

February 2, 2020

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 (present via telephone), and Tom Lane. Absent: none.

Approval of Fire Fighter C. Chanthavysouk was added to the agenda. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the amended agenda, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Henderson moved, and Lane seconded, to approve the minutes from the Jan. 6 regular meeting, and the Jan. 22 special meeting, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

During the open forum, Mr. John Chirinos expressed concern about changing the covenants in the 8th Addition. Mayor Walsh explained that the talk about changing the covenants has just started, and that the residents within the 8th Addition will certainly be involved if any changes are proposed.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for the Public Hearing on the FY21 Proposed Maximum Tax Levy and opened the hearing at 6:08 PM. One written objection had been received. Mr. John Chirinos and Mr. Al Clark both asked questions about the max levy and how the Council planned on spending the additional tax dollars. After some discussion, The Mayor closed the hearing at 6:25 PM. Henderson introduced Resolution #20-03 Maximum Property Tax Dollars next hereinafter set out, and moved that the said resolution be adopted, seconded by Lane; and after due consideration thereof by the City Council, the Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – Henderson, Lane, Lang, and Mann. Nays – Bunjes. Whereupon, the Mayor declared Resolution #20-03 adopted.

Fire Chief Reetz provided a written report for the month of January. The Fireman's Association will be having a fundraiser at the Alta Community Center on Feb. 22, and asked for a reduced rent. Lang moved, and Henderson seconded to reduce the rent for the day of the event by 50% with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Lane moved, and Lang seconded, to approve Cola Chanthavysouk to the Alta Fire Department, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. No one was present to give the Sheriff's report. Heidi Reetz presented the Park Board report. She gave the City Council an update on the joint effort between to the Park Board and the Alta Warrior PTO to raise funds to update the parks within Alta. Reetz stated tentatively the Park Board would like \$75,000 to update the park by the shelter house, and the school is trying to raise about \$150,000 to update the wood park on the school property. There is a Fiesta fundraiser scheduled for Feb. 29 at the Alta Community Center. Lang moved to waive the entire \$400 rental fee for the Alta Community Center on Feb. 29, seconded by Henderson, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Lang, Mann, and Lane. Bunjes voted nay. Motion carried. Library Director Hogrefe provided a written report along with the February monthly calendar. Some budget questions were asked. She also stated they are currently going through the accreditation process, which is good for five years. Street Superintendent Pedersen presented a written report. He is still working on the copper levels, but they are now within acceptable range. He received bids from Jerry's Tree Service and Younique Tree Service to take down trees in two areas of south Main St. The bids were divided into Estimate A and Estimate B. Henderson moved to accept the low bids in the amount of \$6,700 for Estimate A and \$5,200 for Estimate B from Younique Tree Service AND with the understanding that it is Younique Tree Services responsibility to sub-contract out if any of the trees are too tall, seconded by Lang, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Mayor Walsh presented a written Mayor's report.

Henderson introduced Resolution #20-04 A Resolution Naming Depositories and next hereinafter set out, and moved that the said resolution be adopted, seconded by Mann; and after due consideration thereof by the City Council, the motion was carried with all members voting aye. Lang introduced Resolution #20-05 City of Alta Investment Policy and next hereinafter set out, and moved that the said resolution be adopted, seconded by Henderson; and after due consideration thereof by the City Council, the motion was carried with all members voting aye. There were no tax abatements turned in. Henderson moved, and Lane seconded, to approve the liquor license, including Sunday sales, for Kimmes Country Store. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Discussion took place regarding the applications on file for the Code Officer position. The Council will decide about interviews at the Feb. 18 special meeting. The Council agreed to offer Jean Ward, with Yes Indeed Cleaning, the Community Building cleaning position at the rate of \$20/hour, with 3 hours per week given for management. City Clerk Peterson will contact her and see if she is interested.

January Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Alliant Energy	utilities	34.00
Alta-Aurelia H.S.	supplies	30.00
Amazon	supplies	554.85
AMU	telephone/postage	552.86
AMU	utilities	1,459.66
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	142.41
Bomgaars	supplies	260.94
Cardmember Services	supplies	182.22
Continental Research	supplies	325.00
Culligan	supplies	82.80
Des Moines Register	subscription	26.01
Ericksen/Randy	reimbursement	490.00
Fastenal	supplies	31.92
First Coop	fuel	88.63
Hill/Sierra	reimbursement	25.00
Hogrefe/Andrea	supplies	14.08
Ingram	supplies	586.16
Iowa Firefighter's Assoc.	dues	351.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	196.88
Loffler	supplies	66.87
Meyer/Becky	reimbursement	420.00
Mid-America Publishing	subscription	35.00
Mid-America Publishing	advertising	140.20
Neotek	contract	186.00
Petty Cash - library	postage	7.83
Radke/Roger	reimbursement	455.00
Reetz/Heidi	reimbursement	455.00
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Sanders/Jim	reimbursement	490.00
Steffen Truck Equipment	supplies	636.98
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals	93.72
S.L. Hydraulics	supplies	217.21
S.L. Times	advertising	835.20
USBank	copier contract	114.10
Vetter Equipment	supplies	94.82
Xerox	lease	10.05
Ziegler Cat	supplies	1,083.91
		10,876.31

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	318.15
AMU	telephone	43.76
AMU	utilities	1,195.23
Bomgaars	supplies	199.06
Buena Vista Glass	supplies	120.00
Cardmember Services	supplies	48.67
Continental Research	supplies	874.00
Fargo Tractor	supplies	6,808.69

First Coop	fuel	973.98
North Lake Truck repair	supplies	7.19
Olsen Welding	supplies	92.00
Storm Lake Ace Hardware	supplies	8.99
Titan Machinery	supplies	23.26
Vetter Equipment	supplies	434.82
		11,147.80
SEWER RENT FUND:		
Alliant Energy	utilities	325.51
AMU	telephone	98.15
AMU	utilities	2,414.83
Aqua Azul	supplies	34.52
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	113.80
Bomgaars	supplies	15.99
ERA	supplies	621.52
Fareway	supplies	40.63
Foundation Analytical	testing	3,197.90
GPM	supplies	350.00
Hach	supplies	930.94
Schoon Construction	service	3,533.91
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		24,363.70
COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:		
Alliant Energy	utilities	659.24
AMU	telephone	96.90
AMU	utilities	671.75
B.V. County Env. Health	supplies	150.00
Cardmember Services	supplies	99.00
Doll Dist.	supplies	129.30
Halder/Dylan	refund	50.00
Johnson Brothers	supplies	68.00
Plumbing & Heating		
Wholesale	supplies	189.65
Ward/Jean	reimbursement	656.25
		2,770.09
SOLID WASTE FUND:		
AMU	utilities	81.93
Bomgaars	supplies	8.99
First Coop	fuel	260.22
Rowley Recycling Center	useage	2,602.85
		2,953.99
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:		
EMC Insurance	service	500.00
		500.00
PAYROLL		
JANUARY		31,989.36
		84,601.25

JANUARY REVENUE

General	31,886.48
Trees Forever	1,000.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	200.00
Road Use	25,601.51
Employee Benefits	1,251.93
Local Option Sales Tax	17,074.43
TIF	1,440.70
Debt Service	0.00
Library	0.00
Sewer Rent	33,243.86
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	11,814.85
	125,435.76

Henderson moved to approve the January claims in the amount of \$84,601.25, seconded by Mann. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Some discussion took place regarding the budget. A special meeting was scheduled for Feb. 18 at 6:00 PM, therefore no public hearing for the budget was set. There being no further business, Lang moved to adjourn at 7:38 PM, seconded by Henderson. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Kevin Walsh, Mayor