

April 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on the above date, electronically. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kevin Walsh, with the following members present electronically: Pam Henderson, Willie Lang, Wes Bunjes, Les Mann, and Tom Lane. Absent: none. The electronic meeting protocol was authorized as a result of Governor Reynolds State Public Emergency Declaration issued on March 20, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and referencing Iowa Code 29C.6(6) and Iowa Code 21.8, 26.12, and 414.12 in relation to open meeting laws.

Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the agenda, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the amended minutes from the March 2 meeting, the March 5 meeting, and the amended minutes from the March 11 meeting. Motion carried.

There was no open forum for the April 6 meeting. The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for the Public Hearing on the FY20 budget amendment and opened the hearing at 6:06 PM. No written or verbal objections had been received at City Hall. With no written or verbal objections, the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:07 PM. Henderson introduced Resolution #20-07 City Budget Amendment and Certification Resolution, and moved that the said resolution be adopted, seconded by Lang; 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, Lang, Bunjes, Mann, and Lane. Nays – none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared Resolution #20-07 adopted.

Neal Kuehl presented a written idea for billing for Lake Creek sewer until their meter is fixed. Henderson moved to approve the billing as presented by Mr. Kuehl with billing the sewer rate at 125% of the water usage for the same billing period, and the Council will check back in 6 months to make sure a new meter has been installed, seconded by Lang, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Ordinance #20-02 was taken off the table and the Council suggested looking into a permit for such vehicles rather than an Ordinance.

The Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, Park Board, and Code Officer all submitted written monthly reports. Library Director Hogrefe was on the call and stated that she is working with the Library Board, the Alta-Aurelia School, and the State Library Association to use best practices for the library and the employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also submitted a written monthly report. Street Superintendent Pedersen was on the call, but also provided a written report. Discussion took place regarding the sewer backing up into a resident's home on Lake St. Mayor Walsh then opened up bids for a new snowplow. The City of Alta received 4 bids for the chassis and 3 for the equipment:

<u>Chassis</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
1. Sioux City Truck & Trailer - \$85,832.	1. Steffen Truck - \$68,580
2. O'Halloran International - \$85,100	2. Hawkeye Truck - \$64,645
3. Iowa State Truck Center - \$92,518	3. Custom Truck - \$60,794.54
4. Peterbilt - \$88,639	

The Council will consider the bids at the May 4 Council meeting. Lang moved, and Henderson seconded, to approve hiring Michael Kueny at \$10.25/hr and Matthew Edwards at \$10.25/hr for seasonal help this year. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lane moved, and Henderson seconded, to approve the updated job description for the Code Officer position. Motion carried with all members voting aye. The Mayor provided a written report. Discussion took place regarding 211 Main St., which is the building the City now owns. There may be a buyer interested in purchasing that location and doing to total remodel. The City of Alta still needs a representative on the NW. Iowa Housing Authority Board.

Henderson introduced the first reading of Ordinance #20-01 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALTA, IOWA, 2014 BY ADDING TITLE VI, CHAPTER 1: BUILDING CODE, ARTICLE 5.5; ABANDONED/VACANT BUILDINGS, and moved for its adoption, seconded by Lang. After due consideration, the roll was called, and the following vote recorded: Ayes- Henderson, Lang, Bunjes, Mann, and Lane. The second reading will take place at the May 4 Council meeting. Henderson moved, and Lane seconded to approve the RFPS submitted by Simmering & Cory for grant administration and technical services for the housing rehab program. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved to approve reimbursing AMU \$11,000 for water infrastructure in the Industrial Park, which will negate any reimbursement to AMU when lots get sold in the Eighth Addition, seconded by

Lang. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lang moved, and Henderson seconded, to enter into an agreement with the railroad and Iowa DOT for crossing arms on Lake St., and to move forward with a grant for the surface grade crossing on Lake St. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lane moved, and Henderson seconded, to donate \$250 to the Buena Vista Ag Society for the 2020 B.V. County Fair. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lane moved, and Bunjes seconded, to approve the new liquor license for Eddy's liquor. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lang moved, and Bunjes seconded, to approve the new tobacco permit for Eddy's liquor. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lang moved, and Henderson seconded, to approve the liquor license renewal, including outside sales and Sunday sales, for Century Bar. Motion carried with all members voting aye. E. Wood submitted a letter to the Council explaining a very high sewer bill, due to a water pipe freezing under her trailer. AMU was able to verify that the water did not go down the city sewer. Henderson moved to forgive \$154.95 of the sewer charge (total bill minus 12-month average), seconded by Mann, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Mann, and Lang. Lane and Bunjes both voted nay. Motion carried. Since this was two years in a row, the Council suggest Ms. Wood put some heat tape on her water pipes. They will not forgive another high charge due to water pipes freezing.

