

March 12 2024

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM March 12, 2024. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Kristie Nixon via zoom, Jeff Burger, Dave Cunningham, and Steve Kinyon present. Sheryl Parham was absent.

Cunningham moved to approve the agenda and Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Kinyon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of February 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.

Check #	Vendor Name	Fund-Purpose	Amount
562E	RPGI	Elec- Elec Purchase 1/1/24-2/1/24	\$ 55,960.58
563E	Casey's Business Card	Gen- Police Gas Feb	\$ 199.22
564E	Windstream	Gen-Internet City Hall/WIFI Feb	\$ 353.72
565E	SIRWA	Gen/SR- Water- March	\$ 120.00
566E	Verizon	Gen- Police -Due MARCH	\$ 40.01
567E	941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec- Payroll Taxes FEB	\$ 4,503.94
568E	IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec- Retirement FEB	\$ 3,217.02
569E	Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec- State W/H-FEB	\$ 626.19
570E	Deluxe Business forms	Gen/SR/Elec- deposit slips	\$ 98.67
571E	Casey's business Card	Gen- Police Gas March	\$ 88.34
572E	RPGI	Elec- Elec Purchase 2/1/24-3/1/24	\$ 41,380.20
573E	Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax Feb	\$ 1,535.84
	Employees	Gen/SR/Elec/RU- Payroll 2/15/24	\$ 5,188.63
33436	Card Services	Gen/Rec- Software/Website & Conc. Supplies	\$ 1,166.81
33437	Jim's Sanitation	Gen- Garbage Jan	\$ 5,802.50
33438	Madison National Ins.	EB/RU/SR/Elec- Life Ins & Supplemental	\$ 47.82
33439	Mid-American Energy	Gen/SR- Com. Center/City Shop Heat	\$ 236.98
33440	SIRWA	GEN/SR- Water VOIDED 2/15- issued ACH 565E	\$ 120.00
33441	SW Iowa REC	Rec- Ball Field Elec	\$ 80.00
33442	Bomgaars	Gen/RU- uniforms/animal control	\$ 111.13
33443	Brett Street Power Washing	Gen- window washing	\$ 65.00
33444	Elan Financial Services	Elec/SR- Uniform-Training	\$ 321.77
33445	Fastenal	Gen/SR/Elec- Office supplies	\$ 118.97
33446	First National Bank	Gen- Safe deposit box rent	\$ 20.00
33447	Gov. Forms/Supplies	Gen- Minute Pages & Index	\$ 147.00
33448	Green Valley Pest Control	Gen/Rec-Spraying City Hall & Rec Concession	\$ 107.70

33449	Iowa Tool & Inc	RU- Culverts	\$ 396.44
33450	Meggen Weeks PLC	Gen- 28E Agreement	\$ 220.00
33451	Roxanne Walter	Elec- Reimburse Milage for Training	\$ 107.07
33452	Utility Fund	Mtr Dep- A. Vandel Final Bill	\$ 170.00
	Employees	Gen/SR/Elec/RU- Payroll 02/29//24	\$ 5,311.39
33453	Wellmark	EB/RU/SR/Elec- Health Ins- March	\$ 1,262.52
33458	Quill	Gen/SR/Elec- office supplies	\$ 103.54
33459	Afton Star	Gen- Publication Minutes- Mowing Ad	\$ 253.47
33460	Afton Vet Clinic	Gen- Neuter & shots for Huskey	\$ 150.00
33461	Boyd Appliance	REC- AC unit for Concession stand	\$ 829.00
33462	Innovative	Gen- Com. Center Cleaning	\$ 90.00
33463	Jim's Sanitation	Gen- Garbage Feb	\$ 5,802.50
33464	New Cooperative	RU- Fuel	\$ 371.30
33465	Podium Ink	REC- Sport Shirts	\$ 244.47
33466	Schildberg Construction	RU-Rock	\$ 1,523.97
33467	SW Iowa REC	Elec/Cap.Proj.-Repairs/inspection/Storm Siren	\$ 2,486.24
33468	USIC	Elec/SR/RU- Locates	\$ 147.15
		TOTAL	\$ 141,127.10

