

May 2, 2016

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Alta City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Ron Neulieb with the following members present: Pam Henderson, Jerry Buckendahl, Denny Weber, Vi Tilk, Lee Meyer. Absent: none

The agenda was approved on a motion by Weber, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

The April 4 amended minutes and the April 18 minutes were approved on a motion by Henderson, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

Greg Kueny provided the Council with a quote on cardio equipment for the Fitness Center. He said things were progressing nicely, and a payment plan to the school would be an option if it helps the City out. There was a public forum for the potential controlled house burn that is set to take place at 218 Buena Vista St. The Fire Chief and the owner of the residence were in attendance. The burn is set for May 16, with a postponement date of May 23. One citizen asked how the Fire Dept. plans to control the ash. Chief Reetz said they will try to route it straight upwards, and will not do the burn if the wind speed is greater than 7 mph. No other questions were asked. The owner gave a brief history of the property, and he is taking great pride in the burn and clean up and enjoys working with a small town. Meyer motioned to proceed with the training burn, per the DNR regulations, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Henderson chose to abstain since she is related to the home owner. Motion carried.

The new race promoter, Rod Olsen, would like to have a "fan walk" during the afternoon of May 14. He would like to close down the 200 block of Main St., and have race cars in the area for the citizens to look over. Scooters has agreed to have an outdoor patio. Henderson motioned to approve blocking off the 200 block of Main St, and waiving the noise ordinance on May 14 from noon until midnight, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion carried.

Neal Kuehl with Lake Creek was present to ask about the Lake Creek bill that was averaged for 3 months due to the meter being unreadable. He was in Arizona at the time and didn't have the needed paperwork with him. After returning back, and doing more research, he feels the average was a high average, and not what a typical winter average would be. He asked the Council to consider giving Lake Creek some credit on the upcoming bills. After some discussion, Weber motioned to credit Lake Creek for 20,000 gal/month for the next 3 upcoming months, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion carried.

The Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, Park Board, Street Department and Code Enforcement provided written reports and entertained questions from the Council. Andrea Hogrefe, Library Director, said they had a busy month in April. They will take the month of May off from programs to get ready for the summer program schedule. The Library Board hired Sally VanHouten to run the Children's program in the summer, at \$9.50/hour. There is now a vacancy on the Library Board. Gene Boelter gave the Park Board report. The Rec Director, Anne Thompson, resigned in early March. They are still looking to hire a Summer Ball Director and a Concession Stand Manager. Boelter applied for a Trees Forever Grant to plant about 12 trees in the City Park. Street Superintendent Pedersen stated that the garbage truck broke down again. The Street Committee, along with Pedersen, made a list of streets that need some attention, as well as an inventory of vehicles and hours on each vehicle. Deputy Anderson spoke about the written report that was provided by Sheriff Elston. Code Enforcer Konradi said he issued 6 building permits in April and he may have found a new, interested buyer for 514 Lake St. He is just waiting for the current owner to agree to the sale. Don Peterson presented for the Industrial Board. He said they

are stripping out the contents of 119 Main St., and the building should come down in the next few months. All the asbestos has been removed. They plan to take the building out to the country and burn and bury it. The Mayor stated he attended many meetings in April, and he went to the Library Open House. The Trail Committee is still waiting to hear back regarding the Wellmark grant, and also stated that a State Farm Grant was applied for, according to Pam Henderson, trail's committee member.

Code Enforcer Konradi introduced Ordinance #16-01, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALTA, IOWA 2014 BY DELETING SECTIONS 15.1 TO 15.13 OF TITLE IV, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 15 GENERAL PROVISION AND AMENDING TITLE IV BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 5 SNOWMOBILES, ARTICLE 18 GENERAL PROVISIONS. Henderson motioned to approve the final reading. Buckendahl seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer

Nays: none

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the said Ordinance #16-01 duly adopted.

Weber motioned to approve the liquor license, including Outdoor Service, for the Buena Vista Raceway, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion carried. Henderson motioned to approve the liquor license, including Sunday Sales, for the Alta Community Center, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion carried. Weber motioned to approve the setting off of Fireworks after the Kyle Suter Memorial Race on July 6, pending proof of insurance from the Fireworks Company, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the culvert that runs under the Parcel Landscaping driveway, off of Industrial Road. Mr. Parcel was given 30 days to complete the project, and it is not completed. Henderson motioned to have the City hire someone to finish the culvert and assess it to Parcel Landscaping, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion carried. Superintendent Pedersen will proceed with hiring a contractor to finish the project.

Henderson suggested Clerk Peterson look into the Library Board meeting minutes from when the 28E was put together, as there was talks of a Fitness Center back then. Peterson will also look at the budget and report back at the June meeting. Mr. Evans said that the School Board will decide soon on whether they are moving forward with a 6-lane or an 8-lane track. The School is asking the City to pay for the fence and to help with the removal of the track. This was tabled until the June meeting.

Carol Bunjes was present and asked many questions as to why the City is now not allowing businesses to use the City yard waste location any longer. After much discussion, the Council decided to move forward with installing security cameras to help deter the illegal dumping of items at the City yard waste location.

