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

**APPROVED City Council Work Session Minutes  
May 2, 2018  
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.**

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Administrator Ron Moore, City Engineer Nick Guilliams, City Attorney Fritz Knaak and Fire Chief Jim Stanley.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion/Second: Nelson/Ross. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

**(Council member Palmquist arrived at 5:02)**

4. **CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**A. Pennington Avenue Sewer Connection Options**

Moore explained that, subsequent to the Council indicating support for the extension of the sewer lines up the right-of-way lanes to Pennington Avenue to enable the parcels on the west side of Pennington to connect to the sewer system, the City Engineer discovered that one of the stubs coming off the sewer line at the bottom of the right-of-way lane is only a 4-inch line vs. a 6-inch line. The City Engineer provided information and costs related to a resolution of this issue. The council agreed that the Pennington sewer connection work should move forward.

**B. Bridge Inspection Reports and Actions**

The City Engineer presented the results of the annual bridge inspections and discussed the results and recommendations regarding repair needs for discussion by the Council. The Council directed that staff bring a request to the next meeting for authorization to complete a hydrologic analysis of the Valley Creek bridge to determine if it can be replaced by a culvert.

**C. Fire Inspection Program**

Fire Chief Jim Stanley explained the need and benefits of a commercial building inspection program. He requested the Council adopt an ordinance to allow the Fire Department to inspect commercial buildings. He indicated there would not be any fees for this service at this time.

Richter suggested the Council should support and promote a voluntary inspection program. The Council directed that this topic be brought to another work session to look at ordinance options and the impact on businesses.

**D. Industrial Zone Ordinance Amendment**

Moore indicated an ordinance amendment reflecting revisions to the list of uses allowed in the Industrial zones, clarifying exterior storage regulations, and updating design standards and landscape requirements has been drafted for Council's review and comment. The ordinance amendment will also be discussed by the Planning Commission at its May 7 meeting. Based on feedback from both the Council and Planning Commission, a final ordinance amendment could be placed on the June Planning Commission meeting for a public hearing and recommendation, and brought to the June 19 Council meeting for Council action.

Richter asked if the total square footage of buildings with a total buildout based on the proposed new uses has been determined. He also questioned the impact of the buildout on groundwater.

The Council discussed the addition of an auto body/collision center to the list of allowed uses. There was not agreement to include this use.

57 E. Jessica and Karl Mulle Request for Decorative Street Light in Front of their Afton Leather property  
58 Moose indicated the Mulles, owners of Afton Leather at 3411 St. Croix Trail, had a gas street light in the front of  
59 their property prior to the Downtown Village Improvement Project. As part of the project, the gas light was removed  
60 and the pattern of the spacing of the new decorative street lights resulted in decorative street lights on the properties to  
61 their north, south and west, but no street light in front of their property. They have expressed concern regarding the  
62 lack of light for the clients of the businesses in their building.

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64 The Council directed that the City provide a gas light to the Mulles at a nominal cost that they could convert to an  
65 electric light and install in the entrance area to their building. Staff communicated this offer to the Mulles along with  
66 information regarding the conversion and installation of the light. The City has now received a letter from a legal  
67 firm indicating that the Mulle’s believe one of the new decorative street lights should be installed in front of their  
68 property.

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70 The Council discussed the Mulle’s request and determined that the solution is not the installation of an additional  
71 decorative street light, but rather the Mulle’s should add lighting on their own property to address concerns regarding  
72 adequate light for their tenants and their clients.

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74 **5. ADJOURN –**

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76 **Motion/Second: Bend/Ross. To adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

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78 Respectfully submitted by:

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81 Ronald J. Moose, City Administrator

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83 **Approved by Council (on July 17, 2018) as (check one): Presented:  X  Amended: \_\_\_\_\_**

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