

September 9, 2025

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM September 9, 2025. Mayor Burger presided over council members Kristie Nixon, Sheryl Parham, Dave Cunningham, Jeff Burger, and Steve Kinyon.

Nixon moved to approve the agenda. Parham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Nixon was absent. Motion carried. Kinyon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the Minutes from the August 12, 2025 meeting, City Clerk/Treasure and the following bills. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted aye.

		August 12, 2025- September 9, 2025	
Check #	Vendor Name	Fund-Purpose	Amount
786E	EFTPS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC-PAYROLL TAXES- AUG	\$ 3,421.96
787E	IOWA DEP OF REVEN	MONTHLY STATE PAYROLL W/H-AUG	\$ 311.52
788E	IPERS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- WITHHOLDING MATCH-AUG	\$ 2,427.36
789E	CAPITAL ONE	GEN/REC- CONCESSION FOOD	\$ 205.82
790E	RPGI	ELEC- ELEC PURCHASE-SEPT	\$ 60,255.65
791E	VERIZON	GEN- POLICE INTERNET-SEPT	\$ 40.01
792E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- PHONE-SEPT	\$ 148.97
34265-34268	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #17	\$ 5,990.89
34269-34272	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #18	\$ 5,961.68
34273	BOMGARRS	GEN/RU/REC/SR-TOOLS/HARDWARE/CHEMICAL	\$ 862.96
34274	GREEN VALLEY PEST CONTROL	GEN/REC- PEST CONTROL SPRAY	\$ 108.20
34275	KELLY KLOMMHAUS	GEN- CEMETERY MOWING-AUGUST	\$ 5,000.00
34276	LOCKRIDGE	GEN- INTERNET	\$ 168.00
34277	MEGGEN WEEKS PLC	GEN- LEGAL FEES	\$ 330.00
34278	RIDELL SPORTS	REC- FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,484.25
34279	SW IOWA REC	REC/ELEC- REPAIRS/REC LIGHTS	\$ 1,858.89
34280	THE LENOX COMPUTER STORE	GEN- COUNCIL.MAYOR COMPUTER SERVICE	\$ 1,200.00
34281	WELLMARK BC/BS	EMBEN/SR/ELEC/RU- HEALTH INS	\$ 1,526.19
34282	WILLETS & WOOSLEY	SR- WIFI SERVER	\$ 226.35
34283	AFTON STAR ENTERPRISE	GEN- PUBLICATION	\$ 357.93
34284	AKINS BUILDING	REC- PAINT	\$ 54.95
34285	ASTRA SECURITY	GEN-POLICE CAMERA DWNPYMT	\$ 11,336.01
34286	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	ELEC- EMAIL BILLING	\$ 64.00
34287	GREEN VALLEY PEST CONTROL	GEN- GREENLAWN BROAD LEAF FALL SPRAY	\$ 2,492.40
34288	IOWA ONE CALL	SR-/ELEC- LOCATE EMAILS	\$ 18.00
34289	JIMS SANITATION	GEN- GARBAGE	\$ 6,261.22
34290	POIYFL	REC- FOOTBALL INS,	\$ 500.00
34291	USIC LOCATING	ELEC- LOCATING	\$ 212.75
34292	ECONO SIGNS LLC	RU- STREET SIGNS	\$ 653.28
34293	GALLS	GEN- POLICE BOOTS	\$ 128.00

34294	GRONEWORLD BELL KYHNN & CO PC	GEN- AUDIT	\$ 1,500.00
34295	HOMETOWN INS	GEN-SR/ELEC-WORKER COMP AUDIT	\$ 1,424.00
34296	INNOVATIVE	GEN- CLEANING	\$ 90.00
34297	KELLY KLOMMHAUS	GEN- MOWING	\$ 5,000.00
34298	NEW COOP	GEN/RU/SR/REC-FUEL/GAS	\$ 327.94
34300- 34302	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #19	\$ 5,964.47
34303	MAYOR	GEN- 3RD QTR PAY	\$ 461.75
		TOTAL	\$ 128,375.40
Expenditures		Receipts	
GENERAL	35,781.69	GENERAL	10,307.92
ROAD USE	930.48	ROAD USE	9,995.03
EMPLOYEE BEN	7,051.12	EMPLOYEE BEN	
RECREATION	2,633.71	LOST	10,734.30
CAP, PROJECTS		ECON DEVELOPMENT	
SEWR	1,013.96	RECREATION	2,996
SEWER SINKING		PERPERUAL CARE	160.00
ELECTRIC	62,585.65	SEWER	7,944.65
ELEC SINKING		SEWER SINKING	3,133.33
METER DEPOSIT		ELECTRIC	87,012.64
PAYROLL/MAYOR/COUNCIL	18,378.79	ELECTRIC SINKING	13,705.96
		METER DEPOSIT	270.00
TOTAL	\$128,375.40	TOTAL	\$146,259.83

