

August 13, 2024

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM August 13, 2024. Mayor Burger presided over council members Dave Cunningham, Jeff Burger, Kristie Nixon, Sheryl Parham and Steve Kinyon.

Nixon moved to approve the agenda and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Nixon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of report of the City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills except the August payment for the mowing contractor for Greenlawn Cemetery. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

July 10, 2024-August 13, 2024			
Check #	Vendor Name	Fund-Purpose	Amount
629E	EFTPS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC-PAYROLL TAXES-JULY	\$ 3,304.29
630E	IPERS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- WITHHOLDING MATCH- JULY	\$ 2,252.05
631E	TREASURER STATE OF IA	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- WITHHOLDING PAYROLL-JULY voided incorrect vendor	483.17
632E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- INTERNET-JULY- voided duplicate	\$ 353.71
633E	SIRWA	GEN/SR- WATER- JULY SLPASH PAD OVER MIN.	\$ 2,225.00
634E	CASEY'S	GEN- POLICE GAS-JULY CORRECTION	\$ 245.02
635E	CAPITAL ONE	REC- CONCESSION SUPPLIES	\$ 173.78
636E	IA DEPT OF REV	SR/ELEC- SALES TAX	\$ 1,932.79
637E	VERIZON	GEN- POLICE INTERNET AUGUST	\$ 40.01
638R	SIRWA	GEN/SR- WATER- AUGUST	\$ 5,223.00
639E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- PHONE-AUGUST	\$ 149.29
640E	RPGI	ELEC- ELECTRIC PURCHASE	\$ 57,240.98
641E	IOWA DEP OF REVEN	MONTHLY STATE PAYROLL W/H-JULY	\$ 483.17
642E	CASEY'S	GEN- POLICE GAS-AUGUST	\$ 234.29
643E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- INTERNET CITY HALL/WIFI-AUGUST	\$ 353.71
644E	RPGI	ELEC- RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES	\$ 1,199.25
33690-33693	EMPLOYEES	Gen/SR/Elec/RU- Payroll #15	\$ 5,458.32
33694	AFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT	GEN- STREET CLEANING	\$ 750.00
33695	DAVE MIXDORF	GEN-PLANTERS IN THE PARK/SQUARE	\$ 272.35
33696	DENNIS ABEL	GEN- CEMETERY FLAGS	\$ 297.60
33697	ELAN FIN. SERVICES	GEN/REC/ELEC-TRAINING/CONCESSION SUPPLIES/EMAILS	\$ 793.54
33698	MADISON NATIONAL INS	EMBen/RU/SR/ELEC-LIFE INS. & SUPPLEMENTAL- AUG	\$ 47.82
33699	MEGGEN WEEKS	GEN- LEGAL EXPENSE	\$ 220.00
33700	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GEN/SR- GAS COM. CENTER/CITY SHOP	\$ 25.07
33701	SHERRY PARROTT	GEN- RE-IMBURSE FOR WEBSITE SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 23.99
33702	UTILITY FUND	MTR- Z. WARD FINAL BILL	\$ 238.19
33703	WELLMARK BC/BS	EMPBen/RU/SR/ELEC- AUG. HEALTH INS	\$ 1,293.99
33704	ZACH WARD	MTR- Z. WARD FINAL BILL	\$ 56.81

