

February 1, 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 and Les Mann was present via telephone.

Lane moved, and Henderson seconded, to approve the agenda, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Some grammatical corrections were made to the minutes. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the amended minutes from the Jan. 4 and Jan. 11 meetings, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Nothing was presented during open forum. At 6:02 PM, the Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for the Public Hearing on the FY22 Proposed Maximum Tax Levy and opened the hearing. No written or verbal objections were heard. After some discussion, The Mayor closed the hearing at 6:04 PM. Henderson introduced Resolution #21-03 Maximum Property Tax Dollars next hereinafter set out, and moved that the said resolution be adopted, seconded by Elston; 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 – Lang, Lane, Elston, Henderson and Mann. Nays – none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared Resolution #21-03 adopted.

Rob Hach approached the Council about hosting an Altagether Home and Garden show at the Alta Community Building, and he asked that the rent be waived due to this “being something for the good of the City.” He would not like to charge a vendor fee or an entrance fee for Citizens to go through the show. Elston moved to reduce the rent by 50%, and then use the donation budget to cover the \$200 rent, seconded by Lang. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Fire Chief Reetz presented a written monthly report for the Fire Department. He said he has eight members going through the Firefighter 1 class. He reminded the Council that the Trustees meeting is set for Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Station. He asked for an additional \$20,000 in the Fire Department budget to help build up the reserve account for the next truck to be purchased. He also noted that the Alta Fireman’s Association recently spent \$30,000 on new radios. This is what their fundraising effort in 2020 was able to purchase. The Sheriff’s Department provided a written report for January that Sheriff Elston presented. He noted that a fundraising effort has started for a new K-9 for the department. He also has a new deputy in training. Nothing was presented for the Park Board. Librarian Hogrefe presented the Library report. The Library Board asked the Council for an increase of 3% to their current budget. The Code Enforcer, John Stange, provided a written report and was available for questions. He noted the next P&Z meeting is scheduled for March 3, and he attended a NW Iowa Inspectors meeting in January, which was good networking. The Council asked some questions and would like to get the timeframe defined better for the written violations. Henderson asked if flags are considered campaign signs, and Stange assured her they are not, and as long as they are on private property, they are considered a freedom of speech. Superintendent Pedersen was available for questions and presented a written report. He told the Council the new truck will be silver and blue, since they could not get the blues to match. The new SCADA system is up and running. They are working out some bugs. Mayor Walsh provided a written report.

Elston moved, and Lang seconded to approve the drainage and sewer proposal from ISG in the amount of \$106,500. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved, and Mann seconded to approve the sidewalk grant application for Pam Sampers in the amount of \$500. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the survey to purchase an additional 10 feet to the north lot line of Clyde Bartel, from Elano Gaffey. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lang moved to approve Resolution #21-04 Personal Identifiable Information Protection Policy, seconded by Henderson, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Mann moved, and Lane seconded, to approve Resolution #21-05 Procurement Policy, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve Resolution #21-06 Fraud Policy, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Elston moved to approve the five 2020 tax abatement applications that were submitted to the City of Alta, seconded by Henderson, and approved with all members voting aye. Mann moved to approve the Kimmes Country Store liquor license renewal, including Sunday sales, seconded by Henderson, and approved with all members voting aye. Lang moved to approve hosting the Sept. 2021 NWILC monthly meeting, seconded by Lane. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lang moved to extend the Families First Coronavirus Recover Act (FFCRA)

paid leave of 80 hours to May 31, 2021, seconded by Henderson. Motion carried with all members voting aye. The Council review the current COVID contract and waiver for the Alta Community Building. Some adjustments were made to follow the most recent Governor's Proclamation. The route for RAGBRAI 2021 was announced, and Alta is a pass-through town on Sunday, July 25. The handbook was forwarded to the Council members, and more discussion will take place in the near future. More than likely, a RAGBRAI committee will be formed. The Council talked a little bit about the budget. They would like time to think about the recent budget requests, so the public hearing will not be set yet.

January Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Alliant Energy	utilities	35.65
Amazon	supplies	482.69
AMU	telephone/postage	615.07
AMU	utilities	1,611.48
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	43.35
Aronson Plumbing	service	286.86
Auditor of State	filing fee	175.00
Barco	supplies	203.07
Books By The Bushel	supplies	50.00
Bomgaars	supplies	41.57
Brown Supply	supplies	355.50
Cardmember Services	supplies	500.30
Continental Research	supplies	320.00
Culligan	supplies	15.90
Ericksen/Randy	compensation	350.00
Fastenal	supplies	19.35
First Coop	fuel	420.36
Gordon Flesch	service	187.97
Heiman Fire Supply	supplies	30,100.00
Hogrefe/Andrea	reimbursement	51.80
IAMU	membership	400.00
Ingram	supplies	1,364.51
Iowa DOT	supplies	862.32
Iowa Firefighter's Assoc.	membership	364.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	290.63
Kolbeck	service	4,675.00
Loffler	supplies	72.22
Meyer/Becky	compensation	385.00
Neotek	contract	385.20
Petty cash - Library	postage	9.48
Radke/Roger	compensation	245.00
Reetz/Heidi	compensation	385.00
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Stange/John	reimbursement	63.50
S.L. Hydraulics	supplies	4.75
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals	163.20
Sanders/Jim	compensation	385.00
Storm Lake Hydraulics	supplies	95.59
USBank	copier contract	60.24
Vetter	supplies	87.75
Xerox Financial	service	59.19

46,323.50

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	9.99
Alliant Energy	utilities	339.28
AMU	telephone	44.90
AMU	utilities	1,256.55
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	203.12
Bomgaars	supplies	409.97
Cardmember Services	supplies	5.00
Continental Research	supplies	833.67
First Coop	fuel	1,020.49
ISG	service	353.51
North Lake Truck Repair	supplies	21.24
Unity Pointe Clinic	drug testing	42.00

4,539.72

SEWER RENT FUND:

AeroMod	supplies	786.51
Alliant Energy	utilities	358.01
AMU	telephone	98.50
AMU	utilities	2,480.71
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	42.52
Bomgaars	supplies	51.04
Bonnesen Plumbing	service	265.00
Continental Research	supplies	320.00
Fareway	supplies	74.25
Foundation Analytical	supplies	970.20
Hach	supplies	629.95
ISG	service	420.00
Mike's Electronics	service	1,419.95
NBS	service	181.00
Neotek	supplies	99.60
Office Elements	supplies	67.20
Peterson/Bruce	reimbursement	283.55
Teledyne Instruments	service	317.60
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00

21,551.59

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	866.91
AMU	telephone	116.40
AMU	utilities	731.96
B.V. Co. Env. Health	license	150.00

1,865.27

SOLID WASTE FUND:

AMU	utilities	90.94
First Coop	fuel	306.42
Rowley Recycling Center	useage/contract	2,397.42

2,794.78

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JANUARY

36,967.47

114,042.33

JANUARY REVENUE

General	29,926.64
Trees Forever	1,000.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	1,075.00
Road Use	21,783.60
Employee Benefits	1,171.20
Emergency	123.56
Local Option Sales Tax	19,684.56
TIF	0.00
Debt Service	0.00
Eighth Addition	14,500.00
Library	0.00
Sewer Rent	30,216.37
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	11,109.19
	132,512.12

After some questions, Henderson moved to approve the January claims in the amount of \$114,042.33, seconded by Lang. Motion carried with all members voting aye. A special meeting for a budget workshop was scheduled for Monday, Feb. 15 at 6:00 PM. The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 1. There being no further business, Lang moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM, seconded by Mann. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Kevin Walsh, Mayor