

Feb. 6, 2018

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on the above date at the Council Chambers of the City of Alta. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Al Clark, with the following members present: Kevin Walsh, Willie Lang, Wes Bunjes, Vi Tilk, and Denny Weber. Absent: none.

Agenda item #14 was moved to be presented after agenda item #8. Weber moved, and Walsh seconded, to approve the amended agenda, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried. Tilk moved, and Lang seconded, to approve the minutes from the Jan. 8 and Jan. 24 Council meeting, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

In the open forum, Reverend Denise Parrello read a statement that was prepared by the Alta Ministerial Association, regarding what was asked of them by Mayor Clark. They are not willing to take on the task that Mayor Clark asked of them. Rev. Parrello also read a personal statement in reference to Westview Trailer Park. Michelle Castro asked that the Council recognize that she is new as the Manager and she would like to be given time to implement some changes. Desirae Morales also commented that if the City is going to require the trailer park to have their own dumpsters and garbage pickup, that needs to be the same for the other trailer park and the apartment complexes in town.

Walsh motioned to approve the agreement to combine two residential lots, provided by Mr. Robert Iehl, as long as the professional survey is provided for the next Council meeting, seconded by Tilk, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried. Kiley Miller presented on behalf of the Iowa Lakes Corridor. The goal of the Iowa Lakes Corridor is to bridge the gap between businesses and local government. They also focus on how to enhance the quality of life in communities. The Council thanked Mr. Miller and agreed to talk about the membership at the budget meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the dedication of Maple Creek Road. Tilk asked the new Council members to review the information provided and stated she was disappointed that they voted on something they didn't have any information or history about. Walsh said he was just fine with it. Mayor Clark said he spoke to the City Engineer, who said, "the road is fine, but doesn't meet Alta code". Mr. Koth said the storm water drainage off Maple Creek Road to the pond has already been taken care of, and that is not an issue. Clerk Peterson received the dedication paperwork after the packets had already gone out. She sent the paperwork to Attorney Armstrong to make some grammatical changes, add an area for the City of Alta to sign, and to approve it. By Council meeting time, Clerk Peterson had not received an Attorney opinion. Weber motioned to authorize Mayor Clark to sign the dedication paperwork after the Koth's have signed it and Attorney Armstrong says it meets the legal obligation, seconded by Bunjes, with the following members voting aye: Bunjes, Weber. Walsh, Lang, and Tilk all voted nay. Motion failed. The Council requested that the corrected version, along with the Attorney opinion, be presented at the budget meeting.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for the Public Hearing on amending 2015 Alta Zoning Ordinance, Section 11.14 Recreational Vehicles and Section 12.2 General Parking Requirements and opened the hearing at 6:45 PM. The Mayor clarified that this pertained to vacant residential lots being used as "parking lots" and read the Ordinance aloud. The Mayor closed the hearing at 6:50 PM. Tilk introduced the first reading of Ordinance #18-01 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015 ALTA ZONING ORDINANCE, BY AMENDING SECTION 11.14 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; AND AMENDING SECTION 12.2 GENERAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS, and moved for its adoption and waive the second and third reading, seconded by Lang. After due consideration, the roll was called, and the following vote recorded: Ayes- Lang, Bunjes, Tilk and Weber. Nays- Walsh. The final reading was approved and, once published, Ordinance #18-01 will be in effect.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for the Public Hearing on the 2018 Amendment to the Plan for the Alta Urban Revitalization District and opened the hearing at 6:50 PM. No written or oral objections were heard. The Mayor closed the hearing at 6:50 PM. Weber introduced Resolution #18-04 next hereinafter set out, and moved that the said resolution be adopted, seconded by Walsh; 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 – Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Nays – none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared Resolution #18-04 adopted.

The personnel committee of Tilk and Weber recommended to the Council that dependents, on the employee health insurance plan, pay 15% of the monthly premium. Weber motioned to approve dependents paying 15% of the monthly premium of the employee health insurance plan, effective March 1, 2018, seconded by Lang, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Reetz presented his monthly report to the Council and stated that they broke a record on the number of calls they had in January. They were awarded a grant from Farm Credit Services for \$6200, and they have applied for another, substantial grant, that they would have to match 5% of. Tilk motioned to approve Nicole Florine and Tyler VanHouten to the Alta Fire Department, seconded by Lang, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. The Deputy on duty went through the Sheriff's report. Librarian Hogrefe presented the Library report and February calendar. In total, she had 241 people attend 13 different programs during January. Randy Ericksen presented on behalf on the Park Board. He has been nominated as the President, Heidi Reetz is the new Vice-President, and Roger Radke is the Secretary. Ball registration is starting. They are doing soft advertising for seasonal positions. He said the Park Board members are willing to fill in at the concession stand when needed. They are looking to remove the old equipment at the north park and the two buildings on the west side of the park. Randy is excited to have a full Board! Street Superintendent Pedersen presented his monthly report. The Mayor asked about dogs. No Code Enforcement report was given. Mayor Clark said he has been filling in for the Code Officer, and he met with Westview Trailer Court residents. He has had communication with the owner of Westview Trailer Park.

Weber moved to approve the B.V. Raceway 6-month liquor license, including outside and Sunday sales, seconded by Bunjes, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. Weber moved to approve the lone tax abatement application for 2017, seconded by Walsh, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. Lang moved to approve the letter in support of a community recreation center in Storm Lake, seconded by Walsh, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, and Tilk. Weber voted nay. Motion approved.

Buena Vista County Attorney Dave Patton proposed a 28E agreement between the County and the City of Alta for the collection of court debt. Walsh moved to approve the 28E agreement as presented, seconded by Lang, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved. The Council received a written request for the rental to be waived at the Alta Community Center for the May 8th High School Art Show. Lang moved to waive the rental fee 100%, seconded by Walsh, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, and Tilk. Bunjes and Weber voted nay. Motion approved. Weber motioned to approve the bid in the amount of \$1581.32 from Aronson plumbing to install four commercial-grade toilets and the Alta Community Building, seconded by Walsh, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion approved.

Discussion took place about who owns the "old jail" that is located in the 100 block of Prospect St. The Mayor will figure out who owns it, but he feels it needs to be torn down, as it is an eye sore. The Mayor presented the Council with a copy of Iowa State Code Chapter 562B that addresses mobile home parks. He feels, according to State law, that the owner of the trailer park should "provide for removal of garbage, rubbish, and other waste from the manufactured home community or mobile home park". He suggests the mobile home parks are treated like commercial businesses and need to find an outside company to pick up their garbage. City-wide cleanup will be addressed before the scheduled clean up. He does not feel the City needs to pick up their garbage, even though the City is getting revenue off of it. Bunjes moved to give the owners of the mobile home parks until May 1 to find an outside company to pick up their garbage, seconded by Weber, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. The personnel committee will set up a time to meet with the lone applicant for the Code Officer position. If all goes well, an interview will be held on Feb. 13.

January Bills Payable:

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Advanced Systems	monthly contract	45.51
Advanced Systems, Inc.	lease	465.81
Alliant Energy	utilities	29.09
Amazon.com	supplies	1,450.75

