

City of Afton

Minutes and Financial Report

June 10, 2025

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM June 10, 2025. Mayor Burger presided over council members Steve Kinyon, Jeff Burger and Dave Cunningham. Kristie Nixon and Sheryl Parham were absent.

Cunningham moved to approve the agenda. Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Kinyon moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the Minutes from the May 13, 2025 meeting, City Clerk/Treasurer, and the following bills. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

May 13, 2025- June 10, 2025	
Vendor Name	Fund-Purpose Amount
PEPSI CO	REC- POP. 1,040.44
PEPSI CO	REC- POP. 750.46
IOWA DEPT OF REVEN.	
	SR/ELEC- SALES TAX 1,440.15
IOWA INS DIVISION	
	GEN- CEMETERY REPORT 211.00
RPGI	ELEC- ELEC PURCHASE 40,171.35
EFTPS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC-PAYROLL TAXES- FEB 2,499.20
IOWA DEP OF REVEN.	
	MONTHLY STATE PAYROLL W/H 124.60
IPERS	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- WITHHOLDING MATCH- 1,867.63
VERIZON	GEN-POLICE INTERNET. 40.01
CAPITAL ONE	REC-CONCESSION SUPPLIES 37.29
ALLY'S PRINT SHOP	
	GEN- GOLF CART STICKERS 36.00
BOMGAARS	GEN/RU- CEMETERY/RU SUPPLIES 281.95
BRETT STREET	POWER WASHING
	GEN- WINDOW WASHING 65.00
COOK VIDEO	GEN- COMM. CENTER REFRIGERATOR 699.00
CORE-MARK	REC- CONCESSION FOOD 1,594.24
KELLY KLOMMHAUS	
	GEN- CEMETERY MOWING 5,000.00
LIZ WILUHN	REC- RE-IMBURSE FOR SUPPLIES. 5.35
MEGGEN WEEKS PLC	
	GEN- LEGAL SERVICES 330.00
PLASTIC RECYCLING OF IA	
	GEN- CEMETERY BENCHES 1,500.44
QUALITY GLASS	GEN- DOOR HANDLE/KEYS CEMETERY 135.00
SARA WEIS	ECON DEV- EXT BEAUTIFICATION GRANT 500.00
SHAWN & ROSIE MILLER.	
	ECON DEV- EXT BEAUTIFICATION GRANT 500.00
TINA WILLETS	ECON DEV- EXT BEAUTIFICATION GRANT 500.00
VFW POST 1797	GEN- CEMETERY FLAGS 1,050.00
WELLMARK BC/BS	
	EMBN/SR/ELEC/RU- HEALTH INS 1,526.19
VOID	MISPRINT. \$-
EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #11 5,779.02
LOCKRIDGE	GEN- INTERNET APRIL/MAY. 336.00
T & S INDUSTRIES	
	SR- SHIPPING LAGGON SAMPLES 25.99
ZACH CLEAR	REC- RE-IMBURSE SUPPLIES 119.75
AFTON STAR ENTERPRISE	
	GEN- PUBLICATIONS 434.30
BANYON	GEN/SR/ELEC- SOFTWARE 3,480.00
ECONO SIGNS LLC	
	GEN RU-SIGNS. 292.48
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	
	GEN/ELEC- SUPPLIES/TRAINING/EMAILS 1,451.05
FRANK DUNN CO	
	GEN RU- STREET PATCH 989.00
GREEN VALLEY	PEST CONTROL
	GEN/REC- PEST CONTROL SPRAY. 107.30
IOWA ONE CALL	SR/ELEC- LOCATE EMAILS 41.40
PODIUM INK	REC/ WALKING TRAIL/GEN- UNIFORMS/SIGNS 1,895.61
TROPHY SHOP	REC- AWARDS 126.00
WEAVER MEATS	
	REC- CONCESSION FOOD 514.50
EMPLOYEES	GEN/RU/SR/ELEC- PAYROLL #12 5,759.75
TOTAL	83,257.45

Receipts		Expenditures	
GENERAL	24991.98	GENERAL	12183.83
ROAD USE.	9840.54	ROAD USE.	297.16
EMPLOYEE BEN	1996.16	EMPLOYEE BEN	6559.14
LOST	12389.82	ECON DEVELOPMENT	1500.00
ECON DEVELOPMENT.	6650.00	WALKING TRAIL.	289.16
RECREATION	1728.36	RECREATION	6133.10
PERPERUAL CARE	-375.00	SEWER	1972.44
SEWER	7179.66	ELECTRIC.	40459.42
SEWER SINKING	3100.84	PAYROLL/MAYOR/COUNCIL	13863.20
ELECTRIC	61075.07		13863.20
ELECTRIC SINKING	13688.50	TOTAL	83257.45
METER DEPOSIT	130.00		
TOTAL	142395.93	approve the first reading of Ord No.273. Budget seconded motion	

Public Forum: No comments.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING/RESOLUTIONS:

2025-15 Resolution Authorizing Interfund Transfers for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Cunningham made a motion to approve. Kinyon seconded motion. Burger, Kinyon, and Cunningham all voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent.

Motion carried.

2025-16 Resolution Setting Employee Salaries for FY2026 Effective July 1, 2025. Kinyon made a motion to approve. Burger seconded motion. Burger Kinyon, Cunningham all voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Ord. No. 273 – Amending Solid Waste Collection Fees –1st Reading (Changes 96-gallon from \$21.50 to \$23.00 & 35-gallon from \$16.26 to \$19.00) Cunningham made a motion to

serve red tags for yards not being mowed, grass clippings in the street, pets not licensed, junk in yards & junk vehicles as needed. The deadline for 400 E Kansas property to clean up per court order was May 16th. McGuire notified attorney to move forward and file. McGuire contacted the property owner at 100 W. Iowa St. about garage. They had 30 days or the city would be moving forward per court order. The city will hire a contractor to remove the dangerous garage and bill the homeowner. Property owner with shed on 314 N Douglas. They are working on repairing the shed.

Chief McGuire is sending tickets out in the mail to 2 individuals that did not voluntarily come forward from the events on May 5th.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City received 3 Downtown Façade Grant applications for FY 26 by the deadline. The applications were for the following businesses buildings on the Afton square: K’Lea Johnson of the Afton Star Enterprise, Jennifer Seals of The Roost, and Guadalupe Lopez of El Ranchito. The City of Afton set aside \$7,500 for the Downtown Façade Grants for FY26. Cunningham made a motion to approve Johnson’s grant application for \$5000. Burger seconded the motion. Kinyon, Burger, Cunningham all voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Cunningham made a motion to approve Lopez’s grant for \$2,500. Burger seconded the motion. Burger, Cunningham and Kinyon all voted aye. Motion carried. Parham and Nixon absent.

Trish Norman was previously selected as grant recipients for the Exterior Beautification Grant for FY 25. Trish provided pictures, copies of bills, and payments for the project. Kinyon made a motion to approve the grant payment to each applicant for \$500. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. No other applications were turned in for the FY 25 grants.

The City of Afton received 3 applications for the Exterior Beautification grant FY26. Cunningham made a motion to approve Karen Hameister’s application for up to \$500. Kinyon seconded the motion. Burger Kinyon and Cunningham all voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Cunningham made a motion to approve Brenda Collison’s application for up to \$500. Burger seconded the motion. Cunningham, Burger and Kinyon all voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Burger made a motion to put Sara Weis’s application on a wait list and change Pettit’s previous application from denied due to receiving grant funds in FY 25 to wait list. Kinyon seconded the motion. Burger, Cunningham, Kinyon all voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Cunningham Made a motion to donate \$750 to the Afton Fire Department for the Street washing. Burger seconded the motion. Cunningham, Burger and Kinyon all voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

El Ranchito applied for the outdoor liquor license for the street dance on June 28th. It is still pending review with dramshop. Burger made a motion to approve the outdoor liquor license pending all paperwork is completed. Cunningham seconded the motion. Kinyon, Burger, Cunningham all voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Getting’ Slushed South of 35 dba Lucky Wife Wine Slushies has requested Short Term agreement for Tuesday night

in the park adding July 15th date. Kinyon made a motion to approve the short-term agreement, on the condition that Getting’ Slushed South of 35 dba Lucky Wife Wine Slushies complete all the ABD paperwork for the alcohol licensing/permit for the event dates specified. Burger seconded the motion. Kinyon, Burger and Cunningham all voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Cunningham made a motion to approve Casey’s General Store Class E Retail Alcohol License Renewal. Burger seconded the motion. Kinyon, Cunningham, BurgerAll voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Kinyon made a motion to approve the street closure for the Union County Fair parade. Burger seconded the motion. Kinyon, Cunningham, Burger All voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried

Afton Community Club was previously approved for road closure for street dance on Saturday, June 28th from 8am to 12am, on E Kansas from The Roost to 201 E Kansas St. ACC had questions where to locate trailers for the band for power source and where the temporary fence would need to be set up to follow the guidelines for El Ranchito’s outdoor permit. According to El Ranchito’s permit the fence could go as far out to The Roost then back to 201 E Kansas, but must connect/ incorporate El Ranchito’s establishment. The area could be smaller than stated above as well. No motions were made.

