

January 4, 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. Absent: Lee Meyer

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

The Dec. 12 minutes were approved on a motion by Henderson, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing regarding Resolution #16-02, City Budget Amendment and Certification Resolution, at 6:03 PM. There were no verbal or written comments made by the public. The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 PM. Buckendahl motioned to approve Resolution #16-02, seconded by Henderson, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows:

Aye – Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk.

Nay – none.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the said Resolution #16-02 duly adopted.

The owners of Buffalo Ridge expressed that they would like “No Parking” signs in front of their dumpster so that the garbage truck can empty the dumpster, and they would also like some parking spots marked on Main St., to the west of the Café. Weber motioned to approve the “No Parking” signs in front of the dumpster, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved. After much discussion, the Council is not going to take any action on the parking spots on Main St. It was decided that it is too congested of an area and the City does not want any liability involved with parking in the area. Safety was the main concern for everyone.

Henderson motioned to approve a reduced rent request of 50% for the Alta Community Building for the Sheriff’s Reserve dance on Feb. 13, 2016, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved. The Mayor pointed out that the Sheriff’s Reserve volunteered to put the new drop ceiling in at the Community Building and they did a fantastic job.

Kirk Reetz, the new Fire Chief, presented the Fire Department report. He said they are currently doing some research regarding billing for their supplies used during car accidents. Most of the accidents that take up their time and supplies are not within the City’s jurisdiction. Sheriff Elston stated that the department did 360 hours of time in Alta during December and they seem to have the overnight parking citations under control. Librarian Hogrefe reported that the Christmas program was well attended and the library renovation is almost done. The January program is scheduled for Jan. 15, with a “Frosty the Snowman” theme. They have one vacant spot on the library board and are awaiting the Mayor’s appointment. Street Superintendent Pedersen gave his report. He noted that Jerry’s Tree Service has been hired and are trimming City trees on the North and South streets. In December, the garbage truck required a repair, and the City of Aurelia graciously let us borrow their truck when they were done with their route. Code Enforcer Konradi presented his report and said that the amount of building permits was way down this year compared to in the past. He continues to work on getting the Old Swedish church sold, and proper procedures followed for the demolition of 218 Buena Vista St. and the Industrial Board building. The Trails committee will meet again in January.

Bruce McGowan with Buena Vista County proposed that the City of Alta be a satellite storage site for their winter sand/salt mix. This way, the County does not have to drive all the way back to Storm Lake to refill the sander. They also ask that the City employees be available to help load the sander if they need it. In return, the City of Alta would get to use the sand/salt mix at no charge. Weber requested

that Pedersen keep track of the man and equipment hours used in the first year for this agreement. Pedersen will also look into a formal contract or 28E. Buckendahl motioned to approve the proposal, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved.

The Mayor presented his committee appointments and named Council member Henderson as Mayor Pro-Tem. Henderson motioned to accept the resignation of D. Struthers as Community Building Manager, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved.

The Mayor gave an update on the Community Building renovations. The new floor, ceiling and kitchen counter has been put in. The entire main building has been painted. All that remains are the bathroom renovations and then cleaning of the facility. Mayor Neulieb and his wife Marg would like to construct a wall fountain in the Community Building. They would like to donate the labor and materials and will maintain the fountain at no cost to the City of Alta. Henderson motioned to approve the donation, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved.

There was some confusion regarding the private septic approval for Mark Glienke after the December Council meeting. Additional research is being done to make sure the best options are looked into. No action will be taken on this until early spring, after research has been done. Jerry Braunschweig, on behalf of the Alta-Aurelia art program, requested the rent at the community building be waived for the 2016 art show. The Council wasn't sure what precedence had been set by the previous Council. This was tabled until the next meeting when more research has been done. Henderson motioned to approve the sidewalk replacement grant for Jeff Nielsen in the amount of \$190.81 and Joyce Nielsen in the amount of \$183.98, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved.

Weber motioned to approve Resolution #16-01, Resolution to Approve IRS Mileage Reimbursements, seconded by Henderson, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows:

Aye – Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk.

Nay – none.