American Red Cross	2018 license fee	300.00
AMU	telephone/postage	579.35
AMU	utilities	2,474.39
Aurelia Star	newspaper	33.00
B.V. Co. Sheriff's Office	contract	26,684.50
Cardmember Services	credit card	213.83
Counsel	copies	111.93
Culligan	water	79.50
Demco	supplies	530.32
Des Moines Register	subscription	77.67
Ed Feld Fire	supplies	275.90
First Coop	fuel	147.00
Hogrefe/Andrea	reimbursement	39.17
HyVee	supplies	197.44
IMFOA	2018 dues	50.00
Ingram	supplies	993.26
Iowa Firefighter's Assoc.	2018 dues	390.00
Iowa Dept. of Ag.	pesticide license	15.00
Iowa Library Assoc.	2018 dues	50.00
Johnson/JoAnn	cleaning	306.25
King/Denise	reimbursement	37.79
Kueny Chiropractic	drug screen	30.00
Mid-America Publishing	help wanted	39.40
	annual movie	
Movie Licensing, USA	license	204.00
Murray & Murray	legal rep.	180.00
Neotek	service	552.98
NW Iowa League of Cities	meeting	45.00
Petty Cash-Library	postage	34.36
Recorded Books	audiobooks	40.50
Reetz/Heidi	cleaning	200.00
Sioux County EMS Assoc.	training	45.00
S.L. Pilot Tribune	legals/help wanted	509.26
USBank	copier lease	87.94
USPS	postage	0.59
Wellmark BC/BS	health insurance	1,681.52
		39,228.01

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	48.48
Alliant Energy	utilities	335.32
Alpha Wireless	contract	300.00
Alta Implement	supplies	26.40
AMU	telephone	34.91
AMU	utilities	1,401.75
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	169.09
Barco	supplies	1,714.03
Bomgaars	supplies	188.49
Brown Supply	supplies	187.97
Cardmember Services	credit card	99.98

Continental Research Corp.	supplies	207.57
Crescent Electric	supplies	26.35
First Coop	fuel	1,228.11
I-State Truck Center	supplies	886.24
Iowa DOT	supplies	441.42
Iowa State University	training	360.00
North Lake Truck Repair	service	16.95
Olsen Welding	supplies	16.00
Storm Lake Hydraulics	supplies	13.72
Unity Pointe Clinic	2018 membership	40.00
Wellmark BC/BS	health insurance	4,510.03
Ziegler, Inc.	supplies	1,162.61

13,415.42

SEWER RENT FUND:

AeroMod	supplies	529.68
Alliant Energy	utilities	770.51
AMU	telephone	76.56
AMU	utilities	2,964.63
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	26.05
Bomgaars	supplies	247.42
Cardmember Services	credit card	145.39
ERA	testing supplies	487.74
Fareway	supplies	46.07
Foundation Analytical	testing	136.00
Hach	supplies	144.40
Jim's Sewer Service	cleaning	300.00
Mangold	testing	592.50
NBS Calibrations	testing	1,044.00
Olsen Welding	supplies	73.50
Power Solutions	service	196.19
Rehab Systems	televising	1,237.50
USDA	loan payment	12,686.00

21,704.14

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	856.93
AMU	telephone	81.20
AMU	utilities	678.49
B.V. Co. Env. Health	2018 food license	67.50
Chestermans	supplies	97.50
Hinners/Ben	bartending	61.50
HyVee	supplies	410.39
Jacuinde/Yadira	bartending	61.50
Johnson Bros.	supplies	165.81

2,480.82

SOLID WASTE FUND:

AMU	utilities	104.78
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	8.79

First Coop	fuel	94.56
Rowley Recycling Center	usage/contract	3,508.05
		<u>3,716.18</u>

PAYROLL

January		<u>35,379.90</u>
		<u>115,924.47</u>

JANUARY REVENUE

General	10,943.76
Community Building	3,535.00
Road Use	15,708.59
Local Option Sales Tax	17,360.23
TIF	79.77
Debt Service	643.39
Library	0.00
Trails	547.91
Sewer Rent	24,871.68
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	1,269.00
Solid Waste	15,494.01
	<u>91,106.34</u>

After some discussion about certain bills, Weber moved to approve the January claims in the amount of \$115,924.47, seconded by Lang, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. The last budget meeting was set for Feb. 13 at 5:00 PM at the Alta City Hall. The next regular Council meeting will be March 5, at 6:00 PM at the Alta City Hall. There being no further business, Weber moved to adjourn at 8:20 PM, seconded by Lang, with the following members voting aye: Walsh, Lang, Bunjes, Tilk, and Weber. Motion carried.

Attest:

Megan Peterson, City Clerk

Al Clark, Mayor