

August 9, 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, Tom Lane, and Les Mann. Molly Elston was absent.

Skid loader bids was added to the Street and Sanitation report on the agenda. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the amended agenda, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Some grammatical corrections were made to the July 22 minutes. Henderson moved, and Lane seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 5 meeting and the amended minutes from the July 22 meeting, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

At 6:03 PM, the Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for the Public Hearing for the Community Development and Needs Assessment. No written or verbal objections were heard. The Mayor closed the hearing at 6:04 PM. Henderson introduced Resolution #21-21 Adopting the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment and next hereinafter set out, and moved that the said resolution be adopted, seconded by Mann; 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, Lane, Lang, and Mann. Nays - none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared Resolution #21-21 adopted. At 6:05 PM, the Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for the Public Hearing committing matching funds for the CDBG application. The City Clerk read aloud, "The need for the proposed Alta Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements project is due to a need to reduce sanitary sewer backups and localized flooding caused by significant amount of infiltration and inflow of stormwater into the City's sanitary sewer system. The project will be funded with a combination of CDBG funds and an SRF loan. It is estimated that total project costs will be \$1,632,997. The grant application will be submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority no later than October 1, 2021 at midnight. The City is requesting \$500,000 in CDBG funds for the proposed project. The project will result in a citywide benefit and based on results from a survey conducted by the City in May 2021, 56.08% of the residents living in the City who will be impacted by the project are of low-and-moderate income. The proposed project activities will take place at multiple locations within the City of Alta, Iowa. The proposed project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses. The nature of the proposed project involves the lining of sanitary sewer collection system pipes and grouting of sanitary sewer connection points. In addition, the City will be making spot repairs of sanitary sewer mains that are broken or in need of replacement and cannot be lined to prevent the inflow and infiltration of stormwater into the system." No written or verbal objections were heard. The Mayor closed the hearing at 6:07 PM. Henderson introduced Resolution #21-22 Committing Matching Funds For a Community Development Block Grant Application, and next hereinafter set out, and moved that the said resolution be adopted, seconded by Lane; 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, Lane, Lang, and Mann. Nays - none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared Resolution #21-22 adopted. Lang moved, and Mann seconded, to approve Resolution #21-23 Endorsing and Authorizing Submission of an Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Lang moved, and Henderson seconded, to approve Resolution #21-24 Fixing a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan Disbursement Agreement and to Borrow Money Thereunder in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$109,000. The public hearing was set for Tues., Sept. 7, at 6:00 pm at the Alta Community Center. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Terrin Bern approached the Council about the stormwater that flooded their yard and got into their basement on June 26, 2021. She provided pictures. The Council requested an estimate of expenses and insurance information to be discussed at the next Council meeting. During the open forum, Jim Eaton asked about the process for Citizens to get rid of trees? The Mayor explained he has been in contact with the DNR and Iowa State Extension, but neither are providing much help. The Mayor has asked the DNR to come down and talk to Citizens, but so far, they have not agreed to it. Mr. Eaton also asked how the City deals with code violations because some things have been in violation for eight months and he feels nothing is being done.

The Fire Department, Sheriff Department, Code Enforcement, Street Superintendent all provided written monthly reports. Chief Reetz said July was calm, and the department is down 6 members. On Aug. 21 they are having a friendly softball game against the B.V. County Sheriff's office, and on Aug. 22, they are hosting their annual Appreciation meal,

along with a parade and activities for the kids. Deputy Wiley presented on behalf of the Sheriff's Dept. Council asked some questions. Nothing was presented during the Park's report or the Library report. Lane moved, and Lang seconded, to approve Elizabeth Snyder to the Library Board, for the term ending 06/30/2024. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Mann moved, and Henderson seconded, to approve Colleen Schwanz to the Library Board, for the term ending 06/30/2026. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Code Enforcer Stange presented his monthly report. Council discussion took place. Council will look into the possibility of making the Code Enforcer position full-time. Street Superintendent Pedersen discussed his monthly report. The crew was able to take down 51 trees during the month of July. Pedersen was able to acquire 5 skid loader bids. Discussion took place, but any action will be tabled until next meeting so that Pedersen has a chance to try some of the different skid loaders, to see if he has a preference. Mayor Walsh presented a written Mayor's report. He reminded the Council that Alta is hosting the N.W. Iowa League of Cities meeting on Sept. 23 at the Alta Community Center.

