Econ.Dev-Exterior Beautification	500.00
Jesse & Jessica Shade	Elec-Washer/Dryer Rebates	150.00
Marlin & Deb Mathes	Econ.Dev-Exterior Beautification	500.00
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	23.67
New Cooperative	Gen/RU/Sr-Gas	326.33
Skogerson, McGinn LLC	Gen-Legal Fees	132.00
Southwest Iowa REC	Rec-Electricity at Ball Fields	41.00
T&S Industries	Sr-Ship Lagoon Samples to Lab	34.57
USIC Locating Services	Elec-Locates	325.10
Workforce Solutions	Gen-Small Rural Law Enforc. Conf.	225.00
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Life/Suppl.	48.25
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-Repairs to Park Outlet	298.83
Wellmark BC/BS	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Health Ins.	2,016.43
East Union HS Volleyball	Rec-Concession Percentage Help	485.85
Meggen L. Weeks PLC	Gen-Legal Fees	110.00
Paul Clark Construction	Gen-Side Comm.Ctr-Labor/Dump	4,500.00
TOTAL		\$ 231,888.65

General Fund	\$ 43,903.15	Road Use	304.64
Employee Benefit	7,520.08	Economic Development	1,000.00
Walking Trail	1,421.09	Recreation	1,837.21
Capital Project	103,143.00	Sewer Fund	7,884.35
Electric	47,830.57	Meter Deposit	536.10
Payroll	16,508.46	TOTAL	\$ 231,888.65

RECEIPTS:

General	\$ 18,079.62	Road Use	13,654.99
Employee Benefit	1,358.27	LOST	11,953.54
Walking Trail	.94	Tyler Cemetery	238.36
Huss Cemetery	1.89	Recreation	1,926.09
Perpetual Care	2.06	Sewer	8,873.62
Sewer Sinking	3,181.08	Sewer Improvement	.94
Sewer Reserve	7.57	Electric	84,655.79
Electric Sinking Fund	13,747.25	Meter Deposit	1,120.00
Sick Leave	4.53	TOTAL	\$158,806.54

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 6:31 PM Mayor Burger announced it was time for the public hearing on the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 Budget Amendment. Total Revenues as amended are \$2,191,755 and Expenditures \$2,219,292. This amendment will not increase taxes. No one present spoke on the budget amendment and no comments were received at City Hall. The budget amendment hearing was closed by the Mayor at 6:32 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Nancy Hoffmeister asked if a Cemetery Board Chairperson had been made yet. Clerk Landers stated not yet.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

Hill moved to approve Resolution 2023-26 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024. Kinyon seconded the motion. Votes aye: Cunningham, Burger, Hill and Kinyon. Motion carried.

Hill moved to place Ordinance #269 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, 2018 BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION PERTAINING TO BURIAL OF PERSONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY on its second reading. Cunningham seconded the motion. Voting aye: Cunningham, Hill, Kinyon, and Burger. Motion carried.

Hill moved to waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance #269 and Cunningham seconded the motion. Voting aye: Hill, Burger, Cunningham and Kinyon. Motion carried.

Hill moved to accept Ordinance #269 and Kinyon seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burger, Kinyon, Hill and Cunningham. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cunningham and Burger conducted a sidewalk assessment and recommend the Council look into sidewalk repairs at the following locations: north ½ of S. Gregory on east side between E. Polk & E. Filmore, and also the north side of E. Filmore between S. Gregory & N. Temple. Clerk Landers was instructed to look into cost estimates and grant opportunities. It was also suggested to get stump estimates and repairs to sidewalk caused by damaged tree removed in right-of-way at 504 E. Filmore.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carol McFarland was present to discuss damage to her son and sister's monuments at Greenlawn. She stated they were damaged sometime between end of April and Memorial Day weekend. Her sister Ellen talked to mowing contractors about damage and they turned claim into their insurance company. McFarland was told on 10/11 by the West Bend Insurance adjuster that the damage to her son's monument was denied and they are possibly covering some stones that were moved/shifted on base. McFarland stated she didn't feel she should have to pay repair cost and came to meeting since City hired mowers. Council discussed and since there is no way to prove mowers damaged monuments, she should look into turning it into her homeowner's insurance. The City does not insure private monuments as they are owned by the

individuals that purchased them. Cunningham will talk to Rob Hull with Hull Monument who repaired the damaged stone to get his opinion on damage.

Hill moved to approve Exterior Beautification Grant payments to 308 S. Webster & 401 E. Kansas and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Burger moved to renew our same Wellmark BC/BS health/dental plan with a 16.69% decrease for 2024. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Burger moved to approve Kayla Lacina & Toni Landers attend the virtual Iowa League of Cities Budget Workshop on 11/8/23. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Burger moved to approve Brett Street Power Washing clean the inside and outside of both City Hall (\$15.00/mo.) and Community Center (\$50/mo.) monthly. Kinyon 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 7:14 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk