

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 Weber, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

The amended minutes from the August 1 Council meeting were approved on a motion by Henderson, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for the Public Hearing on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Fire Truck Acquisition Loan Agreement and opened the hearing at 6:02 PM. The taxpayers were heard for and against the said estimates as follows: Fire Chief Reetz stated that the old tanker is back in the shop getting some maintenance work done. After giving the opportunity of all desiring to be heard, the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:03 PM.

Weber introduced Resolution #16-09 entitled A RESOLUTION TAKING ADDITIONAL ACTION ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL OBLIGATION FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION LOAN AGREEMENT, and moved for its adoption, seconded by Tilk. After due consideration the roll was called and the following vote recorded: Ayes- Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Nays- None. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the said motion duly carried and Resolution #16-09 adopted.

Fire Chief Reetz is working on getting a resolution for the Fire Station usage written up. Reetz said he followed up with the departments that Council Member Meyer spoke with and he questioned where Meyer got his information because the Fire Chiefs from Peterson, Albert City, and Aurelia all said they do allow their Fire Fighters to use the Fire Station for personal use. He also said he spoke with School Superintendent Evans, and Mr. Evans said that the school employees get to use the school for personal usage at no cost, which contraindicates what Council Member Henderson had said at the previous meeting. This has been tabled until the next meeting, when Reetz will present a Resolution. Reetz then provided his monthly report. He asked that the Council Members stop badgering his Fire Fighters.

Kevin Hammer inquired about the sewer line on East 1<sup>st</sup> St. He understands it is a private line, but wanted to know if there are other private lines? How do private lines come about? Street Superintendent Pedersen said it is shared by probably three owners. It was put in long before Pedersen's time, but all lines that run from the property to the City Main are private lines, whether it is residential or commercial.

Jim Eaton is concerned about businesses not being allowed to dump trees at the City-owned landfill pile. He has a very large lot with many trees, and he is removing many of them, but he doesn't want to incur the cost of getting rid of the trees. He asked why the City doesn't burn the trees at the City pile. He asked if he wanted to, could he get permission to burn his trees. The Mayor said he would talk to Mr. Eaton.

No engineers, Park Board Members or Industrial Board members were available to give their report. Kory Elston presented the Sheriff's report and the newest deputy, Brian Schreck. Elston also said it is almost time to renew the 28E agreement between the City and the County. Appropriate changes will be made and presented for approval at the Sept. 20 special meeting. Rick Meyer did request for better patrol on Hwy 7, now that the resurfacing is complete. The Library report was given by Andrea Hogrefe. The library had a Little Free Library made, and they are looking for a place to locate it. Preferable location would be away from the Library. Street Superintendent gave his monthly report. He presented a quote from Blacktop Services to patch between Main St. and Cherokee St., on West 2<sup>nd</sup> St. The work would be done in early October. Weber motioned to approve the quote of \$2650 from Blacktop Services, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. Code Enforcer Konradi provided a written monthly report. He said he isn't too confident on the future of the Old Church. He has not granted occupancy to 214 Cyclone Dr. He does not want to put the City at risk based on some incompetent work done by the contractor. The Mayor gave his report, the trail's committee continues to apply for

grants, and the NNO committee said they thought they had about 700 people attend this year. The finances look good and some changes will take place next year, as Julie Fast is stepping down.

The City has received many phone calls on where the pipe line workers can hook up their recreational vehicle trailers while they are working in the area. If the City is going to allow this, a few of the ordinances will have to be amended. Currently, the code for the mobile home parks would not allow for it, and the campground is not zoned correctly. Utility Board Member Joe Hill asked that the Council keep in mind the financial consequences when deciding to move forward. Would the temporary housing be worth the cost of adding or maintaining additional utilities to the campsites? Weber motioned to move forward with having NWIPDC amend the zoning ordinance which would allow areas that are zoned Industrial to have a campground, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

The drainage issue between South Main St. and South Cherokee St. in the 800 block was talked about. Meyer mentioned that maybe there is a broken tile, and he feels there is a definite problem. Weber said he has talked to others and water has always ponded back there, as it is a low spot in the natural waterway. It was stated that if any work is going to be done back there, that easements will need to be obtained. Meyer motioned to hire ISG to do a study on the drainage between South Main St. and South Cherokee St., in the 800 block, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Tilk, and Meyer. Weber voted nay. Motion approved.

