

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 and Lee Meyer.

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

The minutes from the Jan. 9 and Jan. 23 Council meetings were approved on a motion by Weber, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion approved.

The Council tabled the request for a sewer charge to be forgiven by D. Glienke, until the Code Officer can do an inspection and verify there is no floor drain. Henderson motioned to keep the Storm Lake Pilot Tribune as the City of Alta's official newspaper, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. Henderson said she would like to see the circulation of the Aurelia Star increase in Alta before considering changing official newspapers.

Fire Chief Reetz presented his monthly report to the Council. Reetz entertained a few questions from the Council, and then the Council preliminarily looked over the proposed draft of the 28E presented by the Fire Board. The Council will wait to see the official proposal before moving forward. Brad Pedersen presented on behalf of ISG. CTS was here and tried to televise the manholes and storm sewers, but there was too much water going through them so they will need to come back when it dries up a bit. No one was present for the Sheriff's report, but the County did provide a written report. Meyer motioned to reduce the rent by 50% for the Sheriff's Reserve Dance on Feb. 18, 2017, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. No one presented a library report this month. Randy Erickson, Park Board Vice-Chair, gave the Park Board report. Brad Pedersen, Street Superintendent, provided a written report, and the Council did not have any questions for him. Craig Boyd, Code Officer, presented a written report and entertained questions from the Council. Don Peterson gave a brief update on the Industrial Board. They will be placing "For Sale" signs on the two lots that they have in town that are now for sale. The Mayor stated that he had worked with the Sheriff's Department to figure out who had been riding snowmobiles through town and to the school. They have it rectified. Henderson said the Trail's Committee is looking at increasing/fixing sidewalks near the Elementary school, which would be the start of the Safe Routes to School. Henderson also reminded the Council that the City needs to set some money aside for the grants that the Trail's committee is applying for. Many of them are matching grants and they need to have some money up front. The Committee fully intends on fundraising and "paying the City back" when they can.

Weber motioned to approve the tax abatement applications of B. Aberson, T. Hinkeldey, and D. Sorenson, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. The Council agreed to let Hopkins Insurance do an insurance review of the City, sometime in June or July. Clerk Peterson will email them and let them know. Henderson motioned to approve Survey Grade Compensation option for the GIS from ISG at a total of \$14,125, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. Buckendahl motioned to approve Clyde Bartel to the Board of Trustees, seconded by Henderson, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Meyer. Tilk abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion approved.

Weber motioned to set the Public Hearing for the Well Separation Ordinance amendment #17-01 for March 6 at 6:00 PM, seconded by Henderson, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. Meyer motioned to set the Public Hearing for the Fence Ordinance amendment #17-02 for March 6 at 6:00 PM, seconded by Henderson, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. Weber motioned to set the Public Hearing for the FY17 Budget Amendment, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. Henderson motioned to approve Fire Truck Transfer Resolution #17-01, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

The Animal control was tabled until April, at which time the Council would like to look into amending that Ordinance to charge a fee in order to pick up a stray within the City of Alta. Meyer motioned to approve renewing a 4X8 City of Alta sign from the Buena Vista Ag Society to have displayed for \$250, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Buckendahl, Tilk, Meyer. Henderson voted nay, and Weber abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion approved.

The following bills were presented for approval:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Advanced Systems	lease	31.86
Advanced Systems, Inc.	copies	832.93
Alliant Energy	utilities	22.69
Alta Comm. Chamber	Dues	50.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone/postage	435.57
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	1174.40
Amazon	supplies	410.05
American Red Cross	2017 License	300.00
BV Power Equipment Inc	supplies	84.95
Boyd/Craig	reimbursement	62.58
Counsel	supplies	121.94
Culligan	supplies	52.35
D + K Truck Co.	Fire Truck	91707.00
EMC Insurance	workers comp	500.00
First Coop	fuel	66.22
Gullwing	supplies	21.95
HyVee	supplies	318.88
Imfoa	membership	50.00
Ingram	supplies	188.17
Iowa Firefighters Assoc.	Dues	390.00
Iowa Poetry Assoc.	book	9.00
Janitor's Closet	supplies	98.31
Lake Animal Hospital	strays	210.00
Movie Licensing USA	movie license	194.00
Murray & Murray	legal	280.00
	appreciation	
Neulieb/Marg	dinner	180.17
Neotek	Technology	1217.03
NW IA. League of Cities	meetings	105.00
NWIPDC	service	5250.00
Overhead Doors	supplies	248.50
Petty Cash Library	supplies	48.42
Recorded Books	supplies	7.95
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals	248.05
Southeastern Lib. Coop	supplies	29.94
Summer Baseball Fund	supplies	2550.00
USBank	contract	48.38
Vista Print	supplies	15.48
Unity Point Health	Training	390.00

Wellmark	insurance	1449.88
		\$109,501.65

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	117.21
Alpha Wireless	maintenance	300.00
Alta Implement	vehicle supplies	36.06
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	34.68
Arnold Motor Supplies	supplies	594.12
Barco	supplies	345.21
Bomgaars	supplies	165.47
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	167.91
Fargo Tractor	supplies	187.71
First Coop	fuel	1202.36
Hischman Auto	supplies	170.92
I-State Truck Center	supplies	75.61
North Lake Truck Repair	supplies	134.49
Olsen Welding	supplies	111.50
Power Solutions	supplies	42.90
Steffen Truck Equip.	supplies	136.18
Storm Lake Hydraulics	sterling	110.74
Titan Machinery	Light - Grader	72.09
Unity Point Health	dues	30.00
Wellmark	insurance	3893.27
Ziegler Cat	supplies	1569.78
		\$9,498.21

SEWER RENT FUND:

Ace Hardware	Supplies	31.54
Alliant Energy	utilities	619.67
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	77.01
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	2609.89
Atlas Copco	Filter	513.66
Arnold Motor Supplies	supplies	14.86
Bomgaars	supplies	595.20
Control Systems	shipping	13.09
Fareway	supplies	74.75
Foundation Analytical	testing	50.00
Gullwing	supplies	7.06
H&C weighing	supplies	1364.41
Hach	supplies	205.01
Mangold	testing	601.50
NBS Calibrations	service	1039.00
P&H Wholesale	supplies	59.85
Power Solutions	supplies	52.04
Robidoux	supplies	39.95
USDA	loan payment	12686.00
		\$20,654.49

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	909.21
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Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	72.92
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilites	623.91
Dolls Dist.	Beverages	630.00
HyVee	supplies	858.77
Johnson Bros.	Beverages	88.36
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	219.00
		\$3,402.17

SOLID WASTE FUND:

Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	93.69
First Coop	fuel	385.75
Rowley Recycle Center	useage/qrt assess.	2740.57
		\$3,220.01

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

ISG	Engineering	\$70.23
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PAYROLL

January	35,824.78
\$182,101.31	

REVENUE

General	14,348.07
Community Building	1,921.90
Road Use	21,012.70
Local Option Sales Tax	17,257.58
TIF	0.00
Debt Service	146,282.18
Library	0.00
Sewer Rent	25,956.13
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Sewer Sinking	12,686.00
Solid Waste	15,850.78
\$257,237.34	

After asking a few questions about specific bills, Henderson motioned to approve the January claims in the amount of \$182,101.31, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. Nothing was presented during the open forum. The budget workshop was tabled until February 9, at 4:00 PM at the Council Chambers. Henderson motioned to set the Public Hearing for the FY18 Budget Adoption for March 6 at 6:00 PM, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

The next regular Council meeting will be March 6 at 6:00 PM. There being no further business, Weber motioned to adjourn at 7:35 PM, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Ron Neulieb, Mayor