

July 10, 2017

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on the above date in the annex of the Alta Community Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Ron Neulieb, with the following members present: Pam Henderson, Jerry Buckendahl, Denny Weber, Vi Tilk, and Lee Meyer. Absent: none.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Weber, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk and Meyer. Motion approved. The minutes from the June 12 and June 19 Council meetings were approved on a motion by Weber, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk and Meyer. Nay: Henderson. Motion approved.

Henderson motioned to approve the Fireworks Display to be set off by professionals at the Kyle Suter Memorial Race on July 26, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Tilk, and Meyer. Weber abstained due to being a member of the Fair Board. Motion approved. Copy of insurance and professional agreement are filed with the City Clerk.

Kevin Hammer was present to represent Buffalo Ridge café. He asked the Council to allow him to have a curb cut on the East Side of Main St. He is going to extend the sidewalk West to the Main St. Weber motioned to approve the curb cut, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, Meyer. Motion approved. He then spoke about the pallet fence he is putting up to the northeast of Buffalo Ridge café. According to the Code Officer, it is all in compliance with the Code. He understands some people don't like the look of it, but it is supposed to have a rustic, rough look. He will be putting a galvanized steel sign over it in the future. Weber motioned to approve moving forward with the pallet fence and sign, as long as they comply with City Code, seconded by Meyer, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion approved.

Henderson motioned to approve the request from Alta United Methodist Church to close down part of Prospect St., from Third Street and a little north on Aug. 19, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Tilk, Meyer. Weber abstained due to being a member of that church. Motion approved. Derek Wall presented on behalf of the Diischer family benefit. Henderson motioned to approve portions of Main St. and 2nd St. to be closed down for a concert, from the evening of July 21 to the morning of July 23, and approved a noise variance for the evening of July 22, seconded by Buckendahl, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Tilk, and Meyer. Weber voted nay. Motion approved.

Kathy Peterson of PeopleWorks and Kiley Miller of Iowa Lakes Corridor spoke with the Council about new business incentives that could be used to attract new businesses to town. Clerk Peterson will verify that the City of Alta has a commercial tax abatement process in place, and the Council will consider other incentives during the next budget season. Mr. Miller provided the Council with a flier on how to get Industrial Development Properties ready for buyers. He suggested the City of Alta really look into the program. Darrell Hansen asked about the drainage on S. Main St./S. Cherokee St. He asked about an easement, and Brad Pedersen stated that the City and the Engineers continue to look for an easement, but we should certainly have one since there is a municipal utility located underground (storm sewer). He also asked if the City plans on doing any reshaping of some backyards, and wondered how the neighbors driveway can be in compliance, since it is blocking the water way. Brad Pedersen stated that we continue to work on the drainage and getting everything fixed and flowing correctly. Once that happens, then we will be able to see that everything drains properly. Bruce McGowan asked the Council how Rob Hach is being allowed to park his RV, long-term, on an empty lot in the residential district. He feels that if the Council allows this, that many other people are just going to buy empty lots to use as storage, and the City will be missing out on the revenue that would've been brought in by property taxes associated with a home, and this could bring down the value of the homes in the neighborhood. He also asked if we don't allow a garage on an "empty" lot, why do we allow an RV? The Code Officer said this had been looked into and he can't find anywhere in City Code that says someone "can't" park the RV on the empty lot. Patrick Diekman, another neighbor, feels that the zoning for residential does not allow for offstreet parking or storage. The Council feels the code should be looked into and amended to not allow this to happen in the future. Rob Hach said that he did not intend to cause any problems and he wants to continue to be a good neighbor. He apologized for causing any problems, but he was told by the Code Officer that he could go ahead and park there when he purchased the empty lot. The Code Officer will contact the P&Z to get a meeting set up to amend the current ordinances pertaining to this.

