

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 joined the meeting at 7:15 PM.

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

The minutes from the Sept. 6 and Sept. 20 Council meeting were approved on a motion by Henderson, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for the Public Hearing for the proposed rezoning of the Buena Vista County Fairgrounds, owned by the Buena Vista County Agricultural Society and opened the hearing at 6:02 PM. The taxpayers were heard for and against the said estimates as follows: Ms. Molgaard asked if the rezoning would affect the Buena Vista Raceway. Discussion took place regarding this and after giving the opportunity of all desiring to be heard, the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:13 PM.

Clerk Peterson introduced and read aloud Ordinance #16-02, "An Ordinance Amending the City of Alta 2015 Zoning Ordinance and The City's Official Zoning Map by Amending the Boundaries of an Existing (IN) Industrial Zoning District to (C-2) General Commercial Zoning District. Council Member Henderson motioned to approve the first reading. Council Member Tilk seconded the motion to adopt the first reading, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk,

Nays: none

The second reading will take place at the Council Meeting on Nov. 5.

Henderson motioned to approve the FY16 Annual Financial Report, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved. Weber motioned to approve the FY16 Street Finance Report, seconded by Henderson, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved.

Don Fisher, from the Alta VFW, ask the Council for ideas where the 300+ flags could be displayed in the future. With the enlarging of the track, they feel there is not enough room to go around the track without the flags brushing against the fence and causing damage. Weber motioned to table this until next meeting, giving the Council and the Citizens time to think of an appropriate place, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved.

Fire Chief Reetz presented his monthly report to the Council. Weber said that Reetz owes the Council an apology for calling a Council member a liar regarding what some statements made about the Fire Station usage. Reetz said he doesn't feel he needs to apologize, because he was just sharing what he was told. It was one word against another. He then continued with his monthly report. He stated they would be applying for a FEMA grant to replace gear, extractor and air packs. Reetz provided the Council with a Standard Operating Policy for member usage of the Fire Station. Tilk motioned to table the Fire Station usage until next month, after they have had time to look over the policy, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Henderson voted nay. Motion approved.

David Doxtad and Tom Graff presented the Engineer's Report. They recommended approval of Pay Request #1 for Reding Gravel and Excavating. Weber motioned to approve Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$27,115.75, seconded by Henderson, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved. The Council then agreed to have ISG evaluate the existing capacities of the storm drainage in the 900 block of South Cherokee St./South Main St. Graff and Doxtad then presented on the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) that takes place from ground water into the sanitary sewer lines. The I&I drives up the cost of running the sewer plant, since we are treating ground water that doesn't need to be treated. Due to stricter DNR regulations, it is no longer OK to tie anything into the sanitary sewer, including sump pumps.

Deputy Speers presented the written Sheriff's report. The Mayor then moved Mr. Geyer's requests so that the Deputy could also comment. Mr. Geyer is concerned with the speed limit coming into town from the West. Deputy Speers suggested the IDOT be contacted to do a speed study. Speers also said he would communicate with Sheriff Elston about "jake braking" not being enforced. Lastly, Mr. Geyer would like the Council to deem two ash trees, located on one of his rental locations, as a nuisance and take them down. They drop too many small branches, twigs and branches. Since they are ash trees, the City should consider how we are going to move forward with removal of ash trees, due to Emerald Ash Borer. Street Superintendent Pedersen will have a tree professional look at the trees. With Speers in attendance, Buckendahl asked Speers to have someone speak with the owner of the Anytime Fitness truck that is parked at 6th and Cherokee and blocking the vision of a stop sign.

Meyer joined the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Librarian Hogrefe gave her monthly report and provided the Council with a calendar of the October events. The location of the Little Free Library was discussed, but no City property was found to be in a good location. Hogrefe said a citizen had volunteered to have it placed in their yard, so the library will move forward with that. Library Board member Gretchen Miller said they would like to send Hogrefe to a regional conference in Fargo, but that it would consume the rest of their travel and conference line item for the Library budget. The Council suggested they move forward with everything and just watch their budget at the end of the year. As long as they don't go over to total library budget, they should be fine. Hogrefe and Miller then left the meeting. The Council then discussed the \$5000 investment that the library is supposed to be able to use the interest on to purchase children's books. Due to the drop in CD interest rates, all the City's CDs were not renewed in 2008. The library was then given their portion of the checking account interest rate for about 3 years, and that ended. Clerk Peterson looked through bank statements, and the library is entitled to a total of \$22.13 in interest since 2011. The Council then suggested Clerk Peterson look into reinvesting the \$5000 into a CD, so the accounting would be simplified for the accumulated interest. Peterson will consult with Hogrefe regarding the children's book interest. The minutes from the September Park Board were presented.

