

ALTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Regular Session
Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Mayor Vande Griend called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with Council members Jorgensen, Krull, Mulder, and Plathe present. Also present were Robin Jenness, Sue Schouten, Dale Oltmans and Laurie Tentinger.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to approve the agenda. Ayes 4

Vander Pol arrived at 6:04 PM.

WESTEL: Robin Jenness, representing WesTel Systems, spoke to the Council regarding Alton being a Smart Rural Community. WesTel has invested \$3.3M in the community installing fiber. She also pointed out there are scholarships, and charity grants available for the community. WesTel would like to install signs around town indicating Alton’s Smart Rural Community status.

Jenness and Schouten left the meeting at 6:06 PM.

The consensus of the Council was to deny the request to install Smart Rural Community signs.

ELECTRIC SYSTEM: Electric Superintendent Scott Bortscheller spoke to the Council regarding the City’s current Derrick Truck that is 27 years old and has 151,000 miles on it. The utility truck maintenance contractor used by the city recommended a truck from Wilton Municipal Light & Power. The truck is a 2008, well maintained with only 6,117 miles, low hours, and a higher weight capacity. Wilton has a new truck ordered and the used truck would be available when they receive the new truck. The travel height is 11’6” which would fit current facilities. Newer trucks with those height restrictions are difficult to find. Wilton’s estimating a sale price between \$25,000-\$30,000.

Bortscheller left the meeting at 6:15 PM.

The Council discussed Bortscheller’s proposal. It was the consensus of the Council to direct Bortscheller to contact Wilton and to express interest in purchasing.

Motion by Mulder and second by Krull to approve the minutes from August 15, 2023, meeting. Ayes 5

Motion by Krull and second by Vander Pol to approve the financial reports as presented. Ayes 5

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to approve the bills as presented. Ayes 5

SEPTEMBER 2023 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRODUCT/SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A & M LAUNDRY INC	LAUNDRY SERVICE	\$56.05
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER FEES	\$285.21
AFLAC	AFLAC-PRE-TAX	\$451.83
AGSTATE	FUEL	\$2,071.33
ALEX AIR APPARATUS, INC	CLAMPS	\$41.40
AMERICAN STATE BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$11,876.93
ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING	COMPLIANCE TESTING	\$418.23
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	BATTERIES, FILTERS	\$480.52
BLACKTOP PAVING	STREET PATCHING	\$3,000.00
BOMGAARS	COMBO PAC, DRILL BIT SET	\$103.93

BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	FR CLOTHING, SUPPLIES	\$956.53
BRADWISCH, TODD	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$31.41
BUNKERS FEED	LAGOON SPRAY, BOXER INJECT	\$1,807.23
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER FEES	\$73.71
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS COMMODITY	\$4,049.87
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS RESERVATION	\$3,590.49
DEWILD GRANT RECKERT & ASSOC	CITY HALL & PARK ST PLANNING	\$1,331.00
ECHO GROUP INC	CONDUIT, ELBOWS	\$3,076.34
FOREMAN TIRE SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	\$46.35
FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	INK CARTRIDGE	\$182.03
FRANK DUNN CO	HIGH PERFORMANCE PATCH	\$949.00
FRANSYL EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$2,113.03
H & D UNDERGROUND INC	BORING	\$1,625.00
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP	POOL CHEMICALS	\$233.43
HORIZON COMMERCIAL POOL	STAIRS	\$6,263.50
IMFOA	REGISTRATION	\$350.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES	\$1,064.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$44.10
IOWA STATE TREASURER	STATE TAX	\$1,771.98
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	\$8,115.62
JEBRO INC	STREET REPAIR TAR	\$918.00
K & J SERVICES	CURB GRINDING	\$175.00
KOPETSKYS ACE	TOTES, SUPPLIES	\$50.11
MARVS OUTDOOR POWER & EQUIP.	CHAIN SHARPENING, SUPPLIES	\$41.99
MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	REFUND - LIHEAP, PROJECT SHARE	\$1,277.69
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	STREETLIGHTS	\$346.51
MIKES WELDING & REPAIR	TANK OXYGEN/ACY, SUPPLIES	\$387.25
MILLER, ANDRE	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$78.02
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES	ELECTRIC	\$58,171.57
POD BAND BOOSTERS, INC	ADVERTISEMENT	\$50.00
MUNICIPAL UTIL-BILLS	UTILITIES	\$2,919.49
NCC	EMS TRAINING	\$20.00
NEAL CHASE LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	\$601.93
NOTEBOOM ELECTRIC	SUPPLIES	\$16.17
ORANGE CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	BULK WATER	\$12,299.15
ORANGE CITY FIRE DEPT	MUTUAL AID	\$250.00
ORANGE CITY HEALTH SYSTEM	PARAMEDIC ASSISTS	\$286.00
ORANGE CITY SANITATION	GARBAGE HAULING, ROLLOFF	\$9,212.19
PAYROLL	PAYROLL 08/31/2023	\$38,429.15
PEFA, INC	GAS COMMODITY	\$1,961.09
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	IT SERVICES	\$700.00
PREMIER POLYSTEEL	PICNIC TABLES	\$6,048.80
PRINCIPAL LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$156.37
BLAIR PUNT	GAS REBATE	\$650.00
SCHUETZ AUTO BODY, LLC	FLAGPOLE REPAIR	\$100.00
SIOUX COUNTY TREASURER	PROPERTY TAX	\$6,586.00
SIOUXLAND GLASS	ELECTRIC REBATE	\$642.00
SIOUXLAND PRESS	PUBLICATIONS	\$183.50
STEVEN, JOHN	ELECTRIC REBATE	\$96.00
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX	\$1,790.92
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$2,922.66
U. S. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$1,000.00

UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	GROUP INSURANCE	\$338.69
VANDERSALL, JOSIA	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$96.81
VANMOER, RYAN	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	\$16.21
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	\$589.01
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE	GASKETS	\$9.18
VISA	SUPPLIES, CUTTING EDGE	\$1,736.94
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	GROUP INSURANCE	\$10,782.18
WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC.	TRANSFORMERS, JUNCTIONS	\$13,718.00
WEST IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE, FAX, INTERNET	\$752.75
WILLIAMS & CO	AUDIT	\$11,000.00
CHASE WILLIAMS	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	\$125.00
	TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$244,003.37

FISCAL YEAR 23 ANNUAL CITY STREET FINANCE-REPORT: Oltmans presented, and the Council reviewed the Annual City Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year 23.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Vander Pol to approve the Fiscal Year 23 Street Finance Report.
Ayes 5

FISCAL YEAR 23 ANNUAL FINANCE-REPORT: Oltmans presented, and the Council reviewed the Annual Finance Report for Fiscal Year 23.

Motion by Vander Pol and second by Mulder to approve the Fiscal Year 23 Annual Finance Report.
Ayes 5

ANNUAL URBAN RENEWAL REPORT: Oltmans presented the Annual Urban Renewal Report.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report as submitted.
Ayes 5

NWI SOLID WASTE AGENCY: The Council reviewed the participating collector agreement with NWI Solid Waste Agency.

Motion by Mulder and second by Krull to approve the participating collector agreement with NWI Solid Waste Agency. Ayes 5

ELECTRIC SYSTEM: Oltmans informed the Council that the AEDC met and discussed the City's future need for land to build a new substation and potential electric generation facility. The AEDC has approved the donation of approximately 1.5 acres to the City for future substation and generation facilities. The land should be sufficient for building as well as any future additional expansions. Oltmans will facilitate that transaction.

PERSONNEL:

RESOLUTION 23-33: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA, SETTING WAGES FOR LIBRARY EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024" was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Vander Pol. Plathe seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Vander Pol, Plathe, Jorgensen, Krull, Mulder

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor Vande Griend declared the Resolution duly adopted.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Oltmans informed the Council that Dennis Owens has completed his term on the Planning & Zoning Commission and Brittany Aalbers has completed her term on the Recreation Board. The mayor proposed appointing Drew Heying to Planning & Zoning and Kelli Babcock to the Recreation Board.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Mulder to approve the appointment of Drew Heying to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Kelli Babcock to the Recreation Board. Ayes 5

CITY HALL REMODEL: Oltmans informed the Council he has received quotes for the electric, plumbing, and flooring. One construction quote was received, and staff are still waiting for quotes from a couple more contractors.

OTHER BUSINESS: Oltmans updated the Council on options and a quote received for the tennis courts renovation. Oltmans is waiting for one more quote from a different vendor. More will be discussed during the budgeting process.

Motion by Krull and second by Plathe to adjourn the meeting at 6:34PM. Ayes 5

Mayor
Dan Vande Griend

City Clerk/Administrator
Dale Oltmans

August Revenue

General Fund	\$14,941.43	Capital Parks & Trails Fund	\$204.06
RUT Fund	\$13,877.26	Water Fund	\$32,331.95
Local Option Fund	\$24,750.79	Sewer Fund	\$29,977.71
TIF – FVM2 Phase 1 Fund	\$45.06	Electric Fund	\$84,516.72
Debt Service Fund	\$153.80	Gas Fund	\$27,756.98
Capital Equipment Fund	\$466.74	Storm Water Fund	\$2,744.55
		Total Receipts	\$231,767.05