

March 11, 2025

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM March 11, 2025. Mayor Burger presided over council members Sheryl Parham, Kristie Nixon, Jeff Burger, Steve Kinyon, and Dave Cunningham.

Parham made a motion to add tree trimming bid to the agenda. Nixon seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken. Cunningham, Parham, Nixon, burger, Kinyon. Nixon moved to approve the agenda with the additional topic. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Kinyon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the Minutes from the February 11, 2025 meeting, City Clerk/Treasurer, and the following bills. Parham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

		February 12, 2025 to March 11, 2025	
Check #	Vendor Name	Fund-Purpose	Amount
713E	EFTPS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC-PAYROLL TAXES- FEB	\$ 3,206.05
714E	IOWA DEP OF REVEN	MONTHLY STATE PAYROLL W/H	\$ 177.43
715E	IPERS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- WITHHOLDING MATCH-	\$ 2,299.32
716E	DELUXE BUSINESS FORMS	SR/ELEC- DEPOSIT SLIPS	\$ 163.24
717E	IOWA DEP OF REVEN	MONTHLY SALES TAX	\$ 1,516.15
718E	SIRWA	GEN/SR- WATER DUE OCT	\$ 120.00
719E	VERIZON	GEN- POLICE INTERNET	\$ 40.01
720E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- EMAIL	\$ 12.50
721E	RPGI	ELEC- PURCHAS OF ELEC NOV	\$ 46,398.94
34003-34006	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #4	\$ 5,682.79
34007	JIMS SANITAION	GEN-GARBAGE	\$ 6,066.28
34008	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	EMBEN/SR/ELEC- LIFE INS/SUPPLEMENTAL FEB/MARCH	\$ 96.50
34009	MID AMERICAN ENGERY	GEN/SR- GAS	\$ 254.63
34010	PODIUM INK	REC- BASKETBALL CAMP SHIRTS	\$ 454.20
34011	SW IOWA REC	ELEC- INSPECTION/FIRE/OVERHEAD LINE	\$ 10,057.42
34012	SW IOWA REC	REC- BALL FIELD LIGHTS	\$ 80.00
34013	WELLMARK BC/BS	EMBEN/SR/ELEC/RU- HEALTH INS	\$ 1,526.19
34014-34017	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #5	\$ 5,798.25
34018	BRETT STREET POWERWASHING	GEN- WINDOW WASH	\$ 65.00
34019	UNION COUNTY CLERKOF COURT	GEN- COURT RECORDING FEE	\$ 10.71
34020	EAST UNION GIRLS BASKETBALL	REC- TOUNEMENT HELP	\$ 912.00
34021	EAST UNION HS BOYS BASKETBALL	REC- TOUNEMENT HELP	\$ 732.00
34022	ECHO GROUP INC	SR- PART PVC JOINT	\$ 44.70
34023	ELAN FIN. SERVICES	GEN/REC/ELEC- SUPPLIES/ TRAINING	\$ 926.07
34024	GREEN VALLEY PEST CONTROL	GEN/REC- PEST CONTROL	\$ 115.40
34025	IAMU	ELEC- ASSOCIATION DUES	\$ 2,731.00
34026	INNOVATIVE	GEN- CLEAN COM.CENTER	\$ 90.00
34027	IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOC.	GEN- COMM CENTER DEPOSIT REFUND	\$ 75.00
34028	LOCKRIDGE	GEN- INTERNET INSTALL	\$ 336.00

34029	MEGGEN WEEKS	GEN- LEGAL FEES	\$ 449.00
34030	NW BANK	GEN- SAFETY DEPSOIT BOX RENTAL	\$ 20.00
34031	VOID	VOID- MISPRINT	\$ -
34032	REYNOLDSON, VAN WERDEN & MCCOY LLP	GEN- LEGAL FEES	\$ 660.00
34033	SERVICE TECHS	GEN/RU- MOWER REPAIR	\$ 65.97
34034	SW IA REC	ELEC- REPAIRS	\$ 6,495.13
34035	USIC LOCATING SERVICES	ELEC- LOCATES	\$ 106.09
34036	VOID	VOID- MISPRINT	\$ -
34037- 34040	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #6	\$ 5,798.22
340341	MAYOR	GEN- MAYOR 1ST QTR PAY	\$ 461.75
		TOTAL	\$ 104,043.94
Expenditures		Receipts Cont...	
GENERAL	8,383.47	GENERAL	20568.24
ROAD USE	198.54	ROAD USE	8818.40
EMPLOYEE BEN	6,642.72	EMPLOYEE BEN	78.64
REC	2,419.15	LOST	9811.93
SEWER	739.98	REC	3252.26
ELECTRIC	67,919.07	SEWER	6523.61
PAYROLL/MAYOR/COUNCIL	17,741.01	SEWER SINKING	3100.84
TOTAL	104,043.94	ELECTRIC	82185.85
		ELEC SINKING	13688.50
		METER DEP	150.00
		TOTAL	148,173.27