Street Superintendent Pedersen provided a written monthly report. Tilk motioned to approve the parking spot on the south side of West 2nd St. at the intersection of Main St. be marked as handicap parking only. This is per Heritage Bank's request, due to the number of elderly people they have coming into the bank. This was seconded by Henderson, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, and Tilk. A nay vote was recorded for Weber and Meyer. Motion approved. Henderson also asked that the Mayor talk to patrons of Century Bar and Anemometry Specialists to make sure they are parking legally. Pedersen, Doxtad and Weber reviewed information regarding the condition of our streets, supplied by IDOT. The priority should be 1st St., which receives a lot of truck traffic, and has a lot of subsurface moisture. Weber asked about getting it as a "farm to market road" so other funding could be sought after, but was told that was a conversation that he had to have with the County Engineer. The Code Enforcer presented his monthly report. He is still working on getting all the requested information to issue the occupancy permit for 214 Cyclone Dr. He also spoke about his resignation. The Industrial Board had nothing to report, and Mayor stated he attended the Iowa League of Cities annual conference and it was very good, and Henderson told the Council that the Trail's Committee did not receive the REAP grant they applied for. They will continue seeking grant money, and they meet again in later October.

Weber motioned to accept the resignation of Code Enforcer Konradi, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. The Council thanked Konradi for his service to the City. The Council then suggest that Clerk Peterson put an ad in some surrounding communities newspapers seeking a new Code Officer and also take advantage of the City's Facebook page, website and Channel 3 for local advertising.

The Mayor received 4 bids from local companies to replace the dance floor at the Alta Community Building. After looking over all the bids, Weber motioned to accept the bid of \$5945.64 from Timeline Home Furnishings, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

Henderson motioned to accept the bid for the Comprehensive Plan from Simmering-Cory, Inc. for the amount of \$11,000, or \$14,400 if we include water infrastructure which would be AMU's responsibility, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

Meyer motioned to decline advertising in the Alta-Aurelia School Yearbook, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. It was suggested to try to budget for donations in the future. All donations need to be in the best interest of the entire community. Henderson motioned to approve open burning at Jim Eaton's location, as long as he notifies and gets permission from the Fire Department, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. Pedersen will have the tree professional also inspect the walnut tree located on the parking outside of Ms. McSparran's house. Weber motioned to accept the resignation of Cassie Bishop from the Park Board, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

The following bills were presented for approval:

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
Advanced Systems	lease	145.63
Alliant Energy	utilities	555.97
Alta Comm. School	newsletter	75.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone/postage	1,048.04
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	1,234.86
Amazon	supplies	598.90
B&L Stumps	service	139.00
Bomgaars	supplies	134.40
Bunjes Landscaping	service	2,000.00
BV Stationary	supplies	103.75
Carroll Const. Supply	supplies	56.36
Center Point	contract	1,210.56
Central Iowa Dist.	service	297.73
Counsel	copies	65.21
Des Moines Marriott	conference	500.64
Des Moines Register	newspaper	30.00
Efiretrux, LLC	fire truck	29,750.94
Feld Fire	supplies	179.15
First Coop	supplies	727.92
Grand Harbor hotel	conference	341.55
Henderson/Pam	reimbursement	50.88
Hogrefe/Andrea	reimbursement	15.00
ILA Conference	conference	196.00
Ingram	supplies	2,616.01
ISG	service	1,207.93
Iowa League of Cities	conference	125.00
Iowa State Univ.	training	65.00
Janitor's Closet	supplies	66.95
Kuhrt's Sharpening	service	16.00
Lake Animal Hospital	service	70.00
Little Free Library	supplies	42.45
MET	testing	260.00
Murray & Murray	legals	340.00
North Lake Truck Repair	service	941.08
NW IA. League of Cities	conference	60.00
Petty Cash Library	supplies	56.97
Pitney Bowes	supplies	
Recorded Books	supplies	62.08

Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Reetz/Kirk	reimbursement	613.77
Sebco Books	supplies	248.49
Treasurer - State of Iowa	sales tax	207.00
Turnquist/Laura	reimbursement	22.79
USBank	contract	52.49
Vista Paints	supplies	6,285.57
VandeWeerd/Steve	reimbursement	36.00
VanHouten/Sally	reimbursement	3.00
Weber/Denny	reimbursement	566.15
Wellmark	insurance	859.69
		54,381.91

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	39.80
Alliant Energy	utilities	32.07
Alpha Wireless	service	550.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	75.95
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	2,198.22
Aurelia Star	advertising	35.00
B&L Stumps	service	258.00
Bomgaars	supplies	177.53
Carroll Const. Supply	supplies	60.73
Dale Wetherell trucking	supplies	2,284.99
Elk, Nokomis, MV Fire	refund	936.50
First Coop	supplies	1,664.84
Hirschman Auto	supplies	6.00
ISG	engineering	580.73
Jerry's Tree Service	service	2,450.00
Konradi/Tom	reimbursement	78.86
Pedersen/Brad	reimbursement	18.27
Page/Keith	reimbursement	348.25
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Sassman/Denise	reimbursement	275.00
Schoon Const.	service	11,740.72
Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	57.71
Vetter Equipment	supplies	12.89
Wellmark	insurance	2,996.95
Younique Tree Service	service	815.00
Ziegler Cat	supplies	345.04
		28,139.05

SEWER RENT FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	33.92
Alliant Energy	utilities	2.19
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	74.48
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	2,739.07
A One Janitorial	supplies	331.71
Aqua Fix	supplies	353.64
Bomgaars	supplies	29.93
Fareway	supplies	61.26

Foundation Analytical	testing	298.10
Hach	supplies	717.21
ISG	engineering	210.00
MET	testing	782.25
Olsen Welding	service	30.75
Plumbing & Heating Whole	supplies	10.75
Power Solutions	supplies	7.36
USA Blue Book	supplies	555.60
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
Ziegler Cat	service	605.56
		<u>19,529.78</u>

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	19.23
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	72.95
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilites	821.16
Bomgaars	supplies	11.37
Central Iowa Dist.	supplies	128.70
Chesterman's	soda	75.00
Doll Distributing	beverages	1,486.45
Hinners/Ben	bartending	82.00
HyVee	supplies	470.71
Johnson Bros	beverages	180.60
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	189.00
Payne/Penny	refund	250.00
Pedersen/Whitney	refund	250.00
Plumbing & Heating Whole	supplies	54.00
Radcliff/Curt	refund	233.87
Schubert/Carla	bartending	107.63
Scooters	supplies	176.49
Selk/Deb	bartending	43.56
Strand/Dan	bartending	187.07
Underwood/Brian	bartending	146.06
		<u>4,985.85</u>

SOLID WASTE FUND:

First Coop	supplies	698.31
Rowley Recycle Center	usage/quarterly assess.	19,482.23
		<u>20,180.54</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Bomgaars	supplies	24.99
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	438.56
		<u>463.55</u>

PAYROLL

September		<u>22,090.46</u>
		<u>149,771.14</u>

REVENUE

General	\$44,181.80
Community Building	\$5,604.46
Road Use	\$24,284.06

Local Option Sales Tax	\$16,752.61
TIF	\$5,786.51
Debt Service	\$2,942.37
Sewer Rent	\$30,130.57
Sewer Sinking	\$653.00
Sewer Reserve	\$1,269.00
Solid Waste	\$15,477.82
	\$147,082.20

Weber motioned to approve the September claims in the amount of \$149,771.14, seconded by Henderson, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

During the open forum, Buckendahl asked that someone speak to Ron Gullickson about the logs piling up outside of his storage building. The Council is concerned with kids climbing on the logs and the possibility of rats. Konradi said he believes the owners are working on the pile and finding a permanent location.

The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, Nov. 7 and 6:00 PM. There being no further business, Henderson motioned to adjourn at 8:42 PM, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Ron Neulieb, Mayor