Public Forum: Janelle Blaisure has offered her services, Blazin' Lawn Care, to residents needing assistance with lawn care, ditch clean up and brush removal. Janelle has cleaned up 3 properties on Filmore recently for a reference of her work. The city will no longer be mowing ditches for residents. Residents are responsible for the mowing and weeds in ditches and the right of way adjacent to their property.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING/RESOLUTIONS:

2025-__ - Resolution Memorandum of understanding between City of Afton and New Coop. Nixon made a motion to table MOU between the City of Afton and New Coop. Parham seconded the motion. Cunningham, Kinyon, Nixon, Parham, and burger all voted aye. Motion carried.

2025-17- Resolution Memorandum of understanding between City of Afton and East Union Community School District. Parham made a motion approve 2025-17- Resolution Memorandum of understanding between City of Afton and East Union Community School District. Cunningham seconded the motion. Kinyon, Parham, Nixon, Burger, and Cunningham all voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The council revisited the sidewalk project. The City has \$10,000 in LOST funds set aside for sidewalk projects. At the last council meeting, the council asked the city clerk to look into the availability of using additional road use/sidewalk funds. There are some additional funds available to cover the gravel needed for the project. Burger spoke with Trevor Paulus about reducing the size of the projects to fit the city's budget. Trevor agreed to reduce the size of the project. Trevor stated that he did not want to piece new sidewalk in with old. He recommended doing a continuous section at a time. Nixon made a motion to start the project at 500 E Filmore and go East as far as Trevor can get for \$10,000. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The city Clerk reached out to the city attorney to get clarification on laws regarding street sign removal/curb painting around the square. The city is waiting for a response before any action is taken.

The city received 3 quotes for removal of garage at 100 W. Iowa St. the 3 Quotes came in at \$9,500-\$11,000. The contractor that provided quote for \$9,500 did not have insurance. The contractor with quote for \$10,800 stated that he may not have time to get to the project this fall due to harvest, and that it might be spring until he can get there. The last contractor's quote was \$11,000. The city wants the project completed this fall. The city will send a letter of intent to the property owner of the date set for removal of the garage. Nixon made a motion to accept the quote for \$11,000. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Samantha Tonelli addressed the council about her family's experiences the last 6 years with Homecoming activities. In the past the Tonelli home has been more than toilet papered during home coming week. They have had students' pound on their doors and windows in the middle of the night waking up their children, Vaseline on their vehicles and saran wrapped their property. Tonelli's have repeatedly asked the school and police to speak with the students. Samantha stated that Police Chief McGuire has tried to patrol their neighborhood more during homecoming week and has spoken with staff at the school. However, it's still not enough because they are still targeted during homecoming. Samatha stated that they should have a choice to say "no thank" we do not wish to have our home/property involved in homecoming events. Samatha asked if the ordinance for minor's curfew was enforced. McGuire stated that he hasn't enforced it in the past. The Tonelli family wants students to stay off their property. McGuire stated that he has a meeting with school superintendent on September 10th to discuss how to handle homecoming and disciplinary action. McGuire will speak with the students at the assembly prior to homecoming. McGuire also stated he will speak with other Union County Law Enforcement for additional assistance in Afton during homecoming week. The council, Police Chief McGuire and Tonelli's were all involved in the discussion about what can be done about the issue. Police Chief McGuire will work with the school to come to a solution.

Quinn Nixon attended the council meeting asking for street closure for the homecoming parade. The parade line up will be on E Kansas to Webster St at 6pm Sept 18th. The parade will go around the square (Railroad/Webster/Kansas) and then on HWY 169 to E Filmore St. A DOT street closure application for the homecoming parade was sent to the DOT and approved by the DOT. Kinyon made a motion to approve the street closure. Cunningham seconded the motion. Parham, Burger, Kinyon, and Cunningham all voted aye. Nixon abstained. Motion carried.

Police report/updates from McGuire- Police Chief McGuire and city clerk have worked with the city attorney to create a revised nuisance letter of intent. This letter will be sent out to residents violating nuisance ordinances. McGuire has sent out some of the revised letters recently. McGuire has sent emails asking for quotes and information on speed signs. He has not received a response to date.

