

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, Les Mann, Tom Lane and Desi Suter. Absent: none.

Henderson moved, and Lane seconded, to approve the agenda, with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the minutes from the Dec. 6, Dec. 21, and Dec. 29 council meetings, with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Nothing was presented during open forum.

The Fire Department, Sheriff’s Dept., Park Board, Code Enforcement, Street Superintendent, and Mayor all provided written monthly reports. Lane moved, and Suter seconded, to approve the appointment of Kirk Reetz as the Fire Chief for 2022. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Chief Reetz noted that the County secured a grant to update the AV equipment at the Fire Station. Deputy Nieland gave a brief Sheriff’s report. No one was present for the Park Board, Library, or Code Enforcement report. Street Superintendent Pedersen presented his monthly report. Discussion of trees took place at this time. Lane moved, and Suter seconded, to approve the proposal presented by JC Eaton. JC asked to have the street department leave the dump truck at his house after work. He would load it with the brush he has, and the street department would then drive the dump truck to the city burn pile and dump the brush the following morning. In return, Mr. Eaton would grind a city stump (\$100 value), for every dump truck of brush that the city dumps. Motion carried with Lane, Mann, Suter, and Lang all voting aye. Henderson voted nay. Mayor Walsh gave a brief Mayor’s report. With the money budgeted for FY22 to upgrade the IT in the Council Chambers, the Council asked Mayor Walsh to get a few more bids and present them at the Feb. meeting. Attorney Armstrong had nothing to report.

Lane moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the appointment of City Clerk Peterson. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lane moved, and Lang seconded to approve the appointment of Pam Henderson as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Mayor Walsh presented the updated Council Committees. All were in favor of their assignments. Lang moved, and Suter seconded, to approve Res. 22-01 approving signatures for checks, drafts, notes or order on City of Alta bank accounts at United Bank of Iowa. Megan Peterson, Kevin Walsh, Pam Henderson, and Brad Pedersen are approved signers. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved to approve the updated handbook, as presented, effective Jan. 1, 2022, seconded by Mann. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

December Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Ed Feld Fire	supplies	1,245.62
gWorks	service	231.00
Johnson/JoAnn	service	124.00
Loffler	contract	79.45
Stange/John	reimbursement	22.23
Storm Lake Hydraulics	service	6.45
Storm Lake Pilot Tribune	legals	147.05
USBank	contract	60.24
		1,916.04
ROAD USE TAX FUND:		
ACE Bodyshop	supplies	620.00

Diischer/Kyle	clothing allowance	207.64
Hirschman Auto	service	660.00
Jensen/Bobby	service	700.00
		1,567.64
SEWER RENT FUND:		
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Foundation Analytical	testing	874.00
Iowa DNR	certification	30.00
Mike's Electronics	service	270.00
		1,174.00
SOLID WASTE FUND:		
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Rowley Recycling Center	useage	2,473.82
		2,473.82
	TOTAL =	7,131.50

Henderson moved to approve the remaining December claims in the amount of \$7,131.50, seconded by Lang. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Clerk Peterson presented budget information to the Council. Simmering & Cory will be present at a Jan. 17 special meeting to look over budget numbers in regard to the capital improvement plan. The Council was not ready to set the public hearing for the max levy public hearing. The next meeting will be a budget workshop and capital improvement planning meeting on Monday, Jan. 17. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 7. There being no further business, Lang moved to adjourn at 7:18 pm, seconded by Suter, and approved with all members voting aye.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Kevin Walsh, Mayor