

August 18, 2014

Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Weston Bishop, Connie Drahos, Kevin Korsmo, Diane Herman, and Tim Harbach. Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also present: Melissa Rammelsberg, City Clerk/Treasurer; Heather David, Deputy Clerk; Lindsay Beaman, City Engineering; Jim Herzberger; Art Taschner; Mark Ralston; Frank King; Mart Campbell; Keri Campbell; Dean Andes; and Mike Jennings, Public Works Department.

Herman made a motion, second by Korsmo, to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the minutes from August 4th, and list of bills for approval. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bills approved:

Affinity Care Inc.	EAP Service	\$5.60
Allen, Vernon & Hoskins, PLC	Legal Services	51.06
Alliant Energy	Electric Utility	6,260.09
Atkins Lumber	Fork Lift Rent & Supplies	184.81
Atkins Savings Bank	Wire Transfer Fee	15.00
Chase Card	City Hall – office supplies	110.36
“ “	Newsletter	178.14
“ “	Software	79.99
“ “	Water Postage	478.94
“ “	Sewer Postage	12.63
Colony Heating	A/C Maintenance	110.00
Crawford Quarry	Street Repair Material	94.77
Creative Technologies	Software	395.00
The Depot Express	Fuel	414.41
Payroll	Wages	7,626.94
Hawkins	Water Treatment Supplies	1,848.66
Iowa One Call	Locates	37.80
John Deere Financial	Supplies	21.98
Keystone Laboratories	Water Testing	336.00
Stacy Larson	Refund for Water Bill Overpayment	444.57
Linn County REC	Utilities	897.79
MPC Newspapers	Publications	253.69
Menards	Supplies	14.29
Metering & Technology	Training	9,650.00
“ “	Water Meter Replacement Supplies	577.51
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	71.56
Midwest Alarm Services	Fire Alarm Maintenance	333.72
Office Express	Supplies	180.31
P&K Midwest	Supplies	27.90
Quality Pump & Control	Lift Station Repair	1,301.60
Roto-Rooter	Cleaned Sewer Line	997.50
Sandry Fire Supply, L.L.C	Equipment	129.74
Schimberg Co.	Water Meter Supplies	864.39

Star Press Union	Subscription	30.00
True North	Disability Insurance	87.86
U S Cellular	Cell Phones	152.44
“ “	Fire Dept Cell Phone	10.00
Waste Management	Recycling Pick Up	3,553.06

Library bills:

Payroll	Wages	1,235.63
Alliant Energy	Electric Utility	616.58
Affinity Care Inc.	EAP Service	2.80
Chase Card	Books & Videos	436.23
“ “	Office Supplies & Postage	63.93
DP Properties LLC	Janitorial	160.00
Libby Gleason	Library Sub (3 hours)	21.75
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	14.31
Sam's Club	Summer Reading Program Supplies	98.24
True North	Health & Disability Insurance	16.32

Drahos made a motion to accept Resolution #599, a resolution to accept the Plan of Improvements for Ridgeview 5th Addition. Second by Herman. Ayes: Drahos, Bishop, Herman, Korsmo, and Harbach. Nay: None. Resolution carried.

Drahos made a motion, second by Herman, to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #197, an ordinance to change the Landfill fee to \$5 per month. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on resident Kent James request to fill his ditch at 606 Circleview Drive was approved with review and approval by Public Works.

Resident Frank King expressed concerns over his water bill. Council asked King to work with Jennings from Public Worksto pull reports on his water usage and determine next steps.

Resident Jim Herzberger expressed concerns about weeds growing on the easement next to his house at 312 Park Ridge Road. With the 3rd Avenue extension a couple years ago, weeds began to grow. Drahos made a motion to have the area sprayed in the fall with the other City properties, and revisit in the spring to re-seeded if necessary, second by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Herzberger thanked the City for cleaning the storm sewer intake near his house.

Drahos made a motion, second by Harbach, to send a letter, along with a copy of the City Code, giving notice to homeowners with overgrown grass, including within easements they are responsible to maintain. If the homeowner does not resolve, the City will hire a contractor to

address and actual expenses will be charged to the homeowner. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bishop made a motion, second by Korsmo, to add a stop sign at Ridgeview Drive and Pleasant Hill Drive. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Korsmo made a motion to hold the next City Council Meeting to September 2nd. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on holding Council Meetings earlier than 7:30PM. Drahos made a motion to change the time for Council Meetings to 7:00 PM. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Drahos made a motion to change the time for Council Meetings to 6:30 PM. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

The council discussed progress on High Point Drive drainage.

City Clerk Rammelsberg informed the Council that the MATCH Grant has been awarded by the Wellmark Foundation for the Parkridge Road Sidewalk project. Fundraising for \$75,000 will take place now until November.

Herman advised that she has contacted the Sheriff's office about speed on 1st Street, citing concerns with school starting.

On motion by Harbach, second by Herman, voted to adjourn. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

— David Becker, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Rammelsberg,
City Clerk/ Treasurer