

October 8, 2024

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:37 PM October 8, 2024. Mayor Burger presided over council members Kristie Nixon, Sheryl Parham, Dave Cunningham, Steve Kinyon and Jeff Burger.

Kinyon moved to approve the agenda and Parham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Kinyon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of report of the Minutes from the October 8, 2024 meeting, City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

		OCTOBER 8, 2024 to November 12, 2024	
Check #	Vendor Name	Fund-Purpose	Amount
663E	CAPITAL ONE	GEN- BATTERIES	\$ 34.86
664E	CASEY'S BUSINESS CARD	GEN- POLICE GAS	\$ 176.18
665E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- PHONE-OCT	\$ 149.38
666E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- INTERNET-OCT	\$ 353.87
667E	IPERS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- WITHHOLDING MATCH- OCT	\$ 2,344.41
668E	IOWA DEP OF REVEN	MONTHLY STATE PAYROLL W/H-OCT	\$ 496.40
669E	EFTPS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC-PAYROLL TAXES- OCT	\$ 3,757.92
670E	CAPITAL ONE	GEN- TRASH BAGS	\$ 13.88
671E	CASEY'S BUSINESS CARD	GEN- POLICE GAS	\$ 88.81
672E	RPGI	ELEC- PURCHAS OF ELEC OCT	\$ 38,098.60
673E	SIRWA	GEN/SR- WATER DUE OCT	\$ 120.00
674E	VERIZON	GEN- POLICE INTERNET	\$ 40.01
675E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- PHONE-NOV	\$ 149.38
33829	AFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT	GEN- ANNUAL FIRE SERVICES	\$ 10,892.00
33830	BRETT STREET	GEN- WINDOW CLEANING CITY HALL/COMM. CENTER	\$ 50.00
33831	COLE RIPPERGER	MTR DEP- METER DEPOSIT REFUND	\$ 110.00
33832	CORE-MARE	REC- CONCESSION SUPPLIES	\$ 619.65
33833	FAREWAY	REC- CONCESSION SUPPLIES	\$ 248.08
33834	INNOVATIVE	GEN- CLEAN COM.CENTER	\$ 90.00
33835	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	EMBEN/SR/ELEC- LIFE INS/SUPPLEMENTAL OCT/NOV	\$ 96.50
33836	MID AMERICAN ENGERY	GEN/SR- GAS	\$ 30.11
33837	NEW COOPERATIVE	GEN/RU/SR- GAS	\$ 377.89
33838	SW IOWA REC	ELEC- TRANSFORMER DISCONNECT AND RAILROAD	\$ 1,106.23
33839	STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY	GEN- LOCATE RECORD	\$ 20.00
33840	SUNBELT SOLOMON	ELEC- TRANSFORMER PURCHASE	\$ 1,960.00
33841	UTILITY EQUIPMENT	SR- SEWER PIPE	\$ 918.40
33842	UTILITY FUND	MTR DEP- METER DEPOSIT REFUND V. KELLY	\$ 170.00
33843	BRENDA CALLISON	ELEC- APPLICANCE REBATE	\$ 50.00
33844	ELAN FIN. SERVICES	GEN/ELEC- EMAILS/NATARY STAMP	\$ 80.16
33845	IOWA ONE CALL	SR/ELEC- LOCATE EMAILS	\$ 23.40

