

Dec. 4, 2017

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on the above date at the Council Chambers of the City of Alta. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Ron Neulieb, with the following members present: Pam Henderson, Denny Weber, Vi Tilk, and Lee Meyer. Absent: Kevin Walsh.

Weber moved, and Meyer seconded, to approve the agenda, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion carried. Tilk moved and Weber seconded to approve the minutes from the Nov. 6, 2017 Council meeting, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion carried.

Chief Reetz provided the written, monthly Fire Department report. He stated they received a 50% matching grant from the DNR that will be used for gear. They also applied for the Buena Vista County Foundation grant. The goal lately, with the grant money, has been to update the gear.

Discussion of the RV parking ordinance took place. The Attorney for the City of Alta, John Murray, was present. Katie McCann, Attorney for Mr. Rob Hach, was also available via speaker phone. John Murray spoke about the grandfather clause and clarified that. The Council listened to a question from Marie Michelson and remarks from Brandon Prinz. Lee Meyer left the meeting at 6:30 PM. Hach stated that he feels like the City of Alta has a personal vendetta against him, as he feels this is not the first time he has been singled out. Henderson said that was not her intent at all. She brought forward the minutes from the July, 2017 P&Z meeting that showed the intent of the P&Z, and the City Council, was to not allow parking of any kind on vacant lots. She did not mean for this to get so confusing and cause so many problems. Merely, the Council wants vacant lots to be bought and used to build on, rather than using for storage or parking lots. Henderson moved to discontinue Ordinance #17-04 Recreational Vehicle Parking Ordinance, as written. She recommends the P&Z reword and clarify the intent of the Ordinance and then bring forward to the City Council, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, Tilk. Motion approved. Ordinance #17-04 did not pass.

Caleb Rasmussen and John Murray spoke with the Council about the Drainage District #125 dissolution. They presented a letter that can be mailed to parcel owners, and another that can be used as the petition request. Much conversation took place on who would pay for the cost of dissolving the drainage district, the City of Alta or those located within the drainage district? Weber also asked if this is even necessary? Rasmussen explained what could potentially happen if the drainage district stays open. Weber moved to not do anything more with Drainage District #125 and drop the dissolution, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Weber and Tilk. Henderson voted nay. Motion approved.

Tilk introduced Ordinance #17-03 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015 ALTA ZONING ORDINANCE, BY AMENDING SECTION 11.5 FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES, and moved for its adoption, seconded by Weber. After due consideration, the roll was called, and the following vote recorded: Ayes- Henderson, Weber, and Tilk. Nays- None. The final reading was approved, and once published, Ordinance #17-03 will be in effect.

Henderson moved to renew the current health insurance plan for the 2018 calendar year, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, and Tilk. Motion approved.

Bill Sankey presented the written Sheriff's report. Andrea Hogrefe presented the Library report, and gave the Council the December calendar and the 2017 Statistical Summary that is turned in to the State of Iowa. She said they had about 115 visit during the Hometown Christmas event. No one was present for the Park Board. Brad Pedersen presented a written report for the Streets and Sanitation. After he entertained questions, he presented the Council with two quotes for two different tree trimming projects. Tilk moved to approve Jerry's Tree Service to remove two maple trees at 3rd and Buena Vista St. in the amount of \$1200 total, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, and Tilk. Motion approved. Henderson motioned to approve Jerry's Tree service for the winter trimming of trees in the amount of \$100/hr, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, and Tilk. Motion approved. Lastly, Pedersen said he was just notified by the DNR that he is able to eliminate some of the testing at the sewer plant. Code Officer Boyd presented the written Code Officer report. He plans on doing

rental inspections during the winter months. Weber asked who was responsible to enforce “covenants”, specifically in the Eighth Addition. Boyd will look in to it. Weber also asked that Boyd look in to the large pine tree at West Hwy and W. 7th St. It is hard to see around it at the intersection. No one was present for the Industrial Board report. The Mayor thanked the Council for working with him the last six years. Henderson presented for the Trail’s Committee. She said the drive trail head signage is done for B.V. County, and the Alta Trail’s Committee will decide where to put their allotted signs. In the Westview Trailer Park, it was noted that three trailers were taken out this year. It is a slow process. Willie Lang asked about rental inspections. Boyd said that as far as his paperwork shows, they are all owned trailers and it is very difficult to follow whether the owner, or a renter, is living in the trailer. It was suggested that Boyd compare his list of owners to the Alta Municipal Utilities list of who pay the utilities and see if they match up. Lang said some are in very poor condition and feels something needs to be done.

The Council approved moving forward with extending the tax abatement plan. They would like to offer tax abatement to remodels and new builds in the Industrial, Commercial Residential, and Multi-residential zoning. Clerk Peterson will work with the Attorney to edit our current plan and present to the Council at the January meeting.

Clerk Peterson went through the findings of the FY2017 Audit. Henderson moved to approve the FY2017 audit, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, and Tilk. Motion approved. Discussion took place regarding the target area of an upcoming CDBG grant application. Weber moved to approve the area south of W. 5th St. to W. 10th St., and East of Main St. to West Hwy, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, and Tilk. Motion approved. Weber moved to approve the Casey’s liquor permit, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, and Tilk. Motion approved. Weber moved to approve a 50% rent reduction to the Alta Community Building for the B.V. County Sheriff’s Reserve fundraising event, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, and Tilk. Motion approved.

November Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Advanced Systems	monthly contract	45.51
Alliant Energy	utilities	23.96
Alta Backpack Program	donation	500.00
Alta Methodist Church	reimbursement	175.00
Amazon.com	supplies	431.00
AMU	telephone/postage	445.32
AMU	utilities	872.96
Anderson/Mike	program	395.00
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	26.25
Boyd/Craig	mileage	60.48
Brown Supply	supplies	22.29
Budget Host Inn	travel	177.00
Buena Vista County		
Auditor	elections	1,456.78
Central Iowa Dist.	supplies	93.20
Counsel	copies	119.36
Country	subscription	12.98
Culligan	water	51.00
Des Moines Register	subscription	35.00
Ed Feld fire	supplies	644.40
First Coop	fuel	281.22
Hogrefe/Andrea	reimbursement	398.58
HyVee	supplies	71.03
Iowa Central C. C.	classes	570.00
Ingram	supplies	312.78

InStyle	subscription	29.95
International Light Inc.	supplies	784.82
Iowa Lakes C.C.	classes	3,338.00
Iowa League of Cities	training	780.00
ISG	engineering	35.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	218.76
King/Denise	reimbursement	196.46
Kolbeck, Inc.	service	2,475.00
L&G Products	supplies	89.55
Langner/Kirk	service	60.00
Lewis/Chad	program	330.00
Maple Valley Ag	service	25.00
Meyer/Katie	refund	18.00
Midwest Tape	supplies	73.97
Murray & Murray	legal rep.	130.00
Neotek	service	1,118.00
NW Iowa League of Cities	meeting	45.00
Office Elements	supplies	137.50
Petty Cash-Library	postage	10.47
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Rick Weinhold Const.	service	54.52
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals	128.92
Turnquist/Laura	reimbursement	82.82
USBank	contract	43.97
VanHouten/Sally	reimbursement	14.87
Weber/Denny	mileage	72.90
Wellmark BC/BS	health insurance	1,449.88
Younique Tree Service	service	830.00
		19,894.46

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	39.96
Alliant Energy	utilities	98.51
Alta Implement	supplies	251.35
AMU	telephone	34.74
AMU	utilities	949.23
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	62.48
Bomgaars	supplies	322.36
Dale B. Wetherell		
Trucking	supplies	1,467.15
First Coop	fuel	969.98
ISG	engineering	315.00
Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	37.18
Vetter Equipment	supplies	65.01
Wellmark BC/BS	health insurance	3,893.27
		8,506.22

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	133.81
AMU	telephone	85.17
AMU	utilities	2,792.12

Aqua Fix	supplies	394.55
Bomgaars	supplies	94.53
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	790.00
Control Systems Specialist	service	95.00
Electric Pump	supplies	1,177.00
ERA	testing	553.28
Fareway	supplies	31.08
Foundation Analytical	testing	315.00
Hach	supplies	337.20
L&G Products	supplies	327.75
Mangold	testing	850.50
Teledyne Instruments	supplies	334.00
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		<u>20,996.99</u>

COMMUNITY BLDG

FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	206.54
AMU	telephone	81.20
AMU	utilities	815.20
Bell/Ellen	cleaning	36.00
Bomgaars	supplies	3.36
Chestermans	supplies	93.75
Dearborn/Meagan	refund	25.00
Doll Distributing	beverages	1,186.00
Hinners/Ben	bartending	258.82
HyVee	supplies	1,508.53
Jacuinde/Yadira	bartending	87.13
Janitor's Closet	supplies	392.54
Johnson Brothers	supplies	112.80
Koth/Kevin	refund	200.00
Olsen welding	supplies	34.00
Schubert/Carla	bartending	143.50
Scooters	supplies	106.52
Strand/Dan	reimbursement	92.34
Underwood/Brian	bartending	79.44
		<u>5,462.67</u>

SOLID WASTE FUND:

First Coop		314.01
Rowley Recycling Center		2,593.41
		<u>2,907.42</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

L&G Products	supplies	478.20
Mann Construction	street projects	22,119.67
		<u>22,597.87</u>

DEBT SERVICE:

Heritage Bank	loan interest pmt.	1,458.98
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		<u>3,276.27</u>

PAYROLL

November	47,862.33
	131,504.23

NOVEMBER REVENUE

General	20,247.04
Community Building	11,149.79
Road Use	21,749.50
Local Option Sales Tax	25,441.66
TIF	4,152.21
Debt Service	1,896.49
Library	11.50
Trails	0.00
Sewer Rent	26,708.38
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	15,509.60
	128,788.17

After some discussion about certain bills, Weber moved to approve the November claims in the amount of \$131,504.23, seconded by Henderson, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, and Tilk. Motion carried. During the open forum, Marie Michelson asked the Council to please remember the NE side of town when applying for the next CDBG grant. Henderson thanked the Council and Mayor working with her over the past twelve years. Clerk Peterson presented Henderson with a certificate and Neulieb with a plaque for their years of service to the City of Alta. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8, 2018 at 6:00 PM. There being no further business, Henderson moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Weber, and Tilk. Motion carried.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Al Clark, Mayor