Discussion took place about having No Parking on Main St. as a permanent change. It was suggested to have the P&Z talk about it, see what their thoughts are, and then decide if the Council wants to move forward with it or not. This topic will be on the next agenda. The Council discussed some handbook changes. The changes will be implemented into the proposed, updated handbook and the City Attorney will look it over before final approval. The Council talked about a grant opportunity for a business on Main St. The City needs to contribute something to the project, to show they are in support. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to offer the tax abatement for the updates, along with covering the cost of the grant writing that would be administered by Simmering-Cory. Motion approved with all members voting aye. The first proposed location is 211 Main St. Discussion took place about hail damage that happened to the City building roofs. Insurance has already been out and determined the replacement costs. The Council agreed to get bids from roofing companies to approve at the next meeting.

July Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Alliant Energy	utilities	36.88
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone/postage	585.09
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	1,665.54
Alta Municipal Utilities	service	6,500.00
Bomgaars	supplies	328.01
B.V. County Attorney	service	120.00
B.V. County Emer. Mgmt	FY22 dues	564.90
Cardmember Services	supplies	653.47
Country Creations	supplies	2,707.40
Culligan	supplies	93.90
DeMan/Willie	reimbursement	25.37
Electronic Engineering	supplies	130.00
First Coop	supplies	978.76
Flanigan/Mike	service	10.00
Foundation Analytical	testing	39.00
Garbage Hauling Services	service	180.00
Glienke/Mark	reimbursement	523.98
Gordon Flesch	supplies	181.91
Hirshman Auto	service	20.00
Ingram	supplies	3,297.22
Johnson/JoAnn	service	267.38
Kuhrts Sharpening	service	66.00
Loffler	copies	79.45
Neotek	service	186.00
NW IA. League of Cities	FY22 dues	25.00

Power Solutions	service	270.25
Pro Elect	supplies	1,221.50
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Rowley Recycling Center	service	77.48
Stange/John	mileage	20.16
Strand/Dave	service	150.00
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals	214.60
Swank Movie Licensing	supplies	226.00
The Library Store	supplies	41.19
Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	9.81
Thelma's LLC	refund	100.00
Triple S Services	supplies	1,800.00
Turnquist/Laura	reimbursement	228.61
USBank	contract	60.25
Vetter Equipment	supplies	542.77
Xerox	supplies	59.19
Younique Tree Service	service	4,000.00

28,387.07

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

ACE Bodyshop	service	416.91
Alliant Energy	utilities	50.78
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	547.36
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	43.95
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	23.61
Bomgaars	supplies	181.98
Cardmember Services	supplies	481.84
CCP Industries	supplies	67.11
Dale Wetherell trucking	supplies	630.51
First Coop	fuel	1,409.39
Miller/Doug	service	328.30
North Lake Truck Repair	service	1,196.59
Old Dominion Brush	supplies	1,885.16
Olsen Welding	service	7.00
S.L. Hydraulics	service	86.32
Vista Paints	supplies	3,626.55

10,983.36

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	58.60
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	1,777.85
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	98.50
ERA	testing supplies	793.34
Fareway	supplies	44.55
First Coop	supplies	245.36
Foundation Analytical	services	993.10
Hach	testing supplies	568.97
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00
Ziegler	service	4,857.74

22,124.01

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	43.71
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	970.84
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	116.40
Chesterman's	supplies	182.25
Control System's Specialists	service	197.00
Doll Distributing	supplies	2,913.30
First Coop	supplies	35.05
Hinners/Ben	bartending	287.57
HyVee	supplies	1,686.83
Jacuide/Yadira	bartending	88.69
Janitor's Closet	supplies	80.67
Johnson Brothers	supplies	398.50
Meyer/Natalie	bartending	153.19
Schubert/Carla	bartending	220.38
Ward/Jean	service	1,000.00
		8,374.38

SOLID WASTE FUND:

First Coop	fuel	815.92
NW Manufacturing	supplies	128.40
Rowley Recycling Center	usage	2,588.96
		3,533.28

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Bargen	service	16,357.50
Simmering-Cory	service	1,000.00
		17,357.50

PAYROLL

JULY		44,125.49
		134,885.09

JULY REVENUE

General	33,241.12
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	30,000.00
Special Events	2,135.00
Community Building	7,530.00
Road Use	29,455.42
Employee Benefits	964.66
Emergency	101.75
Local Option Sales Tax	19,433.63
TIF	0.00
Debt Service	0.00
Eighth Addition	0.00
Library	0.00
Housing Rehab	20,340.00
Sewer Rent	32,407.90
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00

Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	11,737.49
	189,268.97

After some questions, Henderson moved to approve the June claims in the amount of \$189,268.97, seconded by Lane. Motion carried with all members voting aye. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 7 at the Alta Community Center. There being no further business, Lang moved to adjourn at 8:05 PM, seconded by Mann. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Kevin Walsh, Mayor