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

**APPROVED** City Council Special Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2018  
Afton City Hall  
3033 St. Croix Trail  
Afton, MN 55001  
5:00 P.M.

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1. **THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Bend.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Council Members Nelson, Ross and Richter and Mayor Bend. **Quorum Present.**  
**(Palmquist arrived at 6:02)**

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Administrator Ron Moorse

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –**

**Motion/Second: Bend/Ross. To approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

4. **CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**A. Town Square Park Restroom Landscaping**

Moorse indicated two price quotes had been obtained for the final landscaping for the Town Square Park Restroom. The price quote from Tri County was \$5,800. The price quote from Heins Nursery was \$5,236.50. The price quote includes 450 square yards of sod for the area disturbed by the grading and construction activity for the restroom, 62 linear feet of edging, and 16 tons of river rock to be placed around the perimeter of the restroom. Also attached is an aerial photo of the restroom showing the proposed locations of the sod and the river rock. Karen Weiss, who has been coordinating the construction of the restroom, has indicated a lower cost rock or aggregate could be used around the perimeter of the restroom to reduce costs if desired by the Council. The proposed cost is within the remaining budget amount approved for the restroom.

Council member Richter questioned the need to spend more money on the Town Square Park.

Mayor Bend indicated he would like to spend more money for open space in the rural area, but he cannot get support for that.

**Motion/Second: Nelson/Ross. To approve the price quote from Heins Nursery for final Town Square Park Restroom landscaping, in the amount of \$5,236.50. Motion carried 3-1-0 (Richter).**

**B. 2019 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy7 Audit Report**

Moorse provided an overview of the preliminary 2019 budget and tax levy. The Council discussed the overview, including the need for a longer term bond issue to refinance the temporary bonds that are being used to provide cash flow for the Downtown Improvement Project. The Council agreed to increase the tax levy by \$7,000, in addition to the existing available levies, to put in place a levy sufficient to pay the debt service on a longer term bond issue that would begin in 2021.

**Motion/Second: Palmquist/Ross. To adopt a resolution approving a preliminary total levy of \$2,251,291 for 2019. Motion carried. All ayes.**

**Motion/Second: Palmquist/Ross. To adopt a resolution approving the preliminary budget of \$2,431,600 for 2019. Motion carried. All ayes.**

57 **Motion/Second: Bend/Nelson. To schedule the Budget and Tax Hearing regarding the 2019 budget**  
58 **and tax levy for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

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61 **5. ADJOURN –**

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63 **Motion/Second: Nelson/Ross. To adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

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71 Ronald J. Moore, City Administrator

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73 **Approved by Council on October 16, 2018 as (check one): Presented:  X  Amended: \_\_\_\_\_**

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75 **Signed by Mayor Richard Bend \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**