

Dec. 7, 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, Molly Elston, Tom Lane (telephone). 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 Lane seconded, to approve the minutes from the Nov. 2 and Nov. 16 meetings, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Reetz presented a written monthly report for the Fire Department and was available via telephone for questions. The Sheriff's Department provided a written report for November. The Park Board was represented by Heidi Reetz who was on the call to answer questions from the Council. There was much Council discussion on previous donations for the playground, what the school is going to do for their playground, will the school playground be locked, etc. The Council pondered paying for the new playground out of the general fund and then paying back the general fund over 7 years or so. Some Council members did not think that the community was in favor of spending money on a new playground at this point. At the end of the discussion, no action was taken, and the Council encouraged the Park Board to continue fundraising for the new playground. No library report was presented. The Code Enforcer, John Stange, provided a written report and was available for questions. It was suggested that rental inspections start soon. Superintendent Pedersen was available for questions and provided a written report. Mann moved, and Lang seconded, to approve hiring Matthew Edwards as a seasonal worker at \$10.25/hr, which is the same wage he was earning during the summer of 2020 when he was hired to work seasonally. Mr. Edwards should be available for about 6 weeks. Mayor Walsh provided a written report.

Council Member Lang introduced Resolution #20-24 Fixing a date of Meeting for Public Hearing on the Receipt and Approval of Proposals for the Disposal and Development of Certain City-owned Real Property in the Alta Housing Urban Renewal Area, and hereinafter set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member Mann; and after due consideration thereof by the Council, the Mayor put the question upon the adoption of the said resolution and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted aye: Henderson, Lang, Elston, Mann, and Lane. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution #20-24 duly adopted. Henderson moved, and Lane seconded, to approve the FY20 audit. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Mann moved, and Lang seconded, to approve Resolution #20-23 Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Destroy Certain Records of the City of Alta, Iowa in Accordance with Section 372.13(5) of the Iowa Code. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Carryover vacation time has been tabled until the special meeting on Dec. 15, to gather more information. Discussion took place regarding the best way to communicate with Citizens. Mayor Walsh is going to look into the texting service.

November Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Alliant Energy	utilities	32.42
Alta-Aurelia Comm. School	yearbook ad	30.00
AMU	supplies	160.44
AMU	telephone/postage	608.88
AMU	utilities	827.70
Cardmember services	supplies	201.60
Ed Feld Fire	supplies	38,211.20
First Coop	fuel	302.17
gWorks	contract	3,339.04
IDALS	certification	45.00
Interstate Indust.	supplies	363.86
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	248.01

Neotek	service	456.00
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals	623.28
T.P. Anderson	audit	6,500.00
Upper Des Moines	FY21 allocation	1,300.00
USBank	copier contract	60.24
		53,409.84

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	120.73
Alta Implement	service	359.75
AMU	telephone	42.95
AMU	utilities	919.44
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	276.00
Bomgaars	supplies	164.60
Ferrusca/Francisco	supplies	139.05
First Coop	fuel	701.26
ISG	service	542.50
Kueny Chiropractic	service	140.00
North Lake Truck Repair	service	32.01
OCD At Home Car Detailing	service	255.00
Olsen Welding	service	9.00
Rehab Systems	service	885.00
S.L. Pilot Tribune	advertising/legals	550.92
S.L. Times	advertising	703.20
Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	150.00
VanMeter	supplies	59.00
		6,050.41

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	15.47
AMU	telephone	94.52
AMU	utilities	2,395.38
Control Systems Specialists	supplies	182.85
ERA	supplies	285.17
Fareway	supplies	77.22
Foundation Analytical	service	2,221.20
Hach	supplies	469.18
Mike's Electronics	service	7,414.80
Security Fence	supplies	5,825.00
USA Bluebook	supplies	186.90
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		31,853.69

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	7.99
Alliant Energy	utilities	1,093.94
AMU	telephone	114.90
AMU	utilities	666.06
Control System Specialists	service	98.50
Doll Distributing	supplies	138.90
HyVee	supplies	131.48

Janitor's Closet	supplies	209.06
Marshall/Kevin	bartending	96.75
Meyer/Natalie	bartending	96.75
Ward/Jean	cleaning	610.00
Zimmerman/Skylar	refund	50.00
		3,314.33

SOLID WASTE FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	8.99
First Coop	fuel	202.29
Rowley Recycling Center	useage	12,076.46
		12,287.74

CAPITAL PROJECTS

GCC	supplies	548.00
Mann-Speers Construction	ser	2,730.72
		3,278.72

PAYROLL

NOVEMBER		62,079.93
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172,274.66

NOVEMBER REVENUE

General	89,986.09
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	200.00
Community Building	2,013.00
Road Use	23,448.86
Employee Benefits	11,103.32
Emergency	1,171.34
Local Option Sales Tax	62,566.41
TIF	863.09
Debt Service	0.00
Library	61.17
Sewer Rent	32,574.70
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	10,694.63
	236,604.61

After some questions, Henderson moved to approve the November claims in the amount of \$172,274.66, seconded by Mann. Motion carried with all members voting aye. A special meeting to review the drainage study by ISG was scheduled for Tuesday, December 15 at 6:00 PM. The next regular meeting will be Monday, Jan. 4. There being no further business, Lang moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM, seconded by Henderson. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Kevin Walsh, Mayor