Public Forum: Ernie Abell asked for clarification of what is considered a business in the city of Afton. This stems from a commercial property on E Kansas St. that is for sale. Some potential buyers are concerned about what businesses are allowed to be at that location. Some feel the ordinances regarding businesses on the square are somewhat vague or confusing. The main question is, can an Airbnb go in the building or does it need to be a specific type of business. The City will look into it and get back to Ernie Abell.

Resolution/Ordinances:

Old Business:

Police Chief McGuire went to court on Feb 25th for the nuisance property at 400 E Kansas. The property owner appeared in court. The judge granted the property owner an extension until April 2025. If the property is not cleaned up to standard by the court ordered date, then the city automatically wins the case. At that time the city can clean up the property and bill the property owner for the expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Bockoven & Sara Carpenter submitted a livestock application for chickens and paid the annual livestock fee. Nixon made a motion to approve the livestock application. Parham seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion carried.

City Employee Jesse Shade went over the list of streets that need repairs. The City received a bid from Feldhacker Contracting, LLC. The locations for the concrete bids are parts of E. Filmore, intersection of E Filmore and Webster, East of the New Coop. the total estimate for the 3 projects is \$55,433. the council discussed the projects. Cunningham made a motion to approve Feldhacker' s bid for the concrete projects for FY 2026.burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doug and Georgia Pettit were previously selected as grant applicants for the exterior beautification grant. Pettit's provided pictures, copies of bills, and payments for the project. Nixon made a motion to approve the grant payment to Pettit's for \$500. Burger seconded the motion. All vote aye. Motion carried. City Clerk requested approval to attend training June 9-12, 2025 located in Ames, Iowa and travel expenses. Kinyon made a motion to approve training and travel expense. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Utility clerk requested approval to attend Conference April 21-22, 2025 located in Akeny, Iowa and travel expenses. Kinyon made a motion to approve conference and travel expenses. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Council person Nixon requested that the mayor sign a proclamation for Week of the Young Child April 5-11th 2025. Mayor Burger complied and signed the proclamation declaring Week of the Young Child in Afton, Iowa, April 5-11, 2025.

Due to recent weather events and power outages on the East side of the City of Afton on March 5th, the council discussed shelter protocol and possible ways to improve the City's preparedness for long periods of power outages. Nixon made a motion to set up a sub committee to meet with East Union Schools regarding shelter/warming centers in the community. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Nixon and Kinyon volunteered to be on the committee and meet with East Union Schools.

During the power outage on March 5th city employees opened the community center for a warming center for those without power. It was discussed that the city should have some supplies specifically for power outages due to weather events.

The council discussed shade in the park near the splash pad in FY 26. It was discussed that shade cloth/fabric would be best. It was discussed that the city applies for a grant to purchase/install the shade. Kinyon made a motion to install a shade in the park near the splash pad. Burger seconded the motion. Motion carried. The city clerk will complete the grant paperwork.

The council was presented with a copy of the Notice for the Proposed Tax Levy for FY 2026. The notice will be posted in the paper March 13, 2025.

The Council was provided with a list of upcoming meetings and hearings for March 2025. March 25, 2025 at 6:30pm there will be a public hearing for the Proposed Tax Levy for FY 2026, at city hall. March 25, 2025 there will be a special meeting at 6:45pm at city hall to set the public hearing for the Proposed Budget for FY 26.

The city received one bid for the trimming of trees around power lines. The bid was for \$4200. Cunningham made a motion to approve the bid for \$4,200 from David McNeil. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Updates from Committees:

Fire- no new information

Rec Board- discussion on bathrooms and football uniforms were ordered.

EMC- no new information

Landfill- no new information

Nixon made a motion to adjourn. Parham seconded. All vote aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kayla Lacina, City Clerk