The council discussed sidewalk projects for FY26. Some areas that were discussed were on Fillmore and Kansas streets. Burger and Cunningham will look into the sidewalks further. No action was taken at this time.

The City owns the large printing/ copy machine in city hall and has a service contract. The service contract ends in September 2025. The contract automatically renews, unless the city gives written notice to cancel 60 days prior to auto renewal. There was discussion about service rate on a contract vs. any repair, toner/ supplies cost with no contract. There was also discussion about when the machine is down for repairs or service. Employees at city hall are limited to work that can be completed without a printer. Cunningham made a motion to renew the service contract for 1 year on the current printer and purchase 1 desktop printer/copier as a backup. Burger seconded the motion. Kinyon, Cunningham, Burger All voted aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

The city reviewed 2 livestock permits. K’Lea Johnson applied to have chickens. The Council took a second look at Siddens’ application to see if the property was zoned agricultural or residential. This would determine if Siddens needed a permit or not. The property is zoned residential and does require a permit. Cunningham made a motion to approve both applications. Kinyon seconded. Cunningham, Kinyon and Burger all vote aye. Parham and Nixon absent. Motion carried.

Updates from Committees:

Fire- no new updates.

Rec Board- No meeting in June

Landfill-working with FEMA on building plans.

EMC- No update

Burger made a motion to adjourn. Kinyon seconded. Cunningham, Kinyon and Burger all vote aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Michelle Burger, Mayor
ATTEST: _____
Kayla Lacina, City Clerk

Bumble Bee Atlas

from Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Upcoming training opportunity for Iowa's Bumble Bee Atlas!

If you ever wanted to learn more about and maybe even actively help the most adorable bees in Iowa, here's your opportunity! 2025 is the second year for Iowa's Bumble Bee Atlas, and we are looking for volunteers to participate all over the state.

To become a Bumble Bee Atlas volunteer you should:

1. Watch the first two online training videos posted on the Iowa BBA website.
2. Create a Bumble Bee Watch account.
3. Adopt one of Iowa's survey grid cells.
4. Gather equipment and print off data sheets.
5. Attend field training to get some in-person training and experience in catching, handling, and photographing bumble bees.

Read on below for a list of these opportunities!

Throughout June and July, a number of in-person field trainings will be held at various locations around the state. These are helpful for anyone who wants to participate in the survey because they provide hands-on experience with the atlas methods and with catching, handling, and photographing bumble bees. And you'll also get to hang out and meet other folks that have a passion for bumble bees!

These trainings are most helpful for people who have already gone through the two initial

online trainings (now available as recordings) though it is not a requirement to have done so before attending an in-person field event.

Iowa Field Training Events

JUNE 21st, 2025

Swiss Valley Nature Center, Peosta, IA

10:00 am - noon (CT)

JUNE 22nd, 2025

Cedar Valley Arboretum, Waterloo, IA

noon - 2:00 pm (CT)

JUNE 24th, 2025

Humboldt County Historical Museum, Dakota City, IA

10:00 am - noon (CT)

JUNE 28th, 2025

Lake Anita State Park, Anita, IA

10:00 am - noon (CT)

JULY 10th, 2025

Dickinson County Nature Center, Okobojo, IA

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (CT)

JULY 19th, 2025

Honey Creek State Park, Moravia, IA

10:00 am - noon (CT)

Registration is free, but pre-registration is required. The number of participants for each training is capped at 15-20 people and is most appropriate for adults and children over 12 years old.

More field events may be added, so keep an eye on the Bumble Bee Atlas events page!

Not yet convinced? The video link below, about the Atlas, features some of our star surveyors from 2024, will give you an idea of how Atlas surveys work and will hopefully get you excited to join us!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BTk70i96uw



Steps to Take Following a Job Loss

from Justin R. Cole, Edward Jones, Member SIPC
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A job loss can feel overwhelming. To help put yourself in the best financial position, here are a few steps to take.

File for unemployment. While it won't fully replace your previous pay, it's a help that may last up to 26 weeks. The process can take time, so do this quickly.

If you need to adjust your budget, get creative. Where can you cut living expenses or find cheaper alternatives? Would a part-time job help? Can you cash in on your savings, investments, or the value of an insurance policy?

And if you have a flexible

savings account — or FSA — it likely needs to be used within 60 days after employment ends.

Then there's health insurance. If you depend on your employer's plan, you may need to explore COBRA options or private coverage using monies in a health savings account (HSA). Check out the Health Insurance Marketplace at healthcare.gov.

Considering options and making appropriate moves after a job loss may help you feel more confident financially and more prepared to take on your next chapter.



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