Police Chief McGuire gave an update on the camera system. The city is working with the camera company, Lockridge, East Union Community Schools, New Coop and local residents to position cameras at specific locations. The City may not need to put any devices on New Coop property, if Lockridge can supply service to the cameras. Memorandum of understandings will be completed for all appropriate parties for the camera system.

MMC requested for alcohol permit for the fight night held at the union county fairgrounds in October The Fight night is a fundraiser for the muscle mat club. Kinyon made a motion to approve the alcohol permit for the October event. Burger seconded the motion. Cunningham, Kinyon, Burger and Nixon voted aye. Parham vote nay. Motion carried.

The City of Afton received 1 application for the Exterior Beautification grant FY26. The applicant received funds for the grant in the previous FY. Nixon made a motion to put the applicant on the waiting list and revisit all applicants on the waiting list in January 2026. Parham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The city received 1 livestock permit for 3 chickens. The applicant paid the permit fee. The council discussed that the waste removal/management portion of the application was not completed. Kinyon made a motion to approve the livestock permit. Cunningham seconded the motion. Kinyon, Cunningham, Parham, Burger all voted aye. Nixon voted nay. Motion carried.

The Afton city clerk reminded council about the upcoming election in November. The city council has 2 council seats up for election and the mayor. If anyone would like to be on the ballot for these seats, paperwork can be picked up at Afton City Hall or found online. Paperwork must be submitted to the Afton City Hall by 5 pm on September 18, 2025. Afton City Hall will be open until 5 pm on September 18, 2025. Per H.F. 706 all public officials newly elected or appointed after July 1, 2025, who are a member of a governmental body committee or board must complete training to better ensure compliance with Iowa's Sunshine Laws. Re-elected or appointed are not required to take the training, but are strongly encouraged to do so. Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) will provide training free of charge. The training should take 1-2 hours. Training is available online. A certificate of completion will be kept on file at city hall. Newly elected or appointed officials must complete an approved training within 90 days of: 1. Taking initial oath of office; 2. Assuming the responsibilities, if the member is not required to take an oath of office; 3. After being elected to office.

The Afton community club requested clarification regarding Autumn Days and alcohol. In the past, no alcohol was permitted in the park/closed streets during Autumn Days. The council approved the wine slushie vendor's alcohol permit for the autumn days event at the September meeting. The premise agreement between the City of Afton & the vendor was uploaded with the completion of the permit application to the Alcohol and Beverage Division (ABD) with a sketch of the area. The council stated that since the event is hosted by the Afton Community Club it is their responsibility to "police" the vendor/alcohol. If there is an issue then ACC needs to contact Police Chief McGuire. No other alcohol is permitted to be carried/sold in the park or event area.

The council discussed trick or treat dates. Halloween is on October 31, 2025. Nixon made a motion to designate the city of Afton trick or treat October 31, 2025 from 5:30pm -7:30pm. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Janelle Hamelton requested permission to host Trunk or Treat on E. Kansas St on the square on October 31, 2025 from 5:30-7pm. Set up/street closure will begin at 5pm. Kinyon made a motion to approve Janelle's request for trunk or treat. Nixon seconded the motion. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Nixon made a motion to approve Project Share Annual Meeting Committee Report & Filing with IUB. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Burger spoke with a Verizon representative about getting City employees work cell phones. The city already has an account with Verizon for the police tablet internet. Verizon in Creston cannot service or set up government accounts. Government accounts must be handled in Des Moines. McGuire will go to the Des Moines location and get quotes for phones and service plan.

Textmygov is a service that the city can send out text messages to residents for a wide range of notifications. Such as late payments, snow emergencies, office closures, power outages, and street closures. The service could also be on the city website to answer common questions. For example, if someone went to the city website and typed a search question: I want to pay my bill, the program would redirect to the online payment page. Textmygov offers 10,000 msg for \$2,000 on a 3-year contract. During the discussion the council and comments from the public in attendance stated other local businesses use similar programs. Some concerns were if the city reached the limit how much are we charged. Another question was if we do not use all 10,000 messages can

they roll over to the next year. Nixon will check with EMC to see what programs they use and the cost. The city clerk will look into other options for a comparison

Updates from Committees:

Rec Board- the board had questions about some bills and finances. Those questions were answered by the city clerk during city hall office hours.

Landfill- purchased skid loader. Final cost of the landfill was very little due to FEMA and insurance contributions. Still working with FEMA on building.

EMC- meeting to be held next week.

Cemetery- already covered training requirements for any new appointments.

Nixon made a motion to adjourn. Burger seconded. all vote aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kayla Lacina, City Clerk