33705-33708	EMPLOYEES	Gen/SR/Elec/RU- PAYROLL #16	\$ 5,448.40
33709	AFTON STAR	GEN/SR/ELEC- PUBLICATIONS/ADS	\$ 477.02
33710	AGRIVISON	SR/RU- MOWER PART	\$ 1,504.87
33711	AKINS	GEN- CITY HALL LIGHTS	\$ 54.99
33712	BOMGAARS	RU/SR- SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 86.96
33713	BRETT STREET	GEN- WINDOW CLEANING CITY HALL/COMM. CENTER	\$ 65.00
33714	CHLOE KERRIGAN	GEN-AUGUST MOWING PYMT #5	\$ 4,214.28
33715	CRESTON PUBLISHING CO	GEN- EMPLOYMENT AD	\$ 258.00
33716	FAREWAY	REC- CONCESSION SUPPLIES	\$ 202.52
33717	IOWA ONE CALL	ELEC/SR- EMAILS	\$ 25.20
33718	IOWA TOOL & MFG INC	RU- CULVERT	\$ 396.44
33719	IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION	ELEC- DUES fy 2024 4TH QTR	\$ 29.50
33720	IRENE CONKLIN ESTATE	ELEC- CREDIT/OVERPAYMENT REFUND TO ESTATE	\$ 61.01
33721	JUAN TRINIDAD	MTR- JUAN TRINIDAD FINAL BILL	\$ 12.41
33722	LOCKRIDGE	REC- INTERNET JULY	\$ 69.00
33723	MOUNT AYR RECORD NEWS	GEN- EMPLOYMENT AD	\$ 165.63
33724	NEW COOPERATIVE	RU/SR- GAS & ROUND UP	\$ 710.80
33725	PETTY CASH	GEN- CERT MAIL	\$ 20.20
33726	PODIUM INK	REC- VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS	\$ 250.38
33727	POIYFL	REC- FOOTBALL INSURANCE	\$ 500.00
33728	PRARIE SOLID WASTE	GEN- MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 4,370.00
33729	SCHILDBERG CONST.	GEN/RU- ROCK	\$ 1,685.67
33730	STATE HYGIENIC LAB	SR- LAGOON TEST	\$ 61.00
33731	UTILITY FUND	MTR- MEJIA/RAMSEY FINAL BILL	\$ 712.59
33732	WEAVER MEATS	REC- CONCESSION SUPPLIES	\$ 552.93
33733	INNOVATIVE	GEN- COM. CENTER CLEANING	\$ 90.00
33734	JIM'S SANITATION	GEN- GARBAGE	\$ 6,011.72
33735	MADISON NATIONAL INS	EMBEN/RU/SR/ELEC-LIFE INS. & SUPPLEMENTAL- Due SEPT	\$ 49.11
33736	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GEN/SR- GAS COM. CENTER/CITY SHOP	\$ 30.03
		TOTAL	\$ 112,649.97

Expenditures		Receipts	
General Fund	\$26,524.54	General	\$13,829.75
Road Use	\$3,253.81	Road Use	\$10,080.22
Employee Benefit	\$6,864.18	Employee Benefits	\$830.78
Recreation	\$1,855.04	Lost	\$13,182.86
Sewer Fund	\$1,598.33	Recreation	\$2,571.01
Electric	\$60,627.35	Sewer Fund	\$7,845.75
Meter Deposits	\$1,020.00	Sewer Sinking	\$3,100.84
Payroll/Mayor	\$10,906.72	Electric	\$73,657.13
Total	\$112,649.97	Electric Sinking	\$13,717.26

	Meter Deposit	\$270.00
	sick leave	\$-
	TOTAL	\$139,085.60

Resolution/Ordinances:

2024-18 RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES. Only change from previous resolution naming depositories was to change name from First National Bank to Northwest Bank. Nixon made a motion to approve resolution 2024-18 Naming Depositories. Parham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Burger, Parham, Kinyon, Nixon and Cunningham all voted aye. Motion carried.

2024-19- RESOLUTION APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE TO PHILLIP & KATHRYN JOHNSON. Nixon made a motion to approve 2024-19 RESOLUTION APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE TO PHILLIP & KATHRYN JOHNSON. Kinyon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Cunningham, Parham, Nixon, Kinyon and Burger all voted aye. Motion carried.

Ord. No 271 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA, 1998, BY AMENDING, ADDING AND REPEALING PROVISIONS PERTAINING LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS (first reading). Nixon made a motion to approve the first reading of Ord. No. 271. Kinyon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Burger, Parham, Kinyon, Nixon, and Cunningham all voted aye. Motion carried.

Ord. No 272 AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND CLOSING CERTAIN ALLEY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF AFTON, UNION COUNTY, IOWA (first reading). Nixon made a motion to approve the first reading of Ord. No. 272. Cunningham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Parham, Cunningham, Burger, Kinyon and Nixon all voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Gate on Iowa Street has been removed as agreed upon by resident and city council.