33846	LEGACY MATERIALS	GEN- STREET MAINT. ICE SAND	\$ 178.83
33847	MEGGEN WEEKS	GEN- LEGAL FEES	\$ 220.00
33848	SIMMERING- CORY IOWA	GEN- CODIFICATION	\$ 193.00
33849	SW IOWA REC	REC- REC BALL FIELD LIGHTS	\$ 50.75
33850-33853	EMPLOYEE	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #22	\$ 5,312.15
33854	ALLY'S PRINT SHOP	GEN/SR/ELEC- OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 160.00
33855	AUDITOR- ROB SANDS	GEN- AUDIT FILING FEE	\$ 175.00
33856	BOMGAARS	GEN/RU/SR- SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 107.81
33857	BRANT LOONEY	MTR DEP- METER DEPOSIT REFUND	\$ 215.00
33858	FASTENAL	GEN- OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 91.38
33859	KELLY KLOMMHAUS	GEN- MOWING & TRIMMING PEONIES	\$ 2,250.00
33860	T &S INDUSTRIES	SR- LAGOON TEST SHIPPING	\$ 20.28
33861	VOID	VOID- MISPRINT	\$ -
33862-33865	EMPLOYEE	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #23	\$ 5,515.35
33866	AFTON STAR	GEN- PUBLICATIONS	\$ 480.38
33867	GREEN VALLEY PEST/LAWN	GEN- FALL SPRAYING FOR DANIELIONS @ CEMETERY	\$ 2,456.70
33868	GRONWOLD BELL KYHNN & CO PC	AUDIT SERVICES -POSTAGE/COPIES	\$ 1,706.70
33869	HAWKEYE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	RU/SR- VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 63.70
33870	INNOVATIVE	GEN- CLEAN COM.CENTER	\$ 90.00
33871	IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	SR- MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 305.00
33873	JIM'S SANITAION	GEN- GARBAGE	\$ 6,036.50
33872	JEANNE BRYSON	ECON. DEV- EXT BEAUTIFICATION GRANT	\$ 300.00
33874	MIKE CIHAK	GEN/RU- TRUCKING	\$ 234.00
33875	NAPA	RU/SR- EQUIPMENT FILTERS	\$ 185.75
33876	NEW COOPERATIVE	GEN/RU/SR- GAS	\$ 254.26
33877	SCHILBERG CONSTRUCTION	RU-ROCK	\$ 310.17
33878	SCORETRONICS	REC- SCOREBOARD	\$ 1,478.19
33879	SW IOWA REC	ELEC- TRANSFORMER INSTALL	\$ 2,443.63
33880	STALKER CHEVROLET	GEN- POLICE TRUCK SERVICE	\$ 252.04
33881	STATE HYGIENIC LAB	SR- LAGGON TEST SAMPLES	\$ 61.00
33882	T &S INDUSTRIES	RU/SR- STRAPS	\$ 65.58
33883	THE LENOX COMPUTER STORE	GEN- IT LABOR/SUPPORT	\$ 160.50
33884	US POSTAL SERVICE	GEN/SR/ELEC- POSTAGE/ENVELOPES	\$ 2,222.85
33885	USIC LOCATING SERVICES	ELEC- LOCATES	\$ 189.97
33886	WELLMARK BC/BS	EMBEN/SR/ELEC/RU- HEALTH INS	\$ 1,293.99
		TOTAL	\$ 97,746.58

Expenditures		Receipts	
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GENERAL	27741.79	GENERAL	93585.52
ROAD USE	912.69	ROAD USE	9790.00
EMPLOYEE BEN	7423.20	EMPLOYEE BEN	10287.57
ECON. DEVEL.	300.00	LOST	014098.65
REC	2396.67	REC	4612.04
SEWER	2743.92	SEWER	8253.95
ELECTRIC	44905.81	SEWER SINKING	3100.84
MTR. DEPOSIT	495.00	ELECTRIC	66551.63
Payroll/MAYOR	10827.5	ELEC SINKING	13688.50
TOTAL	\$97,746.58	METER DEPOSIT	460.00
		TOTAL	\$224,428.70

Public Forum: No comments.

Public Hearing for 404 W Polk St. Afton Iowa 50830 proposed sale of real estate by the City of Afton Iowa:

Called to order 6:37pm. The City of Afton did not receive any written or verbal comments/concerns prior to the hearing in regard to the sale of real estate at 404 W Polk St. Afton, IA. No comments were made at the hearing. Hearing closed at 6:38pm.

Resolution/Ordinances:

2024-25- RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF REAL ESATE BY THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA.

Nixon made a motion to approve 2024-25- RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF REAL ESATE BY THE CITY OF AFTON, IOWA. Parham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Cunningham, Parham, Kinyon, burger, and Nixon all voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Police Chief McGuire provided an update on nuisance property at 400 E Kansas. No improvements made by the resident. The nuisance was referred to Mason McCoy, litigation counsel for the City of Afton.

Properties at 604 E Filmore, 608 E Kansas and 112 N Temple, all belonging to the same resident. Each property has some trees trimmed but all still need more work to meet the requirement.

Nuisance property at 100 W Iowa St. has failed to complete the work/repairs required in the Order for Judgement. The council requested that the city clerk follow up with the City attorney to see what to do next.

In the future the city clerk will email council weekly updates of any nuisances “served” by the city attorney. A copy of the “served” letter will be added to the council packets for review at the council meeting.

Playground update- Play Pro Recreation and Little Tikes Commercial sales representative reviewed the city park and made a few suggestions for equipment and placement. A design and quote was provided for a Trellix Tower with GSX climber and a zipline. The height of this design would require removal of 1-2 trees along the west side of the park along HWY 169. The quote for the new equipment was \$131,015.00. This quote did not include ground surfacing. The council wants to look into other options and designs before making a decision. Nixon will contact Creston Schools; Mayor Burger will contact Winterset. The city plans to work with SICOG for grants.

