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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE AFTON CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF AFTON  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**APPROVED** City Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2020  
Afton City Hall  
3033 St. Croix Trail  
Afton, MN 55001  
7:00 P.M.

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1. **THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Bill Palmquist
2. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – was not recited.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Palmquist, Council Members Lucia Wroblewski, Randy Nelson, Annie Perkins, Stan Ross. **A Quorum was present.** The meeting was held virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.  
**ALSO PRESENT:** City Administrator Ron Moore, City Attorney Fritz Knaak, City Clerk Julie Yoho
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –**  
**Motion/Second Wroblewski/Nelson To approve the agenda for the June 16, 2020 Regular City Council meeting with addition of item C9 “seasonal worker”, C9b4 “replace trees”. Roll call: All aye, passed 5-0**  
**Motion/Second Palmquist/Nelson to move public hearings to planning commission meeting in July.**  
Discussion  
Mayor Palmquist explained the Planning Commission typically holds the public hearing first. They will meet in July.  
Council member Perkins stated she hates to prolong the issue.  
Council member Wroblewski had questions about the chapter 12 issues which are land use, feels we'd be ok with chapter 14 since it's not a land use topic.  
Council member Ross would like attorney input  
Council member Nelson felt the planning commission can play their role  
Attorney Knaak stated these are land use restrictions, hearing could be done either way.  
**Roll call: All aye, passed 5-0**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**Motion/Second Palmquist/Ross To approve minutes of the May 19, 2020 Regular City Council meeting as amended. Roll call: All aye, passed 5-0.**
6. **PUBLIC INPUT –**  
none
7. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS –**
  - A. Sheriff's Report (written report only)  
Council member Wroblewski stated there were five shots fired complaints last month.
  - B. Tom Niedzwiecki Budget Report (written report only)
  - C. Lower St Croix Fire District Report
8. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. A. Just and Correct Claims
  - B. 4M Fund Transfers – MAY – **Resolution 2020-32**
  - C. Liability Coverage and /Statutory Tort Limits
  - D. Extension of the Declaration of Local Emergency – **Resolution 2020-33**  
**Motion/Second Ross/Nelson To approve consent agenda and Resolutions 2020-32, 2020-33. Roll call: All aye, passed 5-0.**

59 **9. CITY COUNCIL BUISINESS**

60 **A. Public Hearings (*Items moved to July 6 PC meeting*)**

- 61 1. Ordinance Amendment Regarding Firearms Discharge, Gun Ranges, and Nuisance Noises – Ordinance  
62 05-2020  
63 2. Ordinance Amendment Restricting Barbed Wire Fencing in /Residential Settings – Ordinance 06-2020  
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65 **B. Engineering Report – (Engineer Staff Report)**

66 1. Pay Voucher No. 1

67 City Engineer Klay Eckles reported that the contractor did good job on River Road project. Finished on  
68 time and under budget.

69 **Motion/Second Ross/Palmquist to approve Pay Voucher No. 1 to Geislinger and Sons. Roll call:**  
70 **All aye, passed 5-0.**

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72 2. Pay Voucher Final from Capra Utilities

73 **Motion/Second Wroblewski/Nelson to approve final pay voucher to Capra Utilities for the River**  
74 **Road Sanitary Sewer project. Roll call: 4 Aye, Perkins abstain. Passed 4-0-1.**

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76 3. Afton Creek Preserve construction update

77 Engineer Eckles reported that the developer is working to wrap up issues. Ponds remain unable to  
78 infiltrate, groundwater may be interfering. Drainage system is proposed to be installed under the pond.  
79 Targeting July 1 to have completed. Developer would like to get 60<sup>th</sup> St paved.

80 Council member Ross asked if WSB would be onsite for oversight when paving occurs.

81 Council member Wroblewski stated that Mr Carlson had issues with paving inside the development,  
82 shares concern over paving of 60<sup>th</sup> St.

83 Council member Ross would like WSB to monitor.

84 Administrator Moorse stated that Tri County will be doing base preparations in the next week.

85 Council member Wroblewski walked the property with Mr. Carlson. The trees planted are satisfactory.  
86 Is there a contractor lined up for the drain tiles?

87 Engineer Eckles stated that plans have been submitted, the developer wants to meet July 1 goal.

88 Council member Wroblewski stated that ponds 4 and 7 need to be finished or no building permits  
89 beyond this one should be issued.

