

Jan. 4, 2021

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, Willie Lang, Molly Elston, Tom Lane. Absent: Les Mann. 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.

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

Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the minutes from the Dec. 7 and Dec. 15 meetings, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Nothing was presented during open forum. Jesse Barnett spoke with the Council about the snow ban parking and wondered if there was a better way of doing things? He said it is very hard to remember to pull your car into the driveway when it is 40 degrees in December, with no chance of snow. The Council told Mr. Barnett that the snow ban was an ordinance, so it would take a few readings to change, but the biggest piece of the puzzle is how to communicate to Citizens that the overnight snow ban would be in effect? The Council is currently working on communication to the Citizens. Elston moved, and Lane seconded, to reimburse Bruce Peterson for a bill to Bonnesen Plumbing in the amount of \$283.55 for a service call when they had sewer backing up in one of the apartments, but it was found to be caused by a blockage in the City sewer main. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

At 6:16 PM, the Mayor announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on a proposal to dispose of certain real property in an urban renewal area and that notice of the hearing had been published as required by state law. The City Clerk reported that no written objections had been filed, and the Mayor called for any written or oral comments; there being none, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 6:17 PM. Whereupon, Council Member Henderson introduced a proposed resolution #21-01 entitled "Resolution Approving Disposition of Urban Renewal Property," Sale of Lot #15 in the Eight Addition and moved that the said resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Elston and after due consideration thereof by the Council, the Mayor put the question on the motion for adoption of Resolution #21-01 and, the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted aye: Henderson, Elston, Lang and Lane. Nays: none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared Resolution #21-01 Sale of Lot #15 in the Eighth Addition to Grieme Properties, LLC for \$14,500 duly adopted and signed approval thereto.

Fire Chief Reetz presented a written monthly report for the Fire Department and was available via telephone for questions. All officers stayed the same for 2021. The Sheriff's Department provided a written report for October and December. The Park Board was represented by Heidi Reetz who was on the call to answer questions from the Council. The Park Board had put out a survey at the end of the year, and the Park Board provided the Council with the results. Heidi also noted that the PTO will be sending the City of Alta a check for their portion of the joint fundraising for the playgrounds. Library Director Hogrefe was available over the phone. She had provided the Council with year-end stats and contact information for the library board members. The Code Enforcer, John Stange, provided a written report and was available for questions. He noted that they will be having a P&Z meeting on Wednesday, and they have a few ideas for people to fill the two vacancies. Superintendent Pedersen was available for questions. He told the Council he had gotten bids for new tractor tires and new tires for the 2010 Ford pickup. The Council agreed with moving forward with Graham tire for the Tractor tires, and Hirschman Auto for the pickup tires. Pedersen also talked to the Council about hiring a tree-trimming service for the winter months. The Council agreed to move forward with Jerry's Tree Service for January and February, at the amount of \$125/hour. Lastly, Pedersen explained what the delay is on the new snowplow truck. The powder coating colors won't match, so the Council will need to decide a new color for the box of the truck. This will be placed on the next agenda. Mayor Walsh provided a written report. He mentioned that the City of Storm Lake dropped out of RAGBRAI. We are still waiting for the final "pass through" towns. He also noted that the City of Storm Lake approved a large housing project. The Council committees will remain the same for 2021.

Elston moved, and Henderson seconded, to approve TextCaster as a texting service to the Citizens of Alta, at the first year cost of \$1200/yr, with additional years costing \$1000/yr. Motion carried with all members voting aye. This service will be of no cost to the Citizens.

December Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Alliant Energy	utilities	31.82
Amazon	supplies	931.74
AMU	telephone/postage	476.57
AMU	utilities	1,047.88
Arnold Motor Supplies	supplies	10.13
Aurelia Star	subscription	35.00
Bomgaars	supplies	17.94
B.V. County Extension	spraying license	70.00
B.V. County Sheriff	contract	25,500.00
Culligan	supplies	47.70
Demco	supplies	326.08
Des Moines Register	subscription	84.00
First Coop	fuel	96.27
Hogrefe/Andrea	reimbursement	28.43
Ingram	supplies	2,153.73
Iowa Library Assoc.	dues	51.00
Iowa Poetry Assoc.	supplies	9.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	224.75
Neotek	service	186.00
Petty cash - Library	supplies	9.98
Pitney Bowes	contract	138.24
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Secure Benefits Ssystem	service	50.00
Secure Shred Solutions	service	16.00
T.P. Anderson	contract	2,000.00
USBank	copier contract	60.24
		33,702.50

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	59.96
Alliant Energy	utilities	176.78
AMU	telephone	43.95
AMU	utilities	1,133.89
Arnold Motor Supplies	supplies	58.03
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	53.36
Barco	supplies	430.12
Bomgaars	supplies	364.25
Brown Supply	supplies	906.58
CCP	supplies	160.93
Fareway	supplies	11.57
Ferrusca/Francisco	supplies	300.00
First Coop	fuel	436.37
Hallett Materials	supplies	39.50
Hotsy Equipment	service	158.82
McCormick/Gabe	clothing allowance	492.55
Olsen Welding	service	1,475.29
Pedersen/Brad	clothing allowance	249.99
Power Solutions	supplies	6.01

Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	321.15
Warren's Service	service	427.50
		7,306.60

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	202.73
AMU	telephone	98.82
AMU	utilities	2,071.86
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	46.40
Brown Supply	supplies	453.42
Fareway	supplies	48.63
Hach	supplies	446.89
P&H Wholesale	supplies	38.96
Power Solutions	supplies	1.88
SCE, LLC	supplies	2,170.74
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
		18,266.33

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	606.32
AMU	telephone	116.40
AMU	utilities	796.74
Control System Specialists	service	1,098.80
We Card	supplies	21.94
		2,640.20

SOLID WASTE FUND:

AMU	utilities	114.10
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	43.43
Cardmember Services	supplies	59.80
First Coop	fuel	388.70
North Lake Truck Repair	supplies	53.22
Rowley Recycling Center	useage/contract	15,534.75
		16,194.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Smith Concrete	supplies	898.50
		898.50

PAYROLL

DECEMBER		28,120.47
		107,128.60

DECEMBER REVENUE

General	39,536.24
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	15.00
Road Use	23,092.92
Employee Benefits	7,189.41
Emergency	758.46
Local Option Sales Tax	19,684.54

TIF	6,005.17
Debt Service	0.00
Library	0.00
Sewer Rent	32,116.82
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	11,565.12
	141,885.68

After some questions, Lane moved to approve the December claims in the amount of \$107,128.60, seconded by Henderson. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Clerk Peterson then went through some information for the budget. Budget worksheets, along with a history of Alta tax rates, neighboring community tax rates, the proposed Max Levy, etc. were reviewed. A special meeting was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 11 at 6:00 PM. The next regular meeting will be Monday, Feb. 1. 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