Update for the Community Forestry Grant Program. The city clerk and public works employee identified 10-15 tree planting locations at the Afton Rec ball fields. There was discussion about putting trees at other locations, such as the cemetery and Afton Lake. The council requested that the city asks a tree professional to come and look at multiple city locations to determine the best tree locations and species. The grant only allows specific trees to be planted. The council wants to make sure that the trees selected are low maintenance to reduce cost to the city for future care and maintenance. SICOG will also assist with the grant application.

NEW BUSINESS:

Afton Development Corporation (ADC) requested the city's permission to seek a grant to build a shelter at the Afton Lake, which is city property. The ADC would also like to install a fire pit at the conversation bench. It was recommended that gravel be placed all around the fire pit and benches. Kinyon made a motion to allow ADC to seek grants to build a shelter and fire pit at the Afton Lake. Burger seconded the motion. All vote aye. Motion carried. Mary Hill From ADC asked when the sponsor bricks would be completed. The engraver stated that the project will not be completed until spring/summer of 2025. Mary also asked about the trail signs for Afton Lake. Mary stated that the council approved the signs in spring of 2023, but they were not installed. The city clerk will need to look into this.

Kinyon brought up 3 request/recommendations from the Afton Fire Department. The Fire Department is asking for the 5 spaces in front of the fire department to be designated for volunteer fire department parking only. The fire department would like signs posted and lines painted to identify these parking spots. Kinyon made a motion to designate the 5 spaces for fire department parking. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried. There was the question of who would pay for the signs and paint for the 5 spaces. Kinyon rescinded his motion to designate the 5 spaces for fire department parking. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried. The second request from the fire department was to post 2 signs on HWY 169/Kansas to notify the public of the location of the fire department and to watch for emergency vehicles. Discussion that that DOT would need to be contacted and find out who would pay for the signs and how much this would cost. City clerk will contact the DOT and follow up. The third request/discussion was about making the empty lot that was donated to the fire department a parking lot. The city uses this lot to pile snow in the winter. The city clerk will discuss this with the public works employee. There was a question of cost of gravel for all or a portion of the lot. And who would pay for the gravel. Kinyon made a motion to designate the 5 spaces in front of the fire department for volunteer fire department parking only and the City of Afton pay for the signs and the paint. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

El Ranchito's has submitted their renewal for liquor license. The renewal application is still pending dramshop review. Cunningham made a motion to approve the renewal pending the completion of all requirements for dramshop. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Rec board recommended Catilyn Cox to fill a rec board vacancy. Nixon made a motion to approve the recommendation. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the final audit report for FY 2024. Kinyon made a motion to approve the final audit report for FY 2024. Nixon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the southwest Iowa REC 2025 proposed bill rates/charges. Cunningham made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 rates/charges for Southwest Iowa REC. Parham seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Jeanne Bryson submitted receipts and pictures of her before and after exterior beautification project. Cunnigham made a motion to approve payment of \$300 for the exterior beautification project. Burger seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the costs for an ad in the Southern Iowa Tourism Tabloid for 2025. Burger made a motion to do a ½ page color ad in the Southern Iowa Tourism Tabloid for 2025. The cost for a ½ page color ad is \$377. The City Clerk will review the ad from last year and make appropriate changes. Then send it to The Creston Chamber of Commerce for publication.

Fairview housing previously called and asked about sidewalk repair/replacement. They wanted to know if the city had sidewalk grants or would city pay for fixing or replacing the sidewalks on Filmore street. Fairview stated that some of the sidewalks are uneven/cracked and this makes walking on them a challenge for the elderly. Nixon stated that Fairview gets federal funding for updates. She suggested that Fairview check to see if

they can use some of that money for the sidewalks. The council discussed waiting to identify any projects at this time, since the city may have to fix or rebuild the retaining wall on Filmore. the city has only received one quote back for the retaining wall. The city would like other quotes/opinions before making a decision. Nixon plans to contact the engineer that designed the wall for his opinion.

Updates from Committees:

EMC- no updates

Greenlawn cemetery- the fall spraying for weeds and dandelions has been completed.

Landfill update from Cunningham. The landfill is making repairs to the building from the spring/summer storms. The repair funds are coming from Insurance claim.

Burger moved to adjourn and Nixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Council adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kayla Lacina, City Clerk