

Aug. 6, 2018

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 Al Clark, with the following members present: Willie Lang, Wes Bunjes, Vi Tilk, and Denny Weber. Absent: Kevin Walsh.

Weber moved, and Tilk seconded, to approve the agenda, with the following members voting aye: Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried. Tilk moved, and Weber seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 2 regular meeting and the July 23 special meeting, with the following members voting aye: Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

In the open forum, Gloria Sanders presented the Council with an email reply from the DOT stating they are going to do some work, in the near future, on the "bumps" on Hwy 7. Mike Mitchell asked if he treats his tree, that is in the City Right of Way, for the Emerald Ash Borer, if he would be allowed to keep it, or if the City is planning on cutting down all ash trees. Mayor Clark explained that the City will only cut down dead trees. If the treatment works, the City will not cut it down. Chris Ledoux explained that she was removed from the P&Z for breaking an Ordinance, but she knows of other board/Council members that are breaking Ordinances and they are not being removed. She feels she is being singled out.

Fire Chief Reetz provided a written monthly report. He also answered a few questions about the new fire truck. Deputy Niemeier presented the written Sheriff's report and introduced himself as a new Deputy for Buena Vista County. Librarian Hogrefe presented an August calendar of events and some different learning websites they have contracts with. Jim Sanders represented the Park Board and said they are addressing the cracks in the basketball court, and looking at getting the two buildings near the basketball court torn down. Street Superintendent Pedersen presented his monthly written report. Pedersen put out information to get bids to "top" some ash trees around town, but only 1 company has responded with a quote. Weber motioned to approve the lowest bid, not to exceed \$2225, seconded by Bunjes, with the following members voting aye: Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried. Pedersen reported that the company building the garbage truck is currently waiting on a part for the chassis. Code Enforcer Hess presented his written monthly report. He presented the Council with a hold harmless agreement that he could use if he is requested to find property stakes. He also asked the Council to purchase a few necessary items to make finding property stakes easier. Discussion took place, and it was decided that the City will not be responsible to find citizens property stakes. If citizens can't find them, they will need to hire a licensed surveyor to find the stakes. Mayor Clark updated the Council on his activities that past month. He mentioned he has been in contact with the Canadian National Railroad about the rough crossing on Lake St. Tom Lane gave the Westview Trailer Park report. He said there have been no recent improvements from the owner.

Albert City is the host to the Buena Vista Freedom Rock. They are seeking monetary donations and a rock from each town in Buena Vista County. Weber moved to donate \$500 to the Albert City Chamber, along with a rock, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried. Superintendent Pedersen spoke with the Council about filling the NE 1st St. ditches, to make sure the drainage is correct. Lang motioned to have Pedersen move forward and get a quote from ISG, seconded by Bunjes. Tilk voted nay, Weber abstained due to being an abutting property owner, and Lang and Bunjes voted aye. Motion carried.

Council discussion took place regarding City's plan to remove dead, diseased, or dying trees and limbs. Everyone was reminded that if a tree is removed from the City Right of Way, the homeowner is responsible to grind the stump down, and replace it with another, approved tree. The Council then discussed the future Alta Community Building annex and apartment. Mayor Clark will continue discussions with a potential commercial renter to occupy the annex. The Mayor and Council also are considering raising the rent of the apartment. More discussion will take place at the next meeting. The Mayor directed the Planning and Zoning Commission to work with the B.V. County Sheriff's department on a traffic study, especially focusing on speeding and missed stop signs. The Planning and Zoning Commission will name a Chairman at their next meeting. Lastly, Weber approved to close down the South half of the 100 block of Division St., the East part of 6th St., from Cherokee St. to the alley, and the 600 block of Prospect St., for National Night Out block parties, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

