

Nov. 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kevin Walsh, with the following members present: Pam Henderson, Les Mann, Willie Lang, 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 minutes from the Oct. 5 and Oct. 19 meetings, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Nothing was addressed during the open forum. Henderson moved, and Lane seconded, to approve the 2021 Alta Municipal Utilities budget as presented, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Keith Geyer asked the Council if Citizens can bring their whole trees to the new land that was purchased near the sewer plant. The Council was in agreement that the policy will not change, and Citizens will not be allowed to bring whole trees to the sewer plant area for the City to get rid of, therefore, no action was taken. Evan Grieme presented the Council with an offer of \$7500 to purchase Lot #15 in the Eighth Addition. Discussion took place, and the Council agreed to move forward with a counter-offer. The correct paperwork and process needs to be reviewed before the offer will take place.

Fire Chief Reetz presented a written monthly report for the Fire Department and was available via telephone for questions. Nothing was presented by the Sheriff's Dept. The Park Board provided a written update on the City playground, school playground, and the shelter house chimney. Heidi Reetz was on the call to answer questions from the Council. The school is soliciting bids for their playground, with a deadline of Nov. 23. Therefore, more will be known at that time. No library report was presented. The Code Enforcer, John Stange, provided a written report and was available for questions. The Council suggested sending a certified letter to the chicken owner. If the chickens are not taken care of within 72 hours of receipt of the certified letter, a fine will be assessed. Superintendent Pedersen was available for questions. The plan for November is to haul sludge, street sweep, and get everything winterized. He noted that we should have the new snowplow by the end of the year. Mike Miller presented his quote for the SCADA computer upgrades. Discussion took place as to what components would be necessary and what preferences Brad had. After discussion, Lang moved to approve the bid of \$18,175.94 from Mike's Electronics, seconded by Lane, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Henderson moved to approve adding the sewer plant laptop to the annual maintenance contract with Neotek for an additional \$20/month, seconded by Mann, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. The Tree carving on South Johnson street was tabled. The Booster club will be meeting on Nov. 11 and will discuss if they want to partner with the City of Alta on the project. Lang moved to approve Francisco Ferrusca as the new Street Department employee, at an hourly rate of \$19/hr., seconded by Henderson, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Mayor Walsh provided a written report and said it was a relatively quiet month. Discussion took place regarding the snow ordinance, but until the City figures out a way to communicate any changes with all Citizens, the ordinance will stay the same. Mayor Walsh declared the overnight snow ordinance was now in effect, and the Clerk will instruct the Sheriff's office to give warnings until the weather is unfavorable.

Resolution #20-22 was approved appointing Molly Elston to the City Council to fill the vacant seat of Wes Bunjes. Henderson moved, and Mann seconded, to approve Resolution #20-22, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Clerk Peterson will give the Oath of Office to Molly Elston. Lang moved, and Lane seconded, to approve the renewal of the current health insurance plan for the 2021 calendar year. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded to approve the \$30 ad for the Alta-Aurelia Comm. School yearbook. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the FY20 Annual Financial Report as presented by Clerk Peterson. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

October Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Alliant Energy	utilities	35.03
AMU	telephone/postage	475.41

AMU	utilities	881.89
Bomgaars	supplies	35.96
B.V. County Extension	training	70.00
B.V. County Sheriff	contract	25,500.00
Cardmember services	supplies	25.00
Culligan	supplies	15.90
First Coop	fuel	138.97
Gordon Flesch	service	209.38
IMFO	recertification	50.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	325.51
Loffler	supplies	72.23
Neotek	service	372.00
N.W. IA. League of Cities	dues	15.00
Olsen Welding	supplies	10.80
Peterson/Megan	reimbursement	205.57
Petty Cash-Library	postage	7.01
Power Solutions	supplies	235.55
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
USBank	copier contract	60.24
Western Iowa Tech	service	671.00
Xerox	lease	118.38
		29,630.83

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

ACE Hardware	supplies	25.15
Alliant Energy	utilities	39.81
Alpha Wireless	service	550.00
AMU	telephone	42.95
AMU	utilities	888.53
Bomgaars	supplies	143.95
Continental Research	supplies	943.44
Edward's Auto	service	1,351.76
Elliott Equipment	supplies	361.96
Fire Proof Plus	service	99.50
First Coop	fuel	575.15
ISG	service	829.40
P&H	supplies	2.92
Pedersen/Brad	reimbursement	17.69
S.L. Hydraulics	supplies	12.70
S.L. Times	advertising	96.00
Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	14.45
Ziegler	service	8,718.78
		14,714.14

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	30.26
AMU	telephone	95.72
AMU	utilities	2,517.59
Bomgaars	supplies	23.76
ERA	supplies	298.52
Fareway	supplies	21.81

Pro Elect	supplies	14,189.64
The UPS Store	postage	47.40
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		<u>29,910.70</u>

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	141.41
AMU	telephone	114.90
AMU	utilities	648.23
Control System Specialists	service	301.72
Doll Distributing	supplies	316.65
Hinners/Ben	bartending	75.25
HyVee	supplies	121.37
Iowa Division of Labor	service	80.00
Marshall/Kevin	bartending	77.94
Meyer/Natalie	bartending	91.38
Schubert/Carla	bartending	77.94
Strand/Dan	bartending	37.63
		<u>2,084.42</u>

SOLID WASTE FUND:

Bomgaars	supplies	27.30
First Coop	fuel	59.35
		<u>86.65</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Bargen	supplies	6,765.00
Blacktop Services	service	8,950.00
Bomgaars	supplies	69.37
		<u>15,784.37</u>

PAYROLL

OCTOBER		<u>29,893.40</u>
		<u>122,104.51</u>

OCTOBER REVENUE

General	212,672.24
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	3,527.00
Road Use	16,284.50
Employee Benefits	60,333.85
Emergency	6,364.82
Local Option Sales Tax	19,344.72
TIF	41,561.49
Debt Service	0.00
Library	0.00
Sewer Rent	32,955.36
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00

Solid Waste

10,356.05

405,322.03

After some questions, Henderson moved to approve the October claims in the amount of \$122,104.51, seconded by Mann. Motion carried with all members voting aye. A special meeting to review the drainage study by ISG was scheduled for Monday, November 16 at 6:00 PM. The next regular meeting will be Monday, Dec. 7. There being no further business, Lang moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM, seconded by Henderson. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Kevin Walsh, Mayor