

July 1, 2019

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: Kevin Walsh, Willie Lang, Wes Bunjes, Vi Tilk, and Denny Weber. Absent: none.

Weber moved, and Tilk seconded, to approve the agenda, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried. Tilk moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 4 regular meeting, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

Weber introduced the final reading of Ordinance #19-03 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALTA, IOWA 2014 BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES, and moved for its adoption, seconded by Walsh. After due consideration, the roll was called, and the following vote recorded: Ayes- Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk and Weber. Ordinance #19-03 is approved and will be in effect following publication on July 8, 2019. Tilk moved, and Lang seconded, to approve Resolution #19-03 Establishing Fire Service Fee Schedule, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved.

Keith Geyer asked the Council to reconsider refunding the sewer charge from the February bill that was denied in June. He explained to the Council that the floor is dirt, so nothing went into the sewer to be treated. Weber moved to refund \$241.07 to the account holder, seconded by Walsh, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Tilk, and Weber. Lang and Bunjes voted nay. Motion approved. Keith Geyer then spoke with the Council about his concerns with the speed limit on the West side of town, on Hwy 7. The Mayor said he would look into it and make some calls to the IDOT and see what he could do. Roger and Lynn Radke are considering building a condo/townhouse on their lot #3 in the Eighth Addition. They don't have access to the lot because the ditch is so deep. They are asking to help provide fill dirt to fill in the ditch area to build a driveway to the lot. The Council is willing to help, but the first step will be a Board of Adjustment meeting to see if they can get a variance on the setbacks. A second bill was sent to the City of Alta for a damaged patio swing from Matthew Wolff. Mr. Wolff was encouraged to attend the July 1 Council meeting so the Council could get a few questions answered, but he was not in attendance. Weber moved, and Bunjes seconded, to not pay the \$50 bill to Mr. Wolff, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

Deputy Chavez presented the written Sheriff's report, and introduced Blake as the new BV County Deputy. Kirk Reetz provided a written monthly report for the Fire Department. He said they are down another member, as Steve VandeWeerd moved, but he is still comfortable with the numbers. The new fire truck did not pass the inspection, so they are working on fixing those items and it will be reinspected. The final payment has not been mailed. Director Andrea Hogrefe and Board member Gretchen Miller were present for the Library report. They said the Zoo visit was another success, and they are providing logs to encourage kids to read over the summer. Tilk moved, and Bunjes seconded, to take \$1318.95 out of the library reserve account, to pay back the general fund the amount that the library went over budget, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. Randy Erickson presented for the Park Board. The pool opened May 31. Per the Council's request, the Park Board is getting a quote to take out the fireplace at the shelter house. Trimming in the park has been addressed. The Park Board had to let one lifeguard go, due to not following policies. Street Superintendent Pedersen provided a written report. The Council approved hiring Zack Lukkes for summer help at \$10/hour, and Matthew Edwards in a part-time, seasonal role at \$10/hour. Removal of ash trees has started, and Brad will need professional help with some trees that are too close to houses. Weber moved, and Lang seconded to approve contracting with Blacktop Services to resurface some alleys and Veteran's Drive in the amount of \$39,361.35, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. One garbage truck bid was opened for the amount of \$5000. At that price point, the Council decided to not sell the garbage truck for \$5000 and will keep it and use it when needed. Pedersen informed the Council that Lake Animal Hospital will no longer take stray cats. The Council agreed that the City will no longer pick up cats, since we have nowhere to bring them, until other arrangements have been made. Lang moved, and Walsh seconded, to approve the bid for the Case payload, in the amount of \$128,906.64, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. Code Enforcer Hess presented his written monthly report. Council Member Tilk would like to see plans and building permits when people apply for them. He and Clerk

Peterson will look into the mowing ordinance and get that placed on the next agenda. The partition has been removed at the Alta Community Building. The Mayor reported he has been busy with phone calls throughout the month.

Walsh moved, and Weber seconded, to approve the sidewalk replacement grant in the amount of \$251.58 for Randy Lichtenberg, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. Tilk moved, and Weber seconded, to approve a 3% raise for all full-time City employees, effective July 1, 2019, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Megan Peterson will go from a salary of \$53,019 to \$54,600. Brad Pedersen will go from \$26.79/hr to \$27.59/hr. Fred Theisen will go from \$22.33/hr to \$23.00/hr. Gabe McCormick will go from \$18.00/hr to \$18.54/hr. Thomas Lane will go from \$18.00/hr to \$18.54/hr. Matt Hess will go from \$18/hr to \$18.54/hr. Council had discussion about possible expansion for the sewer plant and the maintenance shed. More discussion will take place in the future. A special meeting regarding this was scheduled for Wed., July 17 at 6:00 PM.

June Bills Payable:

<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Alliant Energy	utilities	824.42
AMU	telephone	382.30
AMU	utilities/postage	2,501.49
Aronson Plumbing	service	45.00
Blank Park Zoo	program	155.31
Bomgaars	supplies	488.16
B.V. County EMS Training Academy	service	1,215.00
Buena Vista County Treasurer	service	288.00
Buena Vista Sheriff's office	contract	28,034.67
Cardmember Services	supplies	445.13
CID	supplies	247.20
Daktronics	supplies	650.00
Damewood/Chandler	service	194.75
Ed Feld Fire	supplies	10,646.75
Electronic Engineering	supplies	16.00
Elston/Carson	service	107.63
Fastenal	supplies	59.66
First Coop	fuel/supplies	1,466.07
Friedrich Ag, Inc.	service	335.04
GOES Insurance	insurance	245.03
Grainger	supplies	368.21
Halogen Supply	supplies	26.14
Hawkins	supplies	45.32
Hess/Matt	mileage	301.02
Iowa League of Cities	FY20 dues	1,258.00
Issa/Zach	service	194.75
Jerry's Tree Service	service	300.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	221.88
Kueny/Michael	service	194.75
Kuhrts Sharpening	service	12.00
Lukkes/Zach	service	235.75
Mork/Keaton	service	92.25
Neotek	service	186.00
P&H Wholesale	supplies	12.57

Pedersen/Richard	service	150.00
Peterson/Megan	reimbursement	346.68
Pitney Bowes	supplies	138.24
Pool Tech	supplies	7,500.00
Power Solutions	supplies/labor	1,568.06
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Reetz/Kirk	reimbursement	150.80
RJThomas	supplies	1,805.00
S.L. Bakery	supplies	29.75
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals	129.36
Strand/Dave	labor	100.00
The UPS Store	postage	11.73
USBank	contract	154.25
VanMeter, Inc.	supplies	246.55
		<b>64,226.67</b>

**ROAD USE TAX FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	62.95
Alta Implement	supplies	12,718.00
AMU	telephone	43.92
AMU	utilities	679.55
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	54.40
Bobcat	supplies	4,170.12
Bomgaars	supplies	295.43
Cardmember Services	supplies	139.65
CCP	supplies	28.87
Edwards Auto	supplies	26,716.00
First Coop	fuel	582.97
GOES Insurance	insurance	66.97
North Lake Truck Repair	supplie	512.89
Pedersen/Brad	reimbursement	60.00
Power Solutions	service	592.93
		<b>46,724.65</b>

**SEWER RENT FUND:**

AeroMod	supplies	563.85
Alliant Energy	utilities	130.44
AMU	telephone	95.02
AMU	utilities	2,605.48
AquaFix	supplies	2,231.00
Clark/Diane	reimbursement	176.55
Fareway	supplies	50.80
First Coop	supplies	34.40
Foundation Analytical	testing	1,482.85
GPM	supplies	336.00
Sioux Valley Environmental	supplies	560.00
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		<b>20,952.39</b>

**COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	87.41
AMU	telephone	96.10

AMU	utilities	768.39
Chestermans	supplies	60.75
Control Systems	supplies	36,875.64
Doll Distributing	supplies	1,121.60
First Coop	supplies	34.41
GOES	liquor liability	1,349.36
Hinners/Ben	bartending	243.45
HyVee	supplies	922.14
Iowa ABD	liquor license	1,482.00
Iowa Division of Labor	service	80.00
Jacuinde/Yadira	bartending	87.13
Meyer/Natalie	bartending	87.13
Meyer/Nicole	bartending	125.56
Schubert/Carla	bartending	158.88
Strand/Dan	bartending	576.88
Werner Sewer & Septic	service	110.00
		<u>44,266.83</u>

**SOLID WASTE FUND:**

First Coop	fuel	403.80
GOES Insurance	insurance	63.00
Pedersen/Richard	rent	1,000.00
Rowley Recycle Center	useage	22,149.01
Storm Lake Hydraulics	servcie	158.90
		<u>23,774.71</u>

**CAPITAL PROJECTS:**

Bomgaars	supplies	149.50
Frank Dunn	supplies	799.00
		<u>948.50</u>

**PAYROLL**

JUNE		<u>29,011.31</u>
		<u>229,905.06</u>

**JUNE REVENUE**

General	16747.28
Trees Forever	3800.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	7909.50
Road Use	19708.16
Employee Benefits	315.92
Local Option Sales Tax	15741.53
TIF	0.00
Debt Service	338.89
Library	0.00
Sewer Rent	26755.58
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1269.00
Solid Waste	16904.53
	<u>110,143.39</u>

Weber moved to approve the June claims in the amount of \$229,905.06, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. Tom Lane presented in the open forum and complained about garbage blowing down the Benson St. alley. Code Officer Hess will get the problem taken care of. He said that Westview Trailer Park is scheduling their own clean up day. The Comprehensive Plan special meeting was scheduled for Wed., Aug. 21, at 6:00 PM. There being no further business, Lang moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Megan Peterson, City Clerk

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Al Clark, Mayor