

April 8, 2025

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM April 8, 2025. Mayor Burger presided over council members Dave Cunningham, Steve Kinyon, Jeff Burger and Sheryl Parham. Kristie Nixon was absent.

Parham moved to approve the agenda. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Nixon absent. Motion carried. Kinyon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the Minutes from the March 11th & 25th meetings, 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
722E	CASEY'S BUSINESS CARD	GEN- POLICE GAS	\$ 82.09
723E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- EMAIL	\$ 12.50
724E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- PHONE	\$ 148.98
725E	IOWA DEP OF REVEN	MONTHLY STATE PAYROLL W/H	\$ 153.42
726E	IPERS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- WITHHOLDING MATCH-	\$ 2,096.81
727E	EFTPS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC-PAYROLL TAXES- FEB	\$ 2,951.34
728E	SIRWA	GEN/SR- WATER	\$ 6.00
729E	CAPITAL ONE	GEN- OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 93.19
730E	IOWA DEP OF REVEN	MONTHLY SALES TAX	\$ 1,260.64
731E	SIRWA	GEN/SR- WATER	\$ 120.00
732E	VERIZON	GEN- POLICE INTERNET	\$ 40.01
733E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- PHONE	\$ 149.01
34037-34040	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #6	\$ 5,798.22
34041	MAYOR	GEN- PAYROLL	\$ 461.75
34042	ELAN FIN. SERVICES	GEN/REC/ELEC- SUPPLIES/ TRAINING	\$ 459.90
34043	JIMS SANITAION	GEN-GARBAGE	\$ 6,051.28
34044	LOCKRIDGE	GEN- INTERNET INSTALL	\$ 168.00
34045	MID AMERICAN ENGERY	GEN/SR- GAS	\$ 226.32
34046	NEW COOP	GEN/RU/SR- FUEL	\$ 353.07
34047	PETTY CASH	VOID/REISSUED 34057	\$ -
34048	RIDDELL	REC- UNIFORMS	\$ 1,224.09
34049	SOUTHERN IOWA TOURISM	GEN-ADVERTISING	\$ 377.00
34050	SW IOWA REC	REC- BALL FIELD LIGHTS	\$ 80.00
34051	TREVOR PAULUS	GEN/RU-SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 500.00
34052	WELLMARK BC/BS	EMBEN/SR/ELEC/RU- HEALTH INS	\$ 1,526.19
34053-34056	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #7	\$ 4,713.14
34057	PETTY CASH	GEN- CERT MAIL	\$ 46.10
34058	ACCESS SYSTEMS	GEN/SR/ELEC- PRINTER COPIER	\$ 162.92
34059	AFTON STAR	GEN- PUBLICATIONS	\$ 632.51
34060	AKIN BUILDING	REC/RU- SUPPLIES/KEYS	\$ 85.90
34061	BOMGAARS	RU- CLEANING SUPPLIES SHOP	\$ 39.63
34062	DOUG PETTIT	ECON DEVEL- EXT. BEAUTIFICATION GRANT	\$ 500.00
34063	IAMU	ELEC- ENERGY ASSESSMENT	\$ 142.80
34064	MARLIN MATHES	ELEC- APPLIANCE REBATE	\$ 50.00
34065	MEGGEN WEEKS	GEN- LEGAL FEES	\$ 220.00

34066	NAPA	SR- LIFT PUMP BATTERY	\$ 46.08
34067	NEW COOP	GEN/RU/SR- GAS/FUEL	\$ 215.45
34068	SCHILDBERG CONST.	GEN/RU- ROCK	\$ 901.50
34069	T & S INDUSTRIES	SR-SHIPPING	\$ 21.58
34070	THE LENOX COMPUTER STORE	GEN- COMPUTER/PRINTER REPAIR	\$ 810.00
		TOTAL	\$ 32,927.42
Expenditures		Receipts	
GENERAL	\$9,762.67	GENERAL	\$23,549.61
ROAD USE	\$1,399.11	ROAD USE	\$7,938.67
EMPLOYEE BEN	\$6,091.85	EMPLOYEE BEN	\$398.06
ECON DEVELOPMENT	\$500	LOST	\$12,001.04
REC	\$1,410.80	TYLER CEMETERY	\$266.04
SEWER	\$802.39	REC	\$2,250.00
ELECTRIC	\$1,987.49	PERP CARE	\$324.83
PAYROLL/MAYOR/COUNCIL	\$10,973.11	SEWER	\$7,400.68
TOTAL	\$32,927.42	SEWER SINKING	\$3,100.84
		ELEC	\$85,218.89
		ELEC SINKING	\$13,688.50
		TOTAL	\$156,137.16

Public Forum: No comments.