The Council agrees to approve the Fire Hydrant agreement, as per the minutes from the last meeting. Kirk Reetz presented a written Fire Department Report. They had a busy month, but fortunately did not have any calls related to fireworks. He said the Rural Trustees plan to meet soon to discuss the 28E. The Park Board, Library Board, and Engineers did not have anything to report. The Sheriff's department provided a written report and Deputy Sankey answered questions from the Council. The Street Superintendent said they continue to work on street projects. They will hopefully get the tree survey done for the August meeting. Craig Boyd gave the Code Officer report. He feels they have made great strides in the Westview Trailer Park with cleaning it up, but there is still so much to do. It was suggested that the Code Officer and Mayor meet with the City Attorney to see what can be done. Mark Glienke stated that the Industrial Board has had some inquiries about the empty lot on Main St. The Mayor reported that he feels people are moving into town, fixing of their houses, buying new houses, and that Alta is a vibrant community. Pam Henderson stated that the Trail's Committee will meet on July 12. They are putting together a survey for the community about trails and will distribute that with the NNO flier. NNO only has 2-3 more meetings until the event on August 1. As usual, they can use all the volunteers they can get.

The City Council approved the letter that was drafted to send out regarding business use of the city-owned sand/limestone/black dirt piles. The City Clerk will ask other communities what they do and if anyone has a specific Ordinance we could look at.

Pam Henderson spoke on behalf of the Trail's Committee. The School is moving forward and wants to put in a sidewalk from Main St. to the east to the bridge in the Park. They will need an easement as the City has utilities in the area. The Council suggested the school get the survey done, including the easement, so it can all be approved/disapproved at the next Council meeting. It was hard to provide feedback without having a drawing or plan. The Council instructed Clerk Peterson to move forward with the new fireworks ordinance amendment to ban the use of fireworks within City Limits. Clerk Peterson will get the amendment put together and the first reading will be at the August Council meeting.

Talk took place regarding the Elderbridge Dinner Daters program for Seniors. A new representative is needed from Alta. Clerk Peterson will work with the current users of the program to try to come up with a new volunteer. Clerk Peterson reviewed the FY17 year end financials with the Council. Peterson will have the year-end transfer Resolution ready for the August council meeting, but they will be effective June 30, 2017. The personnel committee will meet with employees and have a wage recommendation ready for the August meeting.

June Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
A&A Automotive	service	1467.04
Ace Hardware	supplies	2.99
Alex Air Apparatus	supplies	6668
Alliant Energy	utilities	739.96
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities/postage	1822.7
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	400.56
Alta-Aurelia Shooting sports	donation	1000
Amazon.com	supplies	336.41
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	30.08
Bomgaars	supplies	142.71
Buena Vista Co. Sheriff	contract	26554.97
B.V. Co. Treasurer	service	288.00
Central Iowa Distributing	supplies	143.00
Chestermans	supplies	164.40
Continental Researc Corp.	supplies	323.38
Counsel	copies	84.29
Culligan	water	39.75

Demco	supplies	758.66
Droegmiller/Jess	refund	27.00
Electronic Engineering	service	143.00
First Cooperative Assoc.	fuel	313.21
Friedrich/Ryan	service	264.00
GOES Insurance	service	2840.00
HyVee	supplies	75.66
Ingram	supplies	257.41
InStyle	magazine	29.95
Iowa League of Cities	FY18 dues	1186.00
Iowa Central Comm. College	service	15.00
Jesse/Amy	refund	9.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	212.50
Kaercher/Dan	supplies	18.00
Kueny/Joseph	service	185.00
Kueny/Michael	service	205.00
Kuhrts Sharpening	service	16.00
Leo's Kitchen	sinks	260.00
Lindgren/Katie	refund	18.00
McWithey/Britny	refund	9.00
Mid-American Publishing	newspaper	30.50
Mulgae/Lamer	service	205.00
Murray & Murray	legals	130.00
NeoTek	service	252.00
Ngut/Kuot	service	100.00
Olsen Welding	supplies	97.40
P&H	supplies	39.78
Peterson/Megan	reimbursement	85.86
Petty Cash- library	postage	13.91
Pilot Tribune	legals	84.80
Power Solutions	supplies	35.76
Real Simple	supplies	24.00
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	100.00
Richardson/Megan	refund	18.00
RJThomas	supplies	153.86
Scheldrup Blades	legals	435.75
Strand/Dave	service	60.00
swimoutlet.com	supplies	687.52
Torres/Haydee	refund	27.00
Treasurer-State of Iowa	sales tax	990.36
Turnquist/Laura	reimbursement	10.90
USBank	contract	43.97
VanHouten/Sally	reimbursement	63.27
Vetter Equipment	supplies	9.00
Walmart	supplies	119.00
Wellmark	health insurance	1449.88
		\$52,318.15