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91 **C. Administration –**

92 1. 30<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert Replacement

93 **Motion/Second Ross/Nelson to approve \$3200 to replace the unusable section of the culvert that**  
94 **was purchased to replace the 30<sup>th</sup> Street culvert. Roll Call: All Aye, Passed 5-0.**

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96 2. Additional speed/noise patrol options

97 The Washington County Sheriff's Department provided options for additional speed/noise  
98 enforcement patrols to address concerns regarding noise and safety related to speeding vehicles.

99 The costs range from \$4,254 to \$24,773, depending on the number of additional patrol hours

100 Council member Ross stated that speeding is top complaint in city.

101 **Motion/Second Ross/Palmquist to approve Option #1 for additional 396 hours of speed/noise**  
102 **patrols.**

103 Discussion was held over noise enforcement.

104 Mayor Palmquist stated he supports option #2.

105 Council member Nelson stated he is not comfortable with spending money on any of these options  
106 this year.

107 **Roll Call: Ross aye, Nelson nay, Wroblewski nay, Perkins nay, Palmquist nay; 1-4. Motion**  
108 **Fails.**

110 **Motion/Second Palmquist/Perkins to approve Option #2 for additional 172 hours of**  
111 **speed/noise patrols. Roll Call: Nelson nay, Ross aye, Wroblewski aye, Perkins aye, Palmquist**  
112 **aye. Passed 4-1.**

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114 3. Gary Maas Subdivision at 15990 32<sup>nd</sup> St  
115 **Motion/Second Palmquist/Wroblewski to reaffirm conditions for the subdivision at 15990 32<sup>nd</sup>**  
116 **as stated in Resolution 2015-72. Roll call: All aye, passed 5-0.**

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118 4. Tree Removals in public ROW  
119 **Motion/Second Palmquist/Wroblewski to authorize staff to work with Tri County or Save a Tree**  
120 **to remove the leaning box elder tree. Roll call: All aye passed 5-0.**

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122 5. Emergency operations update  
123 Administrator Moore provided an update. The Parks committee would like to meet.  
124 **Motion/Second Palmquist/Wroblewski to allow Parks Committee to meet remotely. Roll call: All**  
125 **aye passed 5-0.**

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127 6. Schedule Special council meeting  
128 **Motion/Second Palmquist/Wroblewski to schedule Special City Council meeting between July 1-**  
129 **9<sup>th</sup>. Roll call, All aye passed 5-0.**

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131 7. Schedule work session  
132 **Motion/Second Palmquist/Nelson to schedule a City Council Work session at the same time. Roll**  
133 **Call: All aye passed 5-0.**

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135 8. Joint Powers agreement - Resolution 2020-34  
136 **Motion/Second Palmquist/Wroblewski to approve Resolution 2020-34 Joint Powers Agreement**  
137 **for use of the State Criminal justice Data Communication Network System (CJDN) Roll Call:**  
138 **All aye passed 5-0.**

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140 9. Seasonal worker  
141 **Motion/Second Nelson/Perkins to hire Daryl Rielander for part-time seasonal summer help.**  
142 **Roll Call: All aye passed 5-0.**

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144 10. Dead trees in Blvd  
145 Council member Ross stated that six trees are dead: two on north end, others on west side.  
146 Landscaping company should be required to replace two of these (north side).  
147 **Motion/Second Palmquist/Ross To replace dead trees at cost not to exceed \$3300. Roll call: all**  
148 **aye passed 5-0.**

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150 **D. Committee Reports –**  
151 1. Public Works – grant for Steamboat Park.  
152 2. Personnel – interviews in 2 days  
153 3. Parks – no meeting  
154 4. Heritage Preservation Commission / Design Review - no report  
155 5. Natural Resources and Groundwater - no report

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157 **10. COUNCIL, CONSULTANT, AND STAFF REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES**  
158 A. Ward 1 Council Member Perkins – no report  
159 B. Ward 2 Council Member Wroblewski – no report  
160 C. Ward 3 Council Member Ross – no report

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- 161 D. Ward 4 Council Member Nelson – clear cutting on Lake Edith
- 162 E. Mayor Palmquist – met with DNR forester at Steamboat Park
- 163 F. City Attorney Knaak – no report
- 164 G. City Administrator Moorse – no report

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166 **11. ADJOURN**

167 **Motion/Second Nelson/Wroblewski to adjourn.** Roll call: All aye, passed 5-0.

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169 Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm

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176 Julie Yoho, City Clerk

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180 Approved by Council July 21, 2020 as (check one): Presented: \_\_\_\_\_ Amended:  X

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183 Mayor Bill Palmquist \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_