

March 26, 2024

The Afton City Council met in special scheduled session at 6:48 PM March 26, 2024. Mayor Burger presided with Council members, Jeff Burger, Steve Kinyon, Sheryl Parham, and Kristie Nixon present. Dave Cunningham was absent.

Nixon moved to approve the agenda and Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Parham motioned to approve **2024-11** Resolution rescheduling the March 26th Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Levy FY25 to April 9th @ 6pm due to publication timelines. Nixon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kinyon, Parham, Nixon, and Burger voted aye. Cunningham was absent. Motioned carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peggy Hardy discussed a nature-based playground at the East Union’s new Early Childhood Center. A large area west of the childhood center is the proposed location for the nature-based playground. This property is owned by the school. The DNR has grants for this type of playground for cities. Since cities are eligible to apply for the grant, the childhood center asked if the city of Afton would be a fiscal sponsor for the grant.

If the city agrees to be a fiscal sponsor, this will mean that the city of Afton would apply for the grant with SICOG assisting with filling out the grant application for the nature-based playground. If the grant was awarded to the City of Afton/Childhood Center, the playground would be on school property, but available for public use. Grant funds would run through the city’s account for the project. The grant does not require any matching funds for the project. 90% of the funds would be given upfront and the remaining 10% after the project was completed. The project must be completed within 2 years. The council discussed the DNR grant and thinks it would be an asset to the community. The council would like the city attorney to review before voting.

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

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kayla Lacina, City Clerk