The dance floor at the Community Building is coming up. The Mayor has been directed to get three quotes to replace the dance floor, including Loew's and Floors and More. The Mayor will report back at the next Council meeting. Henderson motioned to approve Resolution #16-10, FY16 Street Finance Report, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. Weber asked if ISG could be the group to do the Comprehensive Plan, if they are the City Engineer's because there may be a conflict of interest in the future if certain projects are approved. Clerk Peterson will get quotes for a Comp plan from two other companies, and will report back to avoid any conflict of interest.

Henderson motioned to approve the resignation of Steve Hamer, Jr. from the Alta Park Board, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Buckendahl motioned to approve Jamie Hammer and Avery Michaels to the Alta Park Board, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motions approved. Weber motioned to approve the native wine and beer license renewal for Buffalo Ridge, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Meyer motioned to approve the sidewalk replacement grant for Keith Page in the amount of \$348.25 and for Denise Sassman in the amount of \$275.00, seconded by Henderson, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motions approved.

After some discussion about how the hiring process took place, Meyer motioned to approve Dan Strand to the Street Department at the starting rate of \$15.00/hr, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. Weber would like the Council to look at the hiring process and get something definite set in place before the next hiring opportunity. He was unhappy with the process that was used, and felt it did not follow what was agreed upon at a previous meeting.

Terry Williams, of NeoTek Enterprises, presented a proposal for IT Monitoring and Management. No action was taken at this time, it was just informative for the Council.

The following bills were presented for approval:

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
Alliant Energy	utilities	643.74
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone/postage	616.61
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	1,659.81
B.V. Cty Emerg. Mgmt	FY17 dues	564.90
B.V. Cty Treasurer	property taxes	1,036.00

B.V. Cty Sheriff	contract	25,907.29
BV Power Equipment	maintenance	257.35
Central Iowa Dist.	supplies	77.25
Chesterman's	concessions	45.60
Counsel	copies	153.05
Demco	supplies	128.52
Electronic Engineering	service	156.40
Fareway	concessions	22.53
Feld Fire	supplies	1,877.96
First Coop	supplies	761.62
Hog Slat	supplies	40.90
Hogrefe/Andrea	reimbursement	1.83
Hussey/Donna	reimbursement	25.68
I&S Group	engineering	4,050.13
Iowa Office	supplies	382.78
Iowa League of Cities	conference	470.00
JES Performance, Inc.	service	524.18
Kuhrts Sharpening	service	32.00
Miller/Robin	reimbursement	25.00
Murray & Murray	service	260.00
North Lake Truck Repair	service	1,000.68
Our Iowa	magazine	34.98
OverDrive, Inc.	contract	411.47
Pitney Bowes	service	133.50
Recorded Books	supplies	31.50
St. Paul Stamp Works	supplies	96.11
State Library of Iowa	contract	177.15
Steve King's Office Supply	flag	15.00
Storm Lake Pilot Tribune	legals	342.20
T.P. Anderson & Co.	service	415.00
USBank	contract	104.98
Wellmark	insurance	859.69
		<b>43,343.39</b>

**ROAD USE TAX FUND:**

Ace Hardware	supplies	28.43
Alliant Energy	utilities	29.72
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	82.53
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	2,015.49
American Concrete	supplies	5,683.38
Arnold Motor Supplies	supplies	9.79
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	763.02
Aurelia Star	help wanted	17.50
Barco	supplies	234.64
Bomgaars	supplies	293.06
Certified Testing Services	service	250.00
Continental Research	supplies	438.56
First Coop	supplies	638.29
Friedrich/Ryan	reimbursement	120.00
Graham Tire	supplies	1,870.20