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

The following claims were presented for approval:

<b><u>GENERAL FUND:</u></b>		<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Advanced Systems, Inc.	lease	45.51
Alliant Energy	utilities	19.83
Alta Implement	supplies	10.11
AMU	telephone	265.88
AMU	utilities/postage	1348.89
Amazon.com	supplies	1262.87
Bishop/Cassandra	2015 Park Board comp.	35.00
Boelter/Gene	2015 Park Board comp.	350.00
Bomgaars	supplies	35.97
BV County Sheriff	contract	25399.30
Central Iowa Dist.	supplies	53.77
Culligan	supplies	28.50
Dearborn	life ins.	23.50
Demco	supplies	215.06
Des Moines Register	newspaper	54.00
EcoSolutions, LLC	supplies	64.50

Hamer/Steve, Jr.	2015 Park Board comp.	315.00
Hinkeldey/Caren	2015 Park Board comp.	280.00
HyVee	supplies	201.49
Ingram	supplies	307.41
Iowa Central C.C.	training	620.00
Iowa State Univ.	training	1155.00
Murray & Murray	legal representation	500.00
NeoTek	supplies	259.95
Nielsen/Jason	2015 Park Board comp.	315.00
NW IA. City Clerk Assoc.	2016 dues	25.00
NW IA. League of Cities	meetings	45.00
Petty Cash	postage	45.09
Pitney Bowes	postage meter	133.50
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Siebrecht/Tracy	2015 Park Board comp.	35.00
Storm Lake Pilot Trib.	legals	125.98
Turnquist/Laura	reimbursement	10.77

**33,686.88**

**ROAD USE TAX FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	129.70
Alta Implement	supplies	12.93
AMU	telephone	73.50
AMU	utilities	2,585.07
Bomgaars	supplies	143.13
Dearborn	life insurance	62.00
North Lake Truck repair	supplies	7.62
Pedersen/Brad	reimbursement	220.00
Titan Machinery	supplies	72.09
Wellmark	health ins.	859.69

**4,165.73**

**SEWER RENT FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	278.60
AMU	telephone	83.40
AMU	utilities	2,378.63
Alta Copco	service	5,455.00
BestBuy.com	supplies	102.14
Bomgaars	supplies	73.14
Central Iowa Televising	service	17,057.50
Control Sys. Specialists	postage	22.84
Fareway	supplies	63.74
Foundation Analytical	testing	50.00
Hach	supplies	794.52
Mangold	testing	668.25
NBS Calibrations	service	167.00
NeoTek	service	90.00
USDA	loan	12,686.00
Wellmark	health ins.	2,779.98

**42,750.74**

**COMMUNITY BLDG**

**FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	470.27
AMU	telephone	72.95
AMU	utilities	702.92
Aronson Plumbing	service/supplies	540.35
Bell/Ellen	cleaning	72.00
BV Cty Env. Health	license	67.50
Burke Engineering	supplies	12543.36
Control Sys. Specialists	supplies	114.82
Hinkeldey/Doug	service	1149.60
Hinners/Ben	bartending	58.94
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	117.00
Loew's Carpet	supplies	14810.00
M&J Falck Const.	service	6724.68
Neulieb/Marg	reimbursement	2071.47
Rent-All	supplies	96.00
Rodriguez/Michael	refund	50.00
Rowley Recycle Center	service	78.10
Underwood/Brian	bartending	61.50

**39,801.46**

**SOLID WASTE FUND:**

AMU	utilities	98.20
Rowley Recycle Center	contract and usage	19013.56

**19,111.76**

**CAPITAL**

**IMPROVEMENT:**

AMU	reimbursement	3250.32
Murray & Murray	legal representation	30.00

**3,280.32**

**142,796.89**

**REVENUE**

General	\$26,528.88
Community Building	\$1,402.87
Road Use	\$20,317.97
Local Option Sales Tax	\$16,367.39
TIF	\$2,237.48
Debt Service	\$3,254.27
Capital Improvement	\$28,762.77
Sewer Rent	\$23,409.59
Sewer Sinking	\$653.00
Sewer Reserve	\$1,269.00
Solid Waste	\$13,846.06

**\$138,049.28**

Weber motioned to approve the amended December bills, seconded by Henderson, with the following

members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk.

During the open forum, Roberta Radke asked that the City help communicate that snowmobilers are not allowed on her driveway, because it packs down the snow. The Code Enforcer reviewed the City's snowmobiling ordinance. The Council suggested that the clerk put a summary of the ordinance in the Alta section of the Storm Lake Pilot Tribune, as well as on the website and Facebook page. The Council instructed Ms. Radke to contact the Communication Center once she has a description of the snowmobiles violating the City ordinance.

The next meeting will be a special Council Meeting on Monday, Jan. 25 at 6:00 PM to review the budget numbers. The next regular Council meeting has been set for Monday, Feb. 8 at 6:00 PM. Weber motioned to adjourn at 7:35 PM, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk.

Attest:

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Megan Peterson, City Clerk

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Ron Neulieb, Mayor