

March 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.

Lang moved, and Lane seconded, to approve the agenda, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the minutes from the Feb. 3 regular meeting, and the Feb. 18 special meeting, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

During the open forum, Marie Michelson asked the Council if she can ride a 4-wheel, 2-person scooter around town so she can get places. Clerk Peterson is going to look into the Ordinance and the Council will consider it at the April meeting.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for the Public Hearing on the FY21 Budget and opened the hearing at 6:05 PM. No written or verbal objections had been received at City Hall. Mr. John Chirinos asked some questions about some specific department's budgets, and how the public was to know that information. Clerk Peterson said the full budget is always available at City Hall. The Mayor closed the hearing at 6:10 PM. Mann introduced Resolution #20-06 Adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes, and moved that the said resolution be adopted, seconded by Henderson; 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 #20-06 adopted.

Many residents of the Eighth Addition (Cyclone Drive) were in attendance to discuss the possible amending of the covenants to allow for smaller square footage houses in the Eighth Addition. Mayor Walsh explained that he and Wes Bunjes went and toured one of the homes that would be similar to what was proposed to be built in the Eighth Addition, and although it was very nice, they felt the house did not belong in the Eighth Addition. At this time, the Council will not be amending the covenants in the Eighth Addition, and the Mayor reassured the residents that they would certainly be involved if anything else came up. Henderson moved to approve a 50% rent reduction for a fundraiser for R. Reeves, seconded by Lang, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Mann, Bunjes. Nays: Lane and Lang. Motion carried. City Attorney Gary Armstrong then gave an update on some properties he has been working on. 211 Main St. is pending and the default expires March 12. If no action is taken by the owner by then, Gary will take the next step in having the City take over 211 Main St. Attorney Armstrong has been advised that the old church on 4th St. will come down this spring. He also provided the Council with a sample ordinance for abandoned/vacant buildings that he suggested the City of Alta consider.

Fire Chief Reetz provided a written report for the month of February. The Fireman's Association was pleasantly surprised at the success of the bags tournament, and are considering doing it annually. Deputy Chavez provided a written report. Heidi Reetz presented the Park Board report. She said the PTO Fiesta playground fundraiser was a huge success and raised about \$17,000. She is meeting with the PTO again on March 11. The Park Board will consider the pool applicants at their next meeting. The City has not received any applications for the Concession Stand Director, Summer Ball Director or umpires. Library Director Hogrefe provided a written report. She said the Frozen party was a great success and they saw about 120 people in the library that morning. The book fair is going on this week. Street Superintendent Pedersen presented a written report. They are still moving on trees. The copper readings have been good lately, and the cameras will be working at the brush pile soon. Mayor Walsh presented a written Mayor's report.

Mayor Walsh stated that he would like to try and revive National Night Out or some other annual town celebration. More discussion on this will happen in the future. The Auditor gave Clerk Peterson the green light to transfer money out of the donations account and in to the Community Building rent account. The Council agreed to have Clerk Peterson do this when the Council approves to waive the rent 100%, to help cover the cost of cleaning. Henderson moved, and Mann seconded, to donate \$100 to the Alta-Aurelia prom committee. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved to allow the Alta-Aurelia Driver's Ed class to use the City snowplow for a demonstration, seconded by Lane. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Superintendent Pedersen will volunteer his time for this event.

Bunjes moved, and Mann seconded, to approve the seasonal liquor license, including outdoor service and Sunday sales for the Alta Golf and Country Club. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved to approve the quote of \$1113.55 from Neotek for a new laptop for the Code Enforcement office, seconded by Lang. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved to do the change of agent requirements to allow Mark J. Becker and Associates to help administer our Employee Health Benefit program through the IAMU if Alta Municipal Utilities also approves it, seconded by Mann. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lang moved to allow Clerk Peterson to register for the spring IMFOA conference in Des Moines and reserve a room at the conference hotel, seconded by Henderson. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Finding a representative for the NW Iowa Regional Housing Authority was tabled until Mayor Walsh can find out some more information regarding them. Lang moved to set the FY20 Budget amendment public hearing for April 6, at 6:00 PM, seconded by Henderson. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

February Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Alliant Energy	utilities	35.65
Alta Community Chamber	dues	50.00
Amazon	supplies	1,388.44
AMU	telephone/postage	431.57
AMU	utilities	1,790.38
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	15.46
B.V. County Attorney	reimbursement	126.36
B.V. County EMS Assoc.	supplies	225.33
B.V. County Sheriff	contract	25,000.00
Cardmember Services	supplies	1,175.05
Craig/Steve (SLC Pool Consult)	training	400.00
Culligan	supplies	110.40
Demco	supplies	102.97
Des Moines Register	subscription	52.00
Fargo Tractor	supplies	63.33
Fire Service Training Bureau	training	100.00
First Coop	fuel	42.16
Grimes/Khamedriah	reimbursement	25.00
Gullwing	supplies	259.26
Hogrefe/Andrea	reimbursement	83.34
Huckbarth/Sophia	reimbursement	25.00
HyVee	supplies	44.16
Ingram	supplies	729.44
IMFOA	dues	50.00
Iowa Fire Chief's Assoc.	dues	25.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	228.13
Martinez/Jennifer	reimbursement	25.00
MidAmerica Publishing	advertising	96.00
Neotek	contract	396.00
Petty Cash - library	postage	8.92
Power Solutions	supplies	1,427.23
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Secure Shred Solutions	service	12.00
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals/help wanted	889.72
USBank	copier contract	77.18

Vetter Equipment	supplies	136.43
Xerox	lease	59.19
Ziegler Cat	supplies	1,636.31
		<u>37,442.41</u>

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	1.69
Alliant Energy	utilities	437.45
AMU	telephone	43.57
AMU	utilities	1,087.32
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	371.28
Bomgaars	supplies	509.22
Central Iowa Distributing	supplies	329.20
First Coop	fuel	2,329.89
Momar	supplies	916.29
Storm City Auto Parts	supplies	7.40
Titan Machinery	supplies	59.18
		<u>6,090.80</u>

SEWER RENT FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	15.99
AeroMod	supplies	231.19
Alliant Energy	utilities	382.16
AMU	telephone	100.66
AMU	utilities	1,863.64
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	3.79
Bomgaars	supplies	30.58
Fareway	supplies	48.63
Foundation Analytical	testing	1,379.15
Hach	supplies	361.66
IAWEA Region 3	spring conference	160.00
NBS Calibrations	service	746.00
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		<u>17,993.46</u>

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	15.99
Alliant Energy	utilities	652.99
AMU	telephone	96.90
AMU	utilities	708.14
Doll Dist.	supplies	1,090.50
Hinners/Ben	bartending	92.25
HyVee	supplies	1,014.59
Johnson Brothers	supplies	276.80
Meyer/Natalie	bartending	66.63
Meyer/Nicole	bartending	51.25
Schubert/Carla	bartending	158.88
Strand/Dan	bartending	20.50
		<u>4,229.43</u>

SOLID WASTE FUND:

Bomgaars	supplies	11.98
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First Coop	fuel	368.58
Rowley Recycling Center	useage	2,913.44
		<u>3,282.02</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Frank Dunn Co.	supplies	1,598.00
		<u>1,598.00</u>

PAYROLL

FEBRUARY		24,409.12
		<u>95,045.24</u>

FEBRUARY REVENUE

General	14,673.96
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	5,208.00
Road Use	23,230.79
Employee Benefits	1,070.92
Local Option Sales Tax	14,431.19
TIF	1,755.42
Debt Service	0.00
Library	0.00
Sewer Rent	31,606.88
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	11,359.82
	<u>105,258.98</u>

Lane moved to approve the February claims in the amount of 95,045.24, seconded by Mann. Motion carried with all members voting aye. There being no further business, Lang moved to adjourn at 7:34 PM, seconded by Lane. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Kevin Walsh, Mayor