

February 11, 2025

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

Nixon moved to approve the agenda and Parham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Cunningham moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of report of the Minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting, City Clerk/Treasurer, Afton Police Department and the following bills. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

December 10, 2024 to January 14, 2025			
Check #	Vendor Name	Fund-Purpose	Amount
702E	EFTPS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC-PAYROLL TAXES- OCT	\$ 4,781.45
703E	IPERS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- WITHHOLDING MATCH-VOIDED	\$ -
704E	IOWA DEP OF REVEN	MONTHLY STATE PAYROLL W/H	\$ 707.52
705E	IPERS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- WITHHOLDING MATCH	\$ 3,402.14
706E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- INTERNET	\$ 6.37
707E	CASEY'S BUSINESS CARD	GEN- POLICE GAS	\$ 242.71
708E	IOWA DEP OF REVEN	MONTHLY SALES TAX	\$ 2,570.13
709E	SIRWA	GEN/SR- WATER DUE OCT	\$ 120.00
710E	VERIZON	GEN- POLICE INTERNET	\$ 40.01
711E	RPGI	ELEC- PURCHAS OF ELEC NOV	\$ 49,563.52
712E	WINDSTREAM	GEN- PHONE	\$ 148.99
33972-33975	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #2	\$ 5,580.84
33976	BOMGAARS	GEN/RU- SHOP SUPPLIES/POUND/COMM. CENTER	\$ 91.02
33977	ELAN FIN. SERVICES	GEN/REC/ELEC- SUPPLIES/CEMETERY AD/REC SUPPLIES	\$ 923.94
33978	IA DOT	GEN/RU- ROAD SALT	\$ 563.45
33979	J & J PLUMBING	ELEC- POWER SURGE REPAIR	\$ 213.95
33980	JIMS SANITAION	GEN-GARBAGE	\$ 6,067.28
33981	LOCKRIDGE	GEN- INTERNET INSTALL	\$ 99.00
33982	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	EMBEN/SR/ELEC- LIFE INS/SUPPLEMENTAL	\$ 48.25
33983	MEGGEN WEEKS	GEN- LEGAL FEES	\$ 220.00
33984	MID AMERICAN ENGERY	GEN/SR- GAS	\$ 221.01
33985	SERVICE TECHS	GEN/RU- MOWER REPAIR	\$ 899.88
33986	SW IOWA REC	REC- BALL FIELD LIGHTS	\$ 78.82
33987	WARREN TIRE	RU- 2 TIRES	\$ 150.00
33988	WELLMARK BC/BS	EMBEN/SR/ELEC/RU- HEALTH INS	\$ 1,526.19
33989-33992	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #3	\$ 5,378.56
33993	AFTON STAR	GEN- PUBLICATIONS	\$ 385.44
33994	AKIN BUILDING	GEN- COMM. CENTER REPAIR	\$ 32.97
33995	ALLY'S PRINT SHOP	GEN- ATV STICKERS	\$ 36.00
33996	IDALS	GEN- POUND LICENSE	\$ 75.00
33997	IOWA ONE CALL	SR/ELEC- LOCATE EMAILS	\$ 18.00
33998	SICOG	GEN- MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 1,507.65

33999	USIC LOCATING SERVICES	ELEC- LOCATES	\$ 231.92
34000	FAREWAY	REC- SUPPLIES	\$ 133.41
34001	INNOVATIVE	GEN- CLEAN COM.CENTER	\$ 90.00
34002	NEW COOPERATIVE	GEN/RU- GAS	\$ 175.76
34003-34006	EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #4	\$ 5,682.79
		TOTAL	\$ 92,013.97
Expenditures			
GENERAL		10486.25	Receipts Cont...
ROAD USE		1161.98	W. TRAIL
EMPLOYEE BEN		9816.21	TYLER CEMETERY
REC		473.74	HUSS CEMETERY
SEWER		495.11	REC
ELECTRIC		52938.49	1330.50
PAYROLL/MAYOR/COUNCIL		16642.19	CAP. EQUIP
TOTAL		92,013.97	PERP CARE
			0
			6931.69
			SEWER SINKING
			3100.84
			SEWER RES
			0
			SEWER IMP
			0
Receipts			
GENERAL		11866.04	ELECTRIC
ROAD USE		10384.86	76231.52
EMPLOYEE BEN		230.65	ELEC SINKING
LOST		14986.23	13688.50
ECON DEV.		0	METER DEP
			0
			SICK LEAVE
			0
			TOTAL
			138,750.83

Public Forum: No comments.