Expenditures		Receipts	
General Fund	\$ 14,438.21	General	\$ 8,645.34
Road Use	\$ 2,325.13	Road Use	\$ 9,000.75
Employee Benefit	\$ 9,105.12	Employee Benefits	\$ 74.59
Recreation	\$ 1,626.52	Lost	\$ 14,152.62
Capital Project	\$ 400.79	Recreation	\$ 1,612.50
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,056.25	Capital Equipment	\$ 6.25
Electric	\$ 101,505.06	Perpetual Care	\$ 80.00
Meter Deposit	\$ 170.00	Sewer Fund	\$ 7,324.78
Payroll	\$ 10,500.02	Sewer Sinking	\$ 3,150.83
		Sewer Reserve	\$ 4.69
Total	\$ 141,127.10	Electric	\$ 89,325.83
		Electric Sinking	\$ 13,747.25
		Meter Deposit	\$ 3.12
		Total	\$ 147,128.55

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mary Hill brought up nuisance properties with appliances out on curb for long periods of time. She also stated a truck was parked in a driveway with a trailer on it and was blocking sidewalk. It was also hard to see around the truck. Others attending the meeting stated ADC will pick up appliances typically in June.

RESOLUTIONS:**OLD BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:**

Peggy Hardy discussed the East Union Early Childhood Center. She discussed the layout of the facilities, future plans, and financial information. The Childhood Center is still in need of grants, donations and volunteers for the project. Peggy asked the council for ideas for resources/places to look for funding. The council suggested SICOG as a great resource for grants.

Muscle Mat Club applied for a liquor license for the fight night fundraiser on March 16, 2024 held at the Union County Fairgrounds. Cunningham motioned to approve the liquor license for the Muscle Mat Club's Fight Night event March 16, 2024. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Afton Development Club would like to get a gambling license for Bingo. To obtain a gambling license the ADC would need to identify a specific location/address for the event. Another requirement is the license can only be used at that location and no one else can identify that location for a gambling license. The ADC said that if other groups wanted to do bingo in the Community Center, that they would be happy to co-host/sponsor the event so others can enjoy bingo. A 2-year gambling license/permit is \$150. ADC asked for the council's approval to use the community Center location address for their licensing.

Kinyon made a motion to approve Afton Development Club's request to use the Community Center as their bingo location for licensing. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Municipal Professionals Institute training is available in Ames June 24-27th for City Clerks. Afton City Clerk requested approval to attend training & hotel stay for the training. Burger made a motion to approve the City Clerk to attend training and associated expenses for training. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Residents with livestock permits were sent letters with a new livestock permit to provide updated information about the livestock they currently have so the city can accurately update their records. The city received 3 (Gary Clear, Richard Siddens, & Sheryl Parham) applications back prior to the meeting. Each permit was reviewed and compared to the resident's original permit. Cunningham made a motion to approve Gary Clear's permit. Burger seconded the motion. Kinyon, Cunningham & Burger all voted Aye. Nixon abstained. Motion carried. Cunningham motioned to approve Richard Siddens permit. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Burger motioned to table Sheryl Parham's permit until she was present at the meeting. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The council also wanted to revisit ordinance 55.07- Livestock Permit at the April council meeting. Some areas of concern are max number of livestock a person can have on a property, frequency of permit renewals, and possible action taken for those that do not comply with the permit ordinances.

Greenlawn Cemetery board recommended that the City of Afton accept Chloe Kerrigan's mowing bid for mowing Greenlawn Cemetery in 2024. Kinyon made a motion to approve Greenlawn Cemetery Board's recommendation to hire Chloe Kerrigan to mow the Greenlawn Cemetery in 2024. Cunningham seconded the motion. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Previously the council approved a 4% increase in salaries for all city employees. This is considering the COLA (cost of living adjustment) and other comparable city employee pay increases. It was requested that the council take another look at the police salary increase. The council was provided with information regarding other police salaries and duties in comparable cities. The council discussed the increase with Afton Police during the meeting. Cunningham made a motion to approve a 4% salary increase for FY 2025 for all city employees & 8% increase for Afton Police. Kinyon seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Burger, Kinyon, Nixon, Cunningham vote aye. Motion carried.

The Proposed Tax Levy FY 2025 reviewed by the council. The public hearing for the Proposed Tax Levy FY 25 was set at the February council meeting for March 26, 2024 at 6:30pm at city hall. An additional special meeting was also set for March 26, 2024 at 6:45pm at city hall to set hearing date for Adopting Budget FY 2025.

Burger moved to adjourn and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Kayla Lacina, City Clerk