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	49.13
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	851.26
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	33.77
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	248.57
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	95.00
Barco	supplies	236.17
Bomgaars	supplies	921.14
Brown supply	supplies	1182.00
Fareway	supplies	56.84
First Cooperative Assoc.	supplies	1225.79
Hancock Concrete Products	supplies	181.80
Hirschman Auto	service	387.02
K&J Curb Grinding	service	250.00
Mann Construction	service	1450.10
North Lake Truck Repair	service	620.38
Olsen Welding	service	34.00
P&H	supplies	153.33
SL Hydraulics	service	1628.93
Wellmark	health insurance	3893.27

\$13,498.50

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	33.21
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	2648.85
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	76.78
Control Sys. Specialists	postage	19.44
Fareway	supplies	29.88
Foundation Analytical	testing	100.00
Hach	supplies	444.21
Mangold	testing	746.25
Rehab Systems	service	625.00
USDA	loan	12686.00

\$17,409.62

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Abbott/Rob	bartending	76.88
Alliant Energy	utilities	105.61
Alta Municipal Utilities	utilities	1220.42
Alta Municipal Utilities	telephone	72.95
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	14.01
Central Iowa Distributing	supplies	5993.00
Doll Distributing	beverages	1739.70
Hinners/Ben	bartending	158.88
HyVee	supplies	680.57
Jacuinde/Yadira	bartending	82.00
Johnson Brothers	beverages	318.22
Laursen/Tami	refund	50.00
Roques/Santos	refund	250.00
Schubert/Carla	bartending	79.44

Underwood/Brian	bartending	161.44
		<u>\$11,003.12</u>

SOLID WASTE FUND:

First Cooperative Assoc.	fuel	131.89
Pedersen/Richard	rent	1000.00
Rowley Recycling center	usage/contract	25218.37
		<u>\$26,350.26</u>

PAYROLL

June		32,253.83
		<u>\$152,833.48</u>

REVENUE

General	27534.95
Community Building	14255.9
Road Use	19515.9
Local Option Sales Tax	17046.27
TIF	0
Debt Service	339.82
Library	0
Trails	10000
Sewer Rent	22385.01
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653
Sewer Reserve	1269
Solid Waste	15230.76
	<u>\$128,230.61</u>

Henderson motioned to approve the June claims in the amount of \$152,833.48, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion approved. During the open forum, Dale and Janice Sorensen has some concerns as to why they are not allowed to build a shed on a small section of property they just bought? The Code Officer explained to them that the three owners involved in the Condominium agreement need to sign the new agreement and then the Council can move forward with approving the survey and getting it recorded as one parcel. It was also suggested that he continue to have his lawyer work with the other lawyers involved. Mark Glienke asked about some ash trees on his property. Brad Pedersen will speak with Mr. Glienke about how to proceed with his trees. The next regular Council meeting will be August 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM. There being no further business, Henderson motioned to adjourn at 8:35 PM, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Buckendahl, Weber, Tilk, and Meyer. Motion approved.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Ron Neulieb, Mayor