

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 Pro Tem Pam Henderson with the following members present: Pam Henderson, Jerry Buckendahl, Denny Weber, Vi Tilk and Lee Meyer. Mayor Ron Neulieb was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson requested an update on the progress of the IT Committee, in place of the Mayor's report. The amended agenda was approved on a motion by Meyer, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion approved.

The minutes from the Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 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.

Tilk motioned to deny the request by Ben Aberson to have part of his sewer bill forgiven due to the fact that much of the water was used to water his new lawn, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion approved. The Council said this was the exact reason why AMU has irrigation meters available.

Randy Robbins, on behalf of the BV County Ag Society, asked that the council reduce the rent at the Alta Community Building to \$150 for their annual race banquet in March, 2017. Tilk motioned to reduce the total rent to \$150, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion approved. Weber abstained from voting due a conflict of interest. He is the President of the BV County Ag Society.

Fire Chief Reetz presented his monthly report to the Council, including annual call numbers. Per Weber's request, Reetz will provide a breakdown of fire and rescue calls, and within the City limits and township calls. Tom Grafft presented on behalf of ISG. He updated the Council on the drainage study being done on the south end of town, near 9th St., between Main St. and Cherokee St. He said the actual drainage area covers about 92 acres. The City has hired a company to come televise the manholes. They are finding many inconsistencies between the paper maps and what is actually in place. More information will be available at the next regular Council meeting. He also presented a proposal for getting G.I.S. set up in Alta. Andrea Hogrefe, Library Director, presented the January calendar and was pleased that the Christmas Tree Walk brought in 108 people to the library. Brad Pedersen, Street Superintendent, provided a written report, and the Council did not have any questions for him. Craig Boyd, Code Officer, told the Council he has spent time looking through files and familiarizing himself with the rental inspection process. Denny Weber provided an update on the progress the IT committee has made with signing a contract with an IT company. Henderson said the next trail's meeting will be Jan. 18. Clerk Peterson said the next Park Board meeting will be Jan. 17. Travis Anderson arrived towards the end of the meeting and entertained any questions from the Council regarding the Sheriff's report. He did say they sent the two new deputies to the Academy for two months, so they are still running a little short-handed. Mark Glienke reported on behalf of the Industrial Board. He said they are interested in really working together with the City and that they will try to have a representative at a meeting to give updates when needed. He also said they will be placing "For Sale" signs in the two lots that they own.

After some discussion, the Council decided to table the request by the Aurelia Star to become the City of Alta's official newspaper. Aurelia Star President, Ryan Harvey, was available for any questions, as was a representative from the Storm Lake Pilot Tribune. The Council will take up the request again at the February regular Council meeting. Weber motioned to approve the liquor license renewal, including Sunday sales, for Kimmes County Store, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion approved. Weber motioned to approve the native wine and beer license renewal for Whitehouse 220 Cupcakery, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion approved. Weber motioned to approve Senator Joni Ernst's office to use the City Council Chambers for quarterly "meet and greets" with the Citizens of Alta and B.V. County, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Tilk motioned to approve Rob Hach to the term ending June 30, 2020 on the Utility Board, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Tilk, and Meyer. Weber voted nay. Motion approved. Tilk motioned to approve a \$1040 increase in Clerk Peterson's salary since she has

become a Certified Municipal Clerk, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion approved.

The following bills were presented for approval:

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
Alliant Energy	utilities	20.91
Alta Implement	supplies	2,210.22
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone/postage	4,259.34
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	1,161.26
Amazon	supplies	207.93
Auditor of State	FY16 filing fee	175.00
Buena Vista Co. Sheriff's	contract	25,907.29
Burton/Karen	refund	300.00
Casey's	supplies	48.15
Counsel	supplies	56.88
Culligan	supplies	94.95
Danko	supplies	44.81
DePrez/Lynn	reimbursement	15.34
Des Moines Register	newspaper	31.33
Dose/David	reimbursement	25.00
First Coop	supplies	36.66
Hogrefe/Andrea	reimbursement	85.60
HyVee	supplies	62.34
Ingram	supplies	953.51
Janitor's Closet	supplies	91.24
King/Denise	reimbursement	9.15
Kolbeck Inc.	service	1,375.00
Konradi/Tom	reimbursement	50.56
Office Elements	supplies	28.95
Petty Cash Library	supplies	37.30
Pitney Bowes	supplies	225.28
Radke/Richard	supplies	24.00
Rick Wiehnold Co.	supplies	183.00
Spartan	supplies	71.25
Storm Lake Computer shop	service	75.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	sales tax	12.00
US Bank	service	79.44
Wede's Lock service	service	112.50
Wellmark	insurance	1,449.88
		39,521.07
<u>ROAD USE TAX FUND:</u>		
Ace Hardware	supplies	40.96
Alliant Energy	utilities	144.62
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	36.25
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	2,718.09
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	30.40
Bomgaars	supplies	1,010.79
CCP Industries	supplies	291.14
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	160.00

Elliott Equipment	supplies	301.33
Fargo Tractor	supplies	267.90
First Coop	supplies	1,422.42
Friedrich/Ryan	reimbursement	278.10
IA DOT	supplies	454.32
ISG	engineering	3,471.48
I-State Truck Center	supplies	239.11
North Lake Truck Repair	supplies	119.22
Olsen Welding	service	122.50
O'Reilly	supplies	15.37
Strand/Dan	reimbursement	289.05
Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	374.18
Wellmark	insurance	3,893.27
Ziegler Cat	supplies	372.03
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SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	318.11
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	79.40
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	2,789.08
A One Janitorial	supplies	279.07
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	827.56
Control Systems	shipping	12.58
Fareway	supplies	69.75
Foundation Analytical	testing	125.00
Hach	supplies	50.39
MET	testing	717.75
NBS Calibrations	service	167.00
Pleva Mechanical	supplies	696.00
Rehab Systems	service	500.00
SVEN	supplies	1,764.00
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
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		21,081.69

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	471.52
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	72.95
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilites	550.04
B.V. Cty Env. Health	license	67.50
Central Iowa Dist.	supplies	237.00
Control Systems	service	797.06
HyVee	supplies	17.25
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	183.00
Peters/Sheree	refund	50.00
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		2,446.32

SOLID WASTE FUND:

Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	77.90
First Coop	supplies	315.01
Rowley Recycle Center	useage/qrt assess.	18,808.20
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REVENUE

General	\$28,879.03
Community Building	\$1,543.90
Road Use	\$17,411.50
Local Option Sales Tax	\$17,257.58
TIF	\$4,729.72
Debt Service	\$2,307.98
Library	\$0.00
Sewer Rent	\$23,086.90
Sewer Sinking	\$653.00
Sewer Reserve	\$1,269.00
Solid Waste	\$14,001.14

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After asking a few questions about specific bills and removing the bill from Murray and Murray from the claim's list, Weber motioned to approve the amended December claims in the amount of \$123,222.90, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

Clerk Peterson quickly reviewed the spreadsheets that were given to the Council for the budget workshop, which has been set to take place on Jan. 23 at 5:00 PM. Weber filled the Council in on a meeting with the DOT and the Railroad. The railroad crossing at Lake St. has been approved to have crossing arms put in, but the City would have to pay 10%, and the City would be responsible for any maintenance after the installation. Weber requested paperwork with firm pricing, which he is still waiting on. Once firm pricing is provided, Weber will bring it to the City Council. He also said that at this point, it does not sound possible to get 1st St. listed as a Farm to Market Road. The State says it is too close to Hwy 7, and the county just does not have the funding for it right now.

During the open forum, Roberta Radke asked the Council to amend the fence Ordinance to clear up the setback differences. Clerk Peterson explained that the P&Z will meet and get this fixed, and once they get that done, they will recommend it to the City Council. The Council would then need to amend the current Ordinance. This will take place before the spring, so everything is in place by the time Ms. Radke wants to put her fence in. There being no further business, Weber motioned to adjourn at 7:22 PM, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Pam Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem