

August 5, 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. Walsh moved, and Bunjes seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 1 regular meeting and the July 17 special meeting, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

Randy Tilk presented two requests for release from AMU/City of Alta to Iowa Lakes Regional Water for water service. Walsh moved, and Lang seconded, to release Ron and Georgia Weaver, and Dan and Sue Pedersen, from AMU/City of Alta water service to ILRW, under the stipulation that if the City of Alta annexes any land containing any customers of ILRW, the City of Alta shall have the right to provide water service, following FIVE of the "Agreement in Regard to Water Service Area and Plan for Water Service". Motion approved with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, and Tilk. Weber voted nay.

Jim Eaton presented the Council. He asked for permission to burn trees on his property. Councilmember Walsh suggested Eaton speak with the DNR about different burning provisions, as the Mayor believes he cannot burn trees within ¼ mile of any residence. He said that the utilities have done work with no easement, and the neighbors are encroaching on his property with landscaping, and nothing has been enforced. He asked why the stop signs on the East side of town were approved, as he feels they are inconvenient. He also mentioned that Lake St. is like an obstacle course with people parking in the middle of the street.

Ross Parcel approached the Council to get permission to tile the crick that is running West off his property to his pond. He would like to control the silt and be able to make that more usable space. Parcel said he would like to connect to the 24" tile that runs under Maple Creek Road. He would use a 30" tile to go to the pond. He has spoken with ISG, the IDNR, and the Iowa Corp of Engineers. He was told that neither entity has jurisdiction, so there are no permits to file. The Mayor and Council are concerned on if it will restrict the waterflow and cause problems for neighbors. Parcel said the 24" tile would be the most restrictive, so that would be the one causing problems. The Council decided to table it until more information can be obtained from ISG, regarding the water flow and engineering.

Tilk moved, and Lang seconded to approve a noise variance on Saturday, Aug. 24, and a street closure at Main and 2nd St. from Friday, Aug. 23 – Sunday, Aug. 25 for the Ride For a Cause Fundraiser. Motion approved with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Tilk moved, and Bunjes seconded, to approve the sidewalk and a few parking spots to be closed off on Saturday, Aug. 31, from noon – midnight, for the kick off of college football. Motion approved with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber.

Deputy Nelson presented the written Sheriff's report. He noted they did a bicycle safety class for Ready, Set, Grow, and also took part in the County wide disaster drill. Kirk Reetz provided a written monthly report for the Fire Department. He noted that the Fireman's Appreciation supper is on Sunday, Aug. 25. Funds raised will be used to purchase an extractor and dryer for their gear, in the amount of about \$16,000. The new tanker is here, and there will be an open house on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 8-9 am at the Fire Station. The next vehicle to replace is the quick attack rescue unit. Director Andrea Hogrefe and Board member Jeri Kolpin were present for the Library report. They received a grant in the amount of \$1057 for Children's programming. Randy Erickson presented for the Park Board. A pool meeting in which the public is encouraged to attend, is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:45 PM at the Alta City Hall. A post-season Ball Committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 18 at 4:00 PM at Alta City Hall. Street Superintendent Pedersen was not available for the meeting. The Council discussed purchasing 2.5 acres near the sewer plant, for future expansion. Weber moved, and Tilk seconded to get the area surveyed and have the City Attorney move forward with putting together a contract for the purchase, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. Clerk Peterson informed the Council that the meter for the Lake Creek sewer readings has not been working properly in many months. The current billable number is based off the water usage. Weber moved to use a 12-month average of gallons used, plus 25%, with no reimbursement for possible overcharging, for the upcoming months

that the meter is broke, seconded by Lang, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. Code Enforcer Hess presented his written monthly report. He is struggling to get a P&Z meeting set up, but will make it a priority. The P&Z need to name a board chair and talk about hard surface parking. In the Mayor's report, the Mayor presented his Mayor's Meeting Policy. He also stated that the 45 mph speed limit sign on Hwy 7, on the west side of town, has been approved to move west 300 ft.

No action was taken on approving Resolution #19-05 – Procurement Policy. The dividers around the kitchen got taken out, when the main divider was taken out. Weber moved, and Bunjes seconded, to get a new divider for the kitchen from Aurelia Lumber. Motion approved with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber.

July Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Advanced Systems, Inc.	contract	248.71
Alliant Energy	utilities	818.91
Amazon	supplies	812.21
AMU	telephone/postage	637.37
AMU	utilities	2,309.48
AMU	service	6,500.00
Bomgaars	supplies	160.85
Brown/Destiny	service	25.00
B.V. County Emergency Mgmt.	service	564.90
Buena Vista County Attorney	service	129.60
Cardmember Services	supplies	1,690.96
CID	supplies	25.80
City of Alta	supplies	18.00
Colorize	supplies	51.90
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	599.53
Culligan	supplies	90.75
Des Moines Register	subscription	52.00
Fire Proof Plus	service	536.50
First Coop	fuel	469.85
Foundation Analytical	testing	39.00
GOES Insurance	insurance	536.00
Grainger	supplies	71.51
Halogen Supply	supplies	52.76
Hawkins	supplies	60.00
Hess/Matt	mileage	244.76
Hirschman Auto	repairs	299.10
Hogrefe/Adnrea	reimbursement	433.98
Huss/Laurie	reimbursement	14.03
HyVee	supplies	185.34
Ingram	supplies	1,079.38
Jester Puppets	service	350.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	206.25
Kuhrts Sharpening	service	24.00
Langner/Kirk	reimbursement	54.40
Mork/Keaton	service	71.75
Neotek	service	186.00
Office Systems	contract	66.87

P&H Wholesale	supplies	114.10
Petty Cash - library	postage	31.65
Pool Tech	supplies	3,467.50
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
RJThomas	supplies	223.25
Rowland Racing	supplies	159.98
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals	174.24
Struss/Katie	service	25.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	sales tax	514.00
USBank	contract	107.35
VanHouten/Sally	reimbursement	7.00
VECTOR	FY20 dues	3,779.68
Xerox	contract	138.48

28,559.68

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	19.99
Alliant Energy	utilities	36.14
AMU	telephone	43.03
AMU	utilities	698.36
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	215.99
Bomgaars	supplies	70.21
Cardmember Services	supplies	242.80
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	359.72
Dale Wetherell trucking	supplies	627.84
Diamond Vogel	supplies	1,777.55
EZLiner	supplies	21.64
First Coop	fuel	750.79
GOES Insurance	insurance	501.00
Lichtenberg/Randy	reimbursement	251.58
North Lake Truck Repair	supplies	110.54
Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	68.28
VISTA Paints	supplies	73.95

5,869.41

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	42.20
AMU	telephone	96.36
AMU	utilities	2,701.60
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	33.28
Bomgaars	supplies	97.14
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	119.91
ERA	testing	521.76
Fareway	supplies	35.64
Foundation Analytical	testing	980.85
Grainger	supplies	779.53
Hach	supplies	321.10
IDNR	permit	210.00
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
Ziegler	service	4,647.29

23,272.66

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	33.45
AMU	telephone	96.10
AMU	utilities	1,425.98
Chestermans	supplies	81.00
CID	supplies	179.00
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	119.91
DePrez/Darell	service	1,152.00
Doll Distributing	supplies	1,935.95
Fire Proof Plus	service	150.00
Hinners/Ben	bartending	317.76
HyVee	supplies	884.61
Jacuinde/Yadira	bartending	87.13
Johnson Brothers	supplies	399.76
Meyer/Natalie	bartending	199.88
Meyer/Nicole	bartending	71.75
Schubert/Carla	bartending	312.64
Strand/Dan	bartending	128.13
		7,575.05

SOLID WASTE FUND:

Bomgaars	supplies	26.97
First Coop	fuel	906.81
Rowley Recycle Center	useage	2,885.56
		3,819.34

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	49.60
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	176.87
Carroll Const. Supply	supplies	145.22
GCC	supplies	5,978.00
Redings	supplies	2,270.83
		8,620.52

PAYROLL

JULY	49,137.31
	126,853.97

JUNE REVENUE

General	32919.08
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	5699.89
Road Use	19437.72
Employee Benefits	374.02
Local Option Sales Tax	15976.97
TIF	0.00
Debt Service	401.21
Library	0.00
Sewer Rent	22450.37
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1269.00

Solid Waste

13210.12

112,391.38

Weber moved to approve the July claims in the amount of \$112,391.38, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. Tom Lane presented in the open forum. He said that the garbage problem on Benson St. has been resolved. He also said that Westview Trailer Park had a clean-up day and the owner provided four dumpsters and they were all full. The Comprehensive Plan special meeting has been scheduled for Wed., Aug. 21, at 6:00 PM, and the next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, Sept. 9, due to the Labor Day Holiday. There being no further business, Tilk moved to adjourn at 7:22 PM, seconded by Lang, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Al Clark, Mayor