Previously the Afton City Council agreed to be fiscal sponsors for a DNR grant for the East Union Early Childhood Center playground. Upon further research the EU early childhood center was not eligible for that particular grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greenlawn board recommended Harold Dalton to fill the vacant board position for the remaining term until 01/01/2026. There was discussion that Harold has been actively volunteering and attending Greenlawn meetings. Cunningham motioned to approve Harold Dalton for the Cemetery Board vacancy. Nixon seconded that motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The council discussed the lack of quality of work being completed at Greenlawn Cemetery by the mowing contractor. The weed eating is not being completed to the standards in the contract between the City of Afton and the mowing contractor. The mowing contractor has been contacted multiple times by phone by City Hall and a member of the Cemetery Board about the weed eating and mowing not being done to the standards in the contract. The last contact made with the mowing contractor was 8/7/24 by phone. Nixon made a motion to send the contractor a certified letter specifically identifying the areas that need taken care of immediately and to hold the contractor's August payment until the items in the letter are completed to the standards in the contract and inspected by Greenlawn Cemetery council representative and Greenlawn Cemetery board chair. Burger seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The Rec board has 2 current board vacancies to fill the remaining terms to 9/1/2025 and 9/1/2026. There will also be 4 other board member positions coming to term on 9/1/2024.

The Rec board has spoken with a few individuals about being on the board, but no applications have been turned in at this time.

Mary Hill requested that the Council approve the cost and work of adding names/sponsor bricks to the Walking Trail sign out at the Rec ball fields. The estimated cost of engraving is \$22 per brick. Total estimated cost is \$1,541.78. Mary was not at the council meeting. The council decided to table the walking trail sponsor bricks topic until the next council meeting. They would like Mary to be present to explain her request and answer any questions the council may have. Kinyon made a motion to table the walking trail sponsor bricks until the September meeting. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Street closure for Afton Community Club Autumn Days Street Closure September 28th was on the July agenda. It should not have been on the August agenda. The Homecoming street closure should have been on the August 13th 2024 Agenda. No action was taken.

Internet options for City Hall and Wi-Fi Center were discussed. The current internet provider for City Hall and the Wi-Fi center is Windstream. City Hall contacted Lockridge for pricing and availability. Lockridge came to conduct a test for coverage. Lockridge signal is very strong at both locations. In cost comparison Lockridge is significantly less than Windstream. The council requested that the City Clerk verify that Lockridge service is adequate to operate specific devices before making a decision.

Council received 9 applications for Fiscal Year 2025 Exterior Beautification Grants and 1 application for work completed in Fiscal Year 2024. The application for work completed in Fiscal Year 2024 is not eligible for the FY 2025 grant. This is a very competitive grant and unfortunately not everyone can be awarded. The grants are for structural improvements that can be seen from the street (examples: paint, stain, decks, siding, windows or things that will preserve or improve the structure). When reviewing the applications the council took into consideration projects that 1. focused on structural improvements or things that preserve the property like paint, siding, decks and sidewalks as priorities. 2. Curb appeal. Things you can see from the street. 3. homeowners that have not received the grant in the last 1-2 years. Due to funding the Council was only able to approve 3 property owners and selected 2 for the waiting list in the event that an approved applicant does not complete their project.

Nixon made a motion to approve application numbered 3, 7, 9 and put 6 & 8 on the waiting list for up to \$500 or the requested lesser amount. Parham seconded motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Updates from Committees:

Nixon provided a reminder that all emergency sirens in Afton are owned by the City of Afton. Any repairs or upgrades needed are the responsibility of the City of Afton. All sirens are set off by the Afton Fire Department for emergencies. The new sire out at the Rec ball field can also be set off by the Union County Dispatch. Union County Dispatch will test the siren at the Rec ball field on the 15th of each month from April through October to ensure operability. Testing is normally done at 10am, weather permitting.

Burger moved to adjourn and Parham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kayla Lacina, City Clerk