Hirschman Auto	service	482.82
K&J Services	service	266.00
Konradi/Tom	reimbursement	67.03
North Lake Truck Repair	service	164.26
Power Solutions	supplies	2,091.02
Rasmussen Ford	service	178.51
Redings Gravel & Exc.	supplies	270.48
Rehab Systems	service	2,375.00
Storm Lake Pilot Tribune	advertising	596.48
Storm Lake Times	advertising	77.84
Tifco	supplies	86.03
VanHouten/Morgan	reimbursement	95.16
Wellmark	insurance	3,402.90
Younique Tree Service	service	5,935.00
		<u>28,563.14</u>

**SEWER RENT FUND:**

A One Janitorial	supplies	131.91
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	82.12
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	2,676.04
Arnold Motor Supplies	supplies	6.36
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	597.04
Bomgaars	supplies	39.89
Fareway	supplies	39.87
Foundation Analytical	testing	125.00
Hach	supplies	42.09
I&S Group	engineering	245.00
Iowa DNR	waste water license	40.00
MET	testing	693.75
P & H Wholesale	supplies	73.04
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		<u>17,478.11</u>

**COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	17.92
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	72.95
Aronson Plumbing	service	79.32
Badertscher/Jarren	refund	250.00
Bomgaars	supplies	74.15
Chesterman's	soda	56.25
City of Alta	petty cash	237.75
Doll Distributing	beverages	697.55
Eddie/Sara	bartending	76.88
Hinners/Ben	bartending	212.69
HyVee	supplies	1,067.31
Iowa Division of Labor	service	270.00
Janitor's Closet	supplies	136.88
Johnson Bros	beverages	96.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	261.00
Morales/Pedro	refund	250.00
Nyren/Alex	refund	250.00

Selk/Deb	bartending	46.13
Strand/Dan	bartending	326.88
Underwood/Brian	bartending	151.19
		<u>4,630.85</u>
<b><u>SOLID WASTE FUND:</u></b>		
First Coop	supplies	220.25
Rowley Recycle Center	useage	3,501.62
		<u>3,721.87</u>
<b><u>CAPITAL PROJECTS:</u></b>		
American Concrete	supplies	5,685.38
		<u>5,685.38</u>
<b><u>PAYROLL</u></b>		
August		<u>44,350.51</u>
		<u>147,773.25</u>

**REVENUE**

General	\$51,981.66
Community Building	\$10,145.63
Road Use	\$25,751.33
Local Option Sales Tax	\$16,166.98
TIF	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Trails	\$0.00
Sewer Rent	\$25,726.08
Sewer Sinking	\$653.00
Sewer Reserve	\$1,269.00
Solid Waste	\$14,679.13
	<u>\$146,372.81</u>

Weber motioned to approve the August claims as presented, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved.

During the open forum, Weber asked that we clarify who can contact the City Attorney and the City Engineer. Currently, the Mayor and the City Clerk can request work from the City Attorney, and the Mayor, the Clerk and the Street Superintendent can request work from the City Engineer. Keith Geyer asked about some large, commercial vehicles parked on East 1<sup>st</sup> St. He said it makes it hard to see and takes away from parking. He also said he was concerned about how fast traffic is driving on Hwy 7, and the speed limits approaching the City Limits from all directions. The Street Superintendent and the Mayor will address the parking on East 1<sup>st</sup> St., and the Sheriff's Dept. is responsible to address the speed on Hwy 7.

The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, Oct 10 and 6:00 PM, with a special, joint meeting schedule for Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 5:30 PM. There being no further business, Weber motioned to adjourn at 8:20 PM, seconded by Meyer, 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