July Bills:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
ACE Hardware	supplies	2.99
Alliant Energy	utilities	742.01
Alta Implement	supplies	23.62
AMU	telephone/postage	681.51
AMU	utilities	2,073.36
Alta-Aurelia Comm. School	service	75.00
B.V. County Attorney	collections	9.00
B.V. County Emerg. Mgmt	dues	564.90
B.V. County Recorder	28E	52.00
Bomgaars	supplies	224.28
Cardmember Services	supplies	495.89
Counsel	copies	65.34
Dearborn National	adjustment	19.50
Ed Feld Fire	supplies	34,574.44
Fire Proof Plus	service	1,163.35
First Coop	supplies	680.72
GOES	insurance	482.00
Hach	supplies	136.00
Halogen Supply	supplies	35.74
Hawkins	supplies	133.43
Hess/Matt	mileage	305.75
Hirschman Auto	repairs	36.04
Holiday Inn	supplies	201.60
Ingram	supplies	142.20
ISG	engineering	35.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	216.69
Kolbeck Grinding	service	1,512.50
Kuhrts Sharpening	service	30.00
Mack, Hansen, Armstrong	legal	363.00
Neotek	contract	186.00
NW IA. League of Cities	FY19 dues	25.00
Olsen Welding	service	3,146.42
Overhead Door	supplies	126.44
OverDrive	contract	484.79
P&H wholesale	supplies	32.64
Power Solutions	supplies	33.05
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
S.L. Pilot Tribune	publications	190.08
State Library of Iowa	FY19 Bridges	197.98
Treasurer, State of Iowa	sales tax	562.70
USBank	contract	87.94
VECTOR	FY19 dues	3,585.07
Wede's Lock Service	supplies	36.00
Xerox Financial Services	lease	138.48
		54,010.45

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	41.70
Alta Implement	supplies	41.08
AMU	telephone	41.86
AMU	utilities	645.94
Bomgaars	supplies	154.52
Brown Supply Co.	supplies	470.00
Carroll Cons. Supply	supplies	1,471.44
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	1,915.29
Dale Wetherell Trucking	service	639.30
Dearborn National	adjustment	24.50
Fastenal	supplies	38.15
First Coop	fuel	1,022.56
GOES	insurance	131.00
Iowa Prison Industries	supplies	476.25
Kueny Chiropractic	service	1,087.00
SCE, LLE	supplies	70.32
Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	65.80
Vista Pints	supplies	62.35
		8,399.06

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	35.77
AMU	telephone	87.00
AMU	utilities	2,673.47
Aquafix	supplies	773.88
Bomgaars	supplies	25.37
Cardmember Services	service	220.00
Electric Pump	service/supplies	1,861.55
Fareway	supplies	40.77
First Coop	supplies	9.84
Foundation Analytical	testing	52.50
Hach	supplies	379.05
ISG	G.I.S.	627.26
Iowa DNR	permit fee	210.00
Mangold	testing supplies	424.50
Power Solutions	supplies	73.60
The UPS Store	postage	40.68
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
Ziegler	contract	4,857.74
		25,078.98

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Abbott/Rob	bartending	71.75
Alliant Energy	utilities	33.53
AMU	telephone	92.45
AMU	utilities	1,292.57
Cardmember Services	supplies	21.94
Chestermans	soda	156.00

Control Systems Specialists	service	3,237.44
Doll Distributing	beverages	1,308.90
Fire Proof Plus	service	84.50
First Coop	weed killer	4.73
Hinners/Ben	bartending	384.39
HyVee	bar supplies	1,900.87
Janitor's Closet	supplies	193.05
Johnson Brothers	supplies	1,030.07
Marshall/Kevin	bartending	66.63
Schubert/Carla	bartending	166.57
Underwood/Brian	bartending	79.44
Wede's Lock Service	fix lock	80.00
		10,204.83

SOLID WASTE FUND:

Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	34.19
First Coop	supplies	385.59
North Lake Truck repair	service	365.87
Rowley Recycling Center	useage	3,512.12
		4,263.58

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Aurelia Lumber	supplies	184.00
Carroll Cons. Supply	supplies	791.09
Hancock Concrete	supplies	58.00
Smith Concrete	supplies	624.00
		1,657.09

PAYROLL

July		45,684.72
		149,298.71

JULY REVENUE

General	12,911.94
Community Building	15,217.81
Road Use	17,957.76
Local Option Sales Tax	17,176.98
TIF	0.00
Debt Service	603.90
Library	0.00
Trails	0.00
Sewer Rent	24,266.62
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	14,350.23
	104,407.24

Tilk moved to approve the July claims in the amount of \$149,298.71, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 6:00

PM at the Alta City Hall. There being no further business, Weber moved to adjourn at 7:15 PM, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Al Clark, Mayor