

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 Kevin Walsh, with the following members present: Pam Henderson, Willie Lang, Wes Bunjes, Les Mann, and Tom Lane. Absent: none.

Lang moved, and Mann seconded, to approve the agenda, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Henderson moved, and Lane seconded, to approve the minutes from the Dec. 2 regular meeting, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

During the open forum, Jim Sanders thanked Mayor Walsh for moving the open forum to the beginning of the meeting, rather than the end. Nothing else was presented during open forum.

Fire Chief Reetz provided a written report for the month of December, as well as a historical report for 2019. Bunjes moved, and Lang seconded to approve the appointment of Kirk Reetz as Fire Chief for 2020, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. The Fire Dept. had voted Reetz in as Chief prior to the Council appointment. Deputy Chavez, Randy Erickson, and Andrea Hogrefe presented written reports for the Sheriff’s Dept., Park Board, and Library, respectively. No questions were asked. Street Superintendent Pedersen presented a written report. He noted that he is still working on the copper numbers at the sewer plant. Discussion took place regarding the ash trees in town and what the plan is. Council directed Pedersen to get some bids on taking down additional ash trees this fiscal year and present them at the February meeting. Nothing was presented under the Code Enforcement report, and Mayor Walsh presented a written Mayor’s report.

Lane moved, and Henderson seconded, to appoint Megan Peterson as the City Clerk for the next two years. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lang moved, and Mann seconded, to appoint Gary Armstrong as City Attorney for the next two year. Lang, Bunjes, Mann, and Lane voted aye, with Henderson voting nay. Motion carried. Mayor Walsh appointed Wes Bunjes as Mayor Pro-tem for the next two years. The following committees were established:

- Personnel: Pam Henderson and Willie Lang      Code Enforcement: Les Mann and Wes Bunjes
- Recreation: Pam Henderson and Tom Lane      Infrastructure: Willie Lang and Tom Lane
- Hosing and Industrial Development: Les Mann and Wes Bunjes

Lang moved, and Mann seconded to approve Megan Peterson, Bradley Pedersen, Kevin Walsh, Wes Bunjes, and Pam Henderson as approved check signers. Two signatures are required on each check. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded to designate the Storm Lake Pilot Tribune as the official newspaper of the City of Alta. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Discussion took place regarding the code enforcement position. The Council agreed to start advertising for a part-time position (24-30 hours/week) in the three local newspapers during the month of January. Wage will be established based on experience. Lang moved, and Lane seconded to approve Resolution #20-01 Credit Card/Fuel Debit Card Policy. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved, and Mann seconded, to approve Resolution #20-02 Authorizing the City Clerk to Destroy Certain Record of the City of Alta, Iowa, in Accordance with Section 372.13(5) of the Iowa Code. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Mann moved, and Lang seconded, to place a \$30 ad in the 2019/2020 Alta-Aurelia High School yearbook with the current logo. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

December Bills Payable:

<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
A-A Music Boosters	supplies	48.49
Advanced Systems, Inc.	service	175.3
Alex Air Apparatus	supplies	716.94
Alliant Energy	utilities	32.88
Amazon	supplies	730.16
AMU	telephone/postage	407.11
AMU	utilities	1,374.98
AMU	postage	133.00

B.V. Co. Auditor	supplies	1,661.68
B.V. Co. Extension Service	service	60.00
B.V. Co. Sheriff	service	25,000.00
Center Point Large Print	supplies	99.28
Central Iowa Distributing	supplies	106.00
Constructive Playthings	supplies	305.88
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	566.18
Culligan	supplies	47.70
Demco	supplies	99.29
Ed Feld Fire	supplies	2,661.50
First Coop	fuel	152.82
Hinners/Sharon	service	20.00
Hirschman Auto	supplies	1,161.00
HyVee	supplies	51.33
Ingram	supplies	962.51
Iowa Library Association	dues	71.00
Iowa Poetry Association	supplies	9.00
Janitor's Closet	supplies	139.52
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	328.14
Neotek	contract	422.78
Olsen Welding	supplies	558.64
Oriental Trading	supplies	18.59
Peterson/Megan	reimbursement	65.54
Petty Cash - library	postage	31.30
Pilot Rock Signs	supplies	440.00
Pitney Bowes	service	138.24
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals	132.00
T.P. Anderson & Co.	audit	6,500.00
Turnquist/Laura	reimbursement	20.88
USBank	copier contract	107.29
Xerox	lease	108.33
Ziegler Cat	supplies	2,889.36
		<b>48,654.64</b>

**ROAD USE TAX FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	327.80
Alpha Wireless	contract	300.00
AMU	telephone	44.39
AMU	utilities	1,179.48
Bomgaars	supplies	315.47
Cardmember Services	supplies	350.12
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	1,698.50
Dale Wetherell trucking	supplies	635.70
First Coop	fuel	1,302.77
Lane/Thomas	reimbursement	150.00
McCormick/Gabe	reimbursement	196.67
Miller Farm Drainage	supplies	39.00
North Lake Truck repair	supplies	27.92
Olsen Welding	supplies	566.18

Pedersen/Brad	reimbursement	71.99
Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	289.74
		<u>7,495.73</u>

**SEWER RENT FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	295.71
AMU	telephone	96.72
AMU	utilities	2,583.48
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	251.37
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	377.45
Fareway	supplies	91.27
Foundation Analytical	testing	1,464.70
Hach	supplies	1,743.51
Mike's Electronics	supplies	990.78
NBS Calibrations	service	181.00
Olsen Welding	supplies	170.00
Schoon Construction	service	6,710.00
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		<u>27,641.99</u>

**COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:**

Ace Hardware	supplies	6.99
Alliant Energy	utilities	449.09
AMU	telephone	96.90
AMU	utilities	635.78
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	19.56
Bomgaars	supplies	123.90
Continental Research Corp.	supplies	1,132.40
Control Systems Specialists	supplies	1,540.00
Strand/Dan	management	500.00
Vista Paints	supplies	337.45
		<u>4,842.07</u>

**SOLID WASTE FUND:**

First Coop	fuel	334.26
Rowley Recycling Center	useage	22,667.68
		<u>23,001.94</u>

**DEBT SERVICE:**

United Bank of Iowa	principal/interest	1,331.66
		<u>1,331.66</u>

**PAYROLL**

DECEMBER		<u>36,758.05</u>
		<u>149,726.08</u>

**DECEMBER REVENUE**

General	32,161.72
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	714.99
Road Use	14,922.88
Employee Benefits	6,225.59
Local Option Sales Tax	17,074.43

TIF	2,315.03
Debt Service	0.00
Library	0.00
Sewer Rent	25,685.91
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	10,241.41
	<b>111,263.96</b>

Henderson moved to approve the December claims in the amount of \$149,726.08, seconded by Mann. Motion carried with all members voting aye. The public hearing for the setting the max spending levy was set for Feb. 3 at 6:00 PM. A budget workshop was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 20 at 6:00 PM. There being no further business, Henderson moved to adjourn at 7:15 PM, seconded by Mann. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Attest:

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Megan Peterson, City Clerk

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Kevin Walsh, Mayor