Resolution/Ordinances:

2025-08 RESOLUTION CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT SIRHA. At the January meeting there was a motion that passed to approve the resolution . In the motion no was appointed to the SIRHA board. The council revisited the resolution. Cunningham made a motion to approve resolution 2024-08 and appoint Gary Clear . Burger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Kinyon, Cunningham, Parham, and Burger voted aye. Nixon abstained. Motion carried.

2025-11 Resolution to participate in the planning and development programs of the southern Iowa Council of Governments. Cunningham made a motion to approve 2025-11. Parham seconded. Nixon, Kinyon, Burger, Parham, Cunningham all voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A court date of Feb 25th has been set for the nuisance property at 400 E Kansas.

The plans for an updated playground are still in the works. The city council needs to narrow down the playground design to seek additional quotes. There was discussion about forming a sub-committee with council members and members from the Afton Community Club and the Afton Development Club. Nixon made a motion to form a sub-committee. Burger seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Traffic/speed signs were discussed for Grand Street. The City has a portable speed sign that will be placed on Grand street in the spring. The City Clerk and Police Chief will check into current pricing of speed signs and possible grants.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greenlawn Cemetery Board recommended Kelly Klomnhaus's bid at \$35,000 for the mowing for 2025. Nixon made a motion to accept the cemetery board's recommendation. Burger seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Gary Clear submitted a livestock application for chickens and paid the annual livestock fee. Cunningham made a motion to approve Clear's livestock application. Parham seconded the motion. Burger, Cunningham, Parham and Kinyon voted Aye. Nixon abstained. Motion carried. Cole Ripperger submitted a livestock application for 2-3 bottle calves and 2 pigs for 4-h projects and paid the annual livestock fee. Cunningham made a motion to approve Ripperger's application. Kinyon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief McGuire gave an update on the police budget for FY26. McGuire provided quotes for new protective gear and quotes for a new camera system for the city. Quote for the new camera system is approximately \$31,000. This would include 6 cameras within city limits. The cameras would cover various streets, and the city park. Other possible locations for camera placement are the Afton Lake and Greenlawn Cemetery. The company that provided quotes also assists with grant applications for the cameras. The city would also look at other options for grants. The City will seek quotes from other camera companies as well.

At this time the city has not received any bids for the trimming of trees around power lines. The City has contacted the 2 contractors that have performed work for the city in the past and requested bids. No action was taken at this time.

Iowa Rural Water Association- Election Ballot was due to be turned in by Feb. 7th which was before the City Council meeting. No action was taken, due to being past the deadline.

There was discussion on employe wages for FY26 Budget. Nixon made a motion to for pay increases for the following employees, C. Thomas 3% increase, J. Shade and J. McGuire 4% increase, and K. Lacina 8% increase for FY 2026 Budget. Kinyon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Cunningham, Parham, Kinyon, Nixon, and Burger all voted aye. Motion carried.

Updates from Committees:

Fire- Kinyon gave an update that the fire dept is looking for funds for protective gear. At this time some gear is shared between volunteers. If funding is available, every person on the fire dept would have their own protective gear. The city clerk had an update from the DOT on signage for the fire department. The DOT has given the city permission to post signs on the city's light poles on HWY 169 for traffic to watch out for emergency vehicles.

Rec Board- meeting is scheduled for February 17th.

EMC had a budget workshop and finalized their budget. Iowa Records Board required EMC to re-do some tasks to meet their requirements. EMC has completed the required tasks.

Landfill is working on their budget. The landfill is also looking at building another building.

Cunningham made a motion to adjourn. Burger seconded. All vote aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kayla Lacina, City Clerk