March Bills Payable:

<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Alliant Energy	utilities	30.61
Alta-Aurelia School	supplies	30.00
Alta-Aurelia School	donation	100.00
American Red Cross	license	240.00
AMU	telephone/postage	441.51
AMU	utilities	1,278.55
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	15.46
Auditor of State	audit fee	175.00
Bomgaars	supplies	56.15
Cardmember Services	supplies	1,231.48
CCTV Security Pros	supplies	663.98
Demco	supplies	267.92
Ed Feld Fire	supplies/service	913.00
GOES Insurance	insurance	18,501.90
GOES Insurance	work comp	10,394.70
Hogrefe/Andrea	reimbursement	102.36
Ingram	supplies	265.75
IMFOA	dues	125.00
Jerry's Tree Service	service	1,950.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	221.88
Langner/Kirk	service	100.00
Mack, Hansen, Gadd, Armstrong	service	7,287.00
Mid-America Publishing	advertising	48.00
Neotek	contract	280.94
Neotek	supplies	1,168.60
NW Iowa League of Cities	meeting	15.00
Perfect Imperfections	supplies	100.00
Peterson/Megan	reimbursement	57.50
Pitney Bowes	supplies	138.24
Power Solutions	supplies	600.00
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Spencer Municipal Hospital	supplies	161.00
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals/help wanted	582.48

USBank	copier contract	138.40
Wilkening/Brad	service	200.00
WITCC	service	270.00
Xerox	lease	118.38
Ziegler Cat	supplies	58.53
		<b>48,429.32</b>

**ROAD USE TAX FUND:**

Ace Hardware	supplies	7.17
Alliant Energy	utilities	249.30
AMU	telephone	43.06
AMU	utilities	1,031.89
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	153.11
Bomgaars	supplies	129.66
CCP Industries	supplies	227.27
Continental Research	supplies	458.38
Dale Wetherell trucking	supplies	2,663.15
First Coop	fuel	612.70
GOES Insurance	insurance	5,344.10
GOES Insurance	work comp	5,311.40
North Lake Truck Repair	supplies	130.39
Peterson/Megan	reimbursement	24.06
Redings Gravel	supplies	553.31
Rehab Systems	service	285.00
Vista Paints	supplies	36.00
		<b>17,216.78</b>

**SEWER RENT FUND:**

AeroMod	supplies	6,968.98
Alliant Energy	utilities	281.87
AMU	telephone	107.60
AMU	utilities	2,247.68
Aqua Azuul	supplies	759.65
Cardmember Services	supplies	52.95
Continental Research	supplies	956.02
Control Systems Specialists	supplies	98.50
Crescent Electric	supplies	89.41
Fareway	supplies	59.40
Foundation Analytical	testing	910.80
GOES Insurance	insurance	14,291.80
GOES Insurance	work comp	892.90
Grainger	supplies	117.36
Hach	supplies	276.31
P&H Wholesale	supplies	64.85
Rehab Systems	service	3,828.00
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		<b>44,690.08</b>

**COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:**

Ace Hardware	supplies	59.96
Alliant Energy	utilities	616.68
Alta-Aurelia Comm. School	refund	50.00

AMU	telephone	104.90
AMU	utilities	745.35
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	24.64
Bomgaars	supplies	15.57
Cardmember Services	supplies	53.40
GOES Insurance	insurance	4,494.20
Hinners/Ben	bartending	44.42
Meyer/Nicole	bartending	38.44
P&H Wholesale	supplies	34.88
Schubert/Carla	bartending	69.19
Strand/Dan	bartending	556.38
Ward/Jean	cleaning	558.00
		<b>7,406.05</b>

**SOLID WASTE FUND:**

GOES Insurance	insurance	1,873.00
GOES Insurance	work comp	1,831.00
North Lake Truck Repair	service	594.49
Rowley Recycling Center	useage/contract	18,391.69
		<b>22,690.18</b>

**PAYROLL**

MARCH		<b>24,796.22</b>
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**165,228.63**

**MARCH REVENUE**

General	30,642.77
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	4,862.00
Road Use	9,544.96
Employee Benefits	7,479.37
Local Option Sales Tax	14,431.19
TIF	1,811.58
Debt Service	0.00
Library	0.00
Sewer Rent	29,988.48
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	10,210.26
	<b>110,892.61</b>

Lane moved to approve the March claims in the amount of \$110,892.61, seconded by Bunjes. Motion carried with all members voting aye. There being no further business, Henderson moved to adjourn at 7:42 PM, seconded by Lang. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Attest:

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Megan Peterson, City Clerk

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Kevin Walsh, Mayor