The Council discussed the procedure they would like to use when hiring for employment positions with the City of Alta. For full-time positions, the entire Council would like to be involved in selecting the interviewees, conducting interviews, and selecting the final applicant. For part-time positions, the personnel committee will notify the entire Council of all applicants, all Council members could have a say in who gets interviewed, and the personnel committee conducts the interviews and then recommends the final applicant for hiring to the entire Council.

The Council tabled the approval of the updated Alta Community Building contract and suggested Clerk Peterson look into what it costs to buy a box of clips and work with Peach Blossom on the kinds of clips, amount, etc. that is needed to decorate the ceiling.

Weber motioned to approve Certified Testing Specialists to do 2 core samples on the area on Cyclone Drive that is sinking in, for \$1120. By doing the test, the City should better be able to decide how to move forward with repair. This was seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion carried.

After a letter was provided by a concerned Citizen, the Council instructed Clerk Peterson to ask Sheriff Elston to enforce the No Parking signs that are on the East side of Lake St., across from the Ball Complex. Committees were made up on the 5-year planning spreadsheet. The budget amendment Public Hearing was set for May 23, at 6:00 PM.

April Bills Payable:

<b><u>GENERAL FUND:</u></b>		<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Ace Hardware	supplies	7.99
Advanced Systems	lease	91.02
Advanced Systems, Inc.	supplies	389.16
Alliant Energy	utilities	21.04
Alta Ball Signs	outfield signs	200
Alta Municipal utilities	utilities	1676.79
Alta Municipal utilities	telephone, reimb.	836
Amazon.com	supplies	751.53
Bomgaars	supplies	25.98
Book Systems	subscription	622.00
BV Stationary	supplies	56.72
Colonial Research	supplies	528.05
Consumer Reports	subscription	49.00
Continental Research	supplies	350.94
Counsel	copies	63.25
Culligan	water	110.40
Dale Wetherell trucking	supplies	1502.34
Demco	supplies	462.18
Des Moines Register	newspaper	28.00
Ed Feld Fire	supplies	422.20
Follett	subscription	48.17
Halogen Supply	supplies	513.14
Hogrefe/Andrea	reimbursement	20.00
Hunzelman, Putzier	audit	3550.00
HyVee	supplies	72.82
IA. League of Cities	conference	50.00
Ingram	books	526.29
Iowa Outdoors	subscription	30.00
ISU Treasurer's Office	training	285.00
Janitor's Closet	supplies	172.57
Kreutz/Sara	service	75.00
Kuhrts Sharpening	service	16.00
Lake Animal Hospital	strays	140.00
Langner/Kirk	service	45.00
Murray & Murray	legal representation	200.00
Petty Cash	postage	31.18
Positive Promotions	supplies	127.82
Power Solutions	supplies	122.48

Recorded Books	supplies	26.99
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
S.L. Times	subscription	59.95
Turnquist/Laura	reimbursement	53.50
USBank	contract	52.49
		<b>14,024.82</b>

**ROAD USE TAX FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	177.84
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	3046.04
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	86.71
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	12.08
Bomgaars	supplies	183.20
Brown Supply	supplies	155.56
Central Iowa Televising	smoke testing	2000.26
Dale Wetherell trucking	service	2822.19
Fargo Tractor	supplies	182.14
Konradi/Tom	reimbursement	60.07
Tifco	supplies	183.28
Ziegler	supplies	2911.74
		<b>11,821.11</b>

**SEWER RENT FUND:**

Alliant Energy		297.33
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	2,011.05
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	74.71
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	21.95
Atco	supplies	150.00
Aqua Azuul	lamps	33,070.00
Bomgaars	supplies	5.49
Central Iowa Televising	smoke testing	7,226.73
Fareway	supplies	40.87
Foundation Analytical	testing	86.00
Jim's Sewer Service	service	420.00
Mangold	testing	775.50
Rehab Systems, Inc.	service	500.00
Sioux Valley Env.	supplies	1,764.00
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		<b>59,129.63</b>

**COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:**

Alliant Energy		573.22
Alta Community School	refund	437.5
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	5344.74
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	72.95
Control Sys. Specialists	repair	190.00
Doll Dist.	beverages	90.40
Ferguson Enterprises	supplies	169.92
Hinners/Ben	bartending	53.81
HyVee	supplies	346.45
GOES	dram insurance	1,600.85

Johnson Bros	beverages	126.00
Johnson/Joann	cleaning	210.00
Selk/Deb	bartending	53.81
Strand/Dan	bartending	50.06
		9,319.71

**SOLID WASTE FUND:**

McNeilus	supplies	52.04
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**PAYROLL**

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**REVENUE**

General	\$134,685.87
Community Building	\$5,942.12
Road Use	\$13,847.86
Local Option Sales Tax	\$13,839.72
TIF	\$13,802.96
Debt Service	\$19,983.73
Capital Improvement	\$0.00
Sewer Rent	\$25,475.24
Sewer Sinking	\$653.00
Sewer Reserve	\$1,269.00
Solid Waste	\$15,322.60
	\$244,822.10

After questioning a few claims, Henderson motioned to approve the April bills, seconded Weber, with the following members voting Aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be the Special Council meeting on May 23 for the budget amendment. Henderson motioned to adjourn at 8:43 PM, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting Aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer.

Attest:

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Megan Peterson, City Clerk

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Ron Neulieb, Mayor