

January 8, 2024

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, Bruce McGowan, Desi Suter, and Lee Meyer. Absent: none.

Due to meeting conflicts, the Mayor moved up pay app #9 and the Engineer's report to after item #7. Henderson moved, and Meyer seconded, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the minutes from the Dec. 4 Council meeting. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Mayor Walsh opened the public hearing regarding the proposed designation of the 2024 Alta Urban Revitalization Area at 6:04 pm. No comments were taken at City Hall. With no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:05 pm. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve Res. #24-03 Stating the Intentions of the City Council with Regard to the Designation of the 2024 Alta Urban Revitalization and the Proposed Plan Therefore. The following roll call vote was taken: ayes: Henderson, Lang, McGowan, Suter, and Meyer. Nay: none. Resolution #24-03 passed. The topic of changing 110 E. 2nd St. zoning from residential to commercial is tabled until the P&Z can meet about it. Meyer moved, and Lang seconded, to approve pay app #12 in the amount of \$3876.00 to Municipal Pipe Tool. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Many business owners from Industrial Road were present. They are concerned about the condition of Industrial Road and asked if the City has any intentions on paving it, like they understood was to happen. The Council will look into engineering and what it would take to pave the road, and will work with the property owners to get and keep the road in good usable condition. The dialogue will continue. During open forum, Becky Meyer and the Park Board thanked Jim Sanders for his service and presented him, and all who were present, with cake.

All departments provided written or verbal reports. Amanda Goodenow was present and said Municipal Pipe Tool has not yet requested an extension. Chief Reetz was present to give the Fire Department report. Suter moved, and McGowan seconded, to approve Chief Reetz as the 2024 Fire Chief. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Sheriff Elston presented the Sheriff's Report. The Council agreed to have him move forward with presenting them with another 5-year contract. The current contract expires in Oct. 2024. Henderson moved to waive the entire rent for the Alta Community Building, for the 25th anniversary Sheriff's Reserve Dance, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Becky Meyer was present for the Park Board report. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to appoint Laurie Millard to the open Park Board seat ending 12/31/2025. Motion carried with all members voting aye. The Library Board provided a written report. McGowan moved, and Suter seconded, to approve Res. 24-01 Setting Wages for Library Employees of the City of Alta For Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Effective Dec. 1, 2023. The following roll call vote was taken: ayes: Meyer, Suter, McGowan, Lang, and Henderson. Nays: none. Resolution #24-01 passed. Superintendent Pedersen presented the Streets and Sanitation report. Council will continue to look at adding a handicap parking spot for the Masonic Lodge. Currently, parking in the 200 block of Main St. is pretty tight for businesses, so they are looking at adding it to East. 2nd St. Pedersen explained that Platinum Crush would like to send their start up discharge to the Alta Sewer Plant for a while. The Council gave Pedersen the go ahead and will have the City Attorney draft a contract with Platinum Crush. It was suggested to use the same rate structure as Lake Creek. John Stange presented the Code Officer report. No one was present for the Westview Trailer Park report. The Mayor presented his Mayor report. Suter moved, and Meyer seconded, to appoint Megan Peterson as City Clerk for the next two years. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded, to approve Bruce McGowan as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Discussion took place regarding the committees as presented by Mayor Walsh. Suter moved, and McGowan seconded, to appoint Gary Armstrong as the City

Attorney. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved, and Meyer seconded, to name the Storm Lake Times Pilot at the official publication for the City of Alta. Motion carried with all members voting aye. McGowan moved, and Meyer seconded, to approve Res. #24-02 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa Department of Revenue and the City of Alta, Iowa, for Participation in the State Setoff Program. The following roll call vote was taken: ayes: McGowan, Meyer, Suter, Henderson and Lang. Nay: none. Resolution #24-02 passed. No action was taken on the Alta Friend's Agreement. Mayor Walsh will get more information for the next meeting. McGowan moved, and Henderson seconded, to allow the homeowners at 618 Peterson St. to take down the west tree on 7th St., at their expense, to allow for room for their new driveway due to an addition they are putting on. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lee Meyer spoke to the Council.

December Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
AgState	fuel	397.15
Alliant Energy	utilities	35.77
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	1394.45
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone/postage	559.44
Alta Municipal Utilities	postage	723.00
Amazon	supplies	217.06
Bomgaars	supplies	14.38
Bunjes Landscaping	service	856.00
BV County Naturalist	service	30.00
Central Iowa Distributing	supplies	114.00
Des Moines Register	supplies	30.00
Elan Financial	supplies	961.96
Elle Décor	supplies	10.00
Ericksen/Randy	service	210.00
Friedrich/Todd	service	525.00
GFC Leasing	lease	147.04
Gordon Flesch	service	3.50
Hinkeldey/Peg	service	210.00
HGTV	supplies	15.00
Ingram	supplies	33.77
Iowa Firefighter's Assoc.	membership	459.00
ISG	engineering	476.97
iWork	supplies	2,500.00
Johnson/JoAnn	service	376.00
Kapp's Fire Extinguisher	service	327.50
Launderville/Raegan	service	70.00
Mack, Hansen, Gadd, Armstrong	service	3,787.91
Men's Health	supplies	15.00
Meyer/Becky	service	525.00
Millard/Laurie	service	595.00
Miller/Teresa	reimbursement	30.00
Neotek	service	186.00
NW Iowa League of Cities	meetings	20.00
Olsen Welding	service	4,763.90

Peterson/Megan	reimbursement	286.80
Petty Cash	postage	26.64
Pitney Bowes	service	138.24
Power Solutions	service	596.43
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Rembrandt Fire Dept.	supplies	162.76
Sanders/Jim	service	560.00
Secure Shred Solutions	service	14.00
Sioux Valley Env.	supplies	429.00
Smith/Steve	service	50.00
Stange/John	reimbursement	15.72
Storm Lake Times Pilot	legals	706.92
The Library Store	supplies	444.58
USBank	contract	60.24
USPS	postage	7.02

24,218.15

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

AgState	fuel	781.05
Alliant Energy	utilities	243.71
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	1,040.71
Bomgaars	supplies	457.93
Erlandson/Keith	reimbursement	1,426.00
Graham Tire	supplies	60.76
Hallett Materials	supplies	65.23
Kueny/Vince	reimbursement	155.00
Menards	supplies	35.16
Olsen Welding	supplies	107.00
Pedersen/Brad	clothing allowance	104.85
Theisen/Fred	clothing allowance	492.36

4,969.76

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	280.89
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	2,258.09
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	114.85
Aqua Azul	supplies	3,755.95
Elan Financial	supplies	293.88
Fareway	supplies	66.83
Foundation Analytical	service	1,086.75
NBS Calibrations	service	201.00
Rehab Systems	service	295.00
Sioux Valley Env.	supplies	2,040.00
USA Bluebook	supplies	354.97
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00

23,434.21

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	924.64
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	656.28

Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	130.51
Aronson Plumbing	supplies	184.88
BV County Evn. Health	service	150.00
Control Systems Specialists	service	103.00
Crum/Tiffany	refund	178.75
Doll Distributing	supplies	160.00
Ecolab	service	105.00
Elan Financial	supplies	22.94
HyVee	supplies	149.47
Johnson Brothers	supplies	160.00
Julius Cleaners	service	74.68
Klein/Ashley	service	667.00
Meyer/Natalie	bartending	120.00
Schubert/Carla	bartending	172.50
		3,959.65

SOLID WASTE FUND:

AgState	fuel	243.81
North Lake Truck Repair	service	893.28
Powers/Isaiah	service	112.50
Rowley Recycling Center	usage/contract	2,548.30
Stites/Kaden	service	112.50
		3,910.39

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

ISG	service	543.75
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Municipal Pipe	service	3,876.00
Smith Concrete	service	9,360.00
		14,979.28

PAYROLL

December	payroll	28,239.00
	TOTAL =	103,710.44

DECEMBER REVENUE

General	23,138.51
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	5,000.00
Community Building	4,391.00
Road Use	25,136.52
Employee Benefits	3,906.97
Emergency	545.94
Local Option Sales Tax	23,055.82
TIF	0.00
Debt Service	1,225.76
Inf. Savings	0.00
Housing Rehab	0.00
Sewer/Drainage Project	0.00
American Rescue Plan Act	0.00
CIP - W. 1st St. Project	0.00

Sewer Rent	42,248.47
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	0.00
Solid Waste	11,035.16
	140,337.15

The Elan Financial bill did not get on the bills spreadsheet as presented correctly. Only \$22.94 should be charged to the Community Building Fund, and \$293.88 should be charged to the Sewer Fund. Meyer moved to approve the December claims as amended, in the amount of \$103,710.44, seconded by Lang. Motion carried with all members voting aye. The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 22, 2024 at 4:00 pm. The Council will meet and tour the City buildings, and come back to City Hall for the budget workshop. There being no further business, Lang moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm, seconded by Meyer, and approved with all members voting aye.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Kevin Walsh, Mayor