Resolution/Ordinances:

Old Business:

No update on nuisance properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City received a bid from Grimes Asphalt and Blacktop services for asphalt street repairs for FY 2026. Grimes bid was \$178/ton and Blacktop was \$155/ton. Parham made a motion to approve Blacktop Services' bid for the asphalt projects for FY 2026. Burger seconded the motion. Cunningham, Parham, Kinyon and Burger voted aye. Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Crystal Thomas was previously selected as grant applicant for the exterior beautification grant. Thomas provided pictures, copies of bills, and payments for the project. Parham made a motion to approve the grant payment to Thomas for \$500. Kinyon seconded the motion. Cunningham, Parham, Kinyon and Burger voted aye. Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Hull Monument was previously selected as grant applicant for the Downtown Facade grant. Hull's provided pictures, copies of bills, and payments for the project. Parham made a motion to approve the grant payment to Hull's for \$5,000. Cunningham seconded the motion. Cunningham, Parham, Kinyon and Burger vote aye. Nixon absent Motion carried.

Jesse Harris is interested in purchasing 201 E Kansas St. property. He is wanting to turn the property into an Airbnb on one side in the front of the building and 3 apartments (1 in the front ½ and 2 in the back). The property is currently zoned as business. Harris inquired about the property being rezoned in order to have the Airbnb and apartments at that location. This Information was provided to the City Attorney prior to the meeting. The City attorney provided feedback on the interpretation of the zoning ordinance and the powers of the Planning and Zoning Board. The Airbnb qualifies as a business at the 201 E Kansas location. The property

would not need to be rezoned for an Airbnb. Current ordinance on Airbnb states that owner/manager needs to live onsite. Harris stated that if he purchases the property, he does not intend to live there or have a manager live at that location. The Planning & Zoning Board has the authority to grant and exception to the ordinance. The Planning & Zoning also has the authority to grant and exception for the apartment(s) in the business district. To proceed with any action a public hearing meeting will need to be set with the planning & zoning board. Harris will work with the city clerk and planning & zoning board to set a public hearing on the issue.

There was discussion about the 3 ash trees in the park, needing treated for the Ash Boer Beetle. One of the 3 trees is in bad shape with branches falling during high winds/storms. Green Valley provided 2 quotes for treating the trees. the first quote was for all 3 ash trees- \$893.70. The second quote was for 2 trees- \$557.60. The council discussed getting a second quote for the treatment of the ash trees. Council requested that the city clerk reach out to Wilkey Tree Services. There was also discussion about removing the unhealthy tree. Kinyon made a motion to have the unhealthy tree removed and go with the lowest quote between Wilkey and Green Valley to treat 2 ash trees in the city park. Parham seconded the motion. Cunningham, Parham, Kinyon and Burger vote aye. Nixon was absent. Motion carried.

Devon Springer with the Afton Community Club(ACC) discussed summer events with the council. ACC plans to have 5 music nights for Tuesday night in the park this summer. ACC requested permission to have BYOB alcohol in the park for the following dates: 6/3/25, 6/17/25, 7/1/24, 7/15/25 and 8/5/25. NO glass containers/cups/bottles are permitted. Kinyon made a motion to approved alcohol in the park for the dates listed. Cunningham seconded the motion. Kinyon, Cunningham, and Burger all voted aye. Parham voted nay. Nixon was absent. Motion carried. ACC would like to host a drive-in movie at the rec fields over the Pre fourth weekend with fireworks at the fairgrounds on Friday. ACC asked if the city could donate to fireworks. The city would look into it.

K'Lea with the Afton Development Corp asked the council if ADC could apply for a permit/grant to install a pit toilet out at the Afton Lake. K'Lea stated that ADC may write a joint grant for the toilet and the Shelter house at the Afton Lake. The shelter house materials estimate is \$28,000. This does not include concrete. Kinyon made a motion to give ADC permission to look into grants for the pit toilet and shelter house & bring back information to the council for final approval & possible use of LOST funds. Cunningham seconded the motion. Cunningham, Parham, Kinyon and Burger vote aye. Nixon was absent. Motion carried. K'Lea also wanted the council to know that someone drove over the Lake sign at Afton Lake. The city will get it fixed.

Updates from Committees:

Greenlawn- discussing having a Cemetery walk to raise funds for the cemetery improvements/maintenance. The board wants to involve the school. Students could dress up and portray someone buried in the cemetery.

Fire- need to know exactly what signs to order and the city will order them.

Rec Board- football uniforms came in and they are pleased with them.

Landfill- meeting on 3/9/25.

Burger made a motion to adjourn. Parham seconded. All vote aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kayla Lacina, City Clerk