

May 19, 2014

Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Kevin Korsmo, Diane Herman, Tim Harbach, and Connie Drahos. Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also present: Weston Bishop, newly appointed Council member; Dick Lange, City Clerk; Melissa Rammelsberg, Deputy City Clerk; Jim Kidwell; Art Taschner; Leonard Brezina; Roger Stien; Cathy Becker, Library Director; Dave Duball, City Public Works Department, and Todd Damon, City Public Works Department.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Council member, Weston Bishop, as required by law.

Korsmo made a motion, second by Herman, to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the minutes from May 5th and list of bills for approval. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried

Bills approved:

Apparatus Testing Services, LLC	Fire Dept Pump Certification Testing	\$557.50
Atkins Automotive	Air Condition Charge for Fire Dept Tanker	146.67
Chase Card	Newsletter Mailing (Apr)	178.98
“ “	Speaker wire/material for Council Room	45.83
“ “	Fire Dept Gas Monitor & Antenna	1,058.59
D. J. C-Stores	Fuel- Road	259.50
“ “	Fuel – Sewer	9.71
“ “	Fuel – Fire Dept	47.50
Payroll	Wages	6,993.99
Fox Apparatus Repair & Maint.	Part & Repair to Fire Dept Rescue	379.75
Hawkins	Water Treatment Supplies	2,077.40
Iowa Municipal Fin Officers Assoc.	Annual Dues	40.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	62.50
IRS	Federal Tax Deposit	5,200.62
IPERS	Deposit	3,358.67
Jim Parris	Tree Removal Reimbursement – Half	139.00
John Deere Financial	Lawn Mower Battery	34.99
L.B. Anderson Agency	Insurance Premiums – change in mower	65.00
Linn County REC	Utilities – Sewer Plant	582.14
Maguire Iron	Water Tower Maintenance	1,802.50
MPC Newspapers	Publications	137.23
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	490.16
Roto-Rooter	Sewer Main Cleaning	852.50
Sam’s Club	Membership for M.Rammelsberg	17.50
Snyder & Associates, Inc.	Wastewater Facility Plan	5,650.00
TEAM Services Inc	New Street Inspection	122.91
True North	Health & Disability Insurance	2,329.32
U S Cellular	Cell Phones	155.46
“ “	Fire Dept Cell Phone	10.00
Waste Management	Recycling pick-up	3,553.06

Library bills:

Payroll	Wages	\$1,244.52
Cathy Becker	Mileage (54 mi) for county meeting	30.24
Chase Card	Books	428.07
“ “	A/V	35.30
“ “	Office Supplies & Postage	101.42

DP Properties LLC	Janitorial	120.00
Kids Reference Company	Books	137.91
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	179.70
True North	Health & Disability Insurance	699.72
Wellmark BC/BS	Flex Pay	8.01

Library Director, Cathy Becker, requested feedback from the Council on the website content. Council made suggestions for additions and improvements to the website.

Korsmo made a motion to approve Resolution #585, a resolution to amend the City Budget for 2014, with a second by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Herman made a motion to approve Resolution #586, a resolution to transfer funds to the Debt Service account, with a second by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried

Council reviewed an estimate from A&G Asphalt to repair the road surface of the Main Avenue and Parkridge Road intersection. Discussion was also held about the drainage culvert on the northwest side of the intersection, and it was agreed that the road resurfacing could be completed separate from the culvert repair. On a motion by Drahos to accept the A&G estimate to repair the street, seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Council considered the first reading of Ordinance # 194 which would raise water rates from \$4.60 per 1,000 gallon to \$5.90 per 1,000 effective July 1, 2014. Korsmo moved to approve the first reading. Second was made by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Council considered the first reading of Ordinance # 195 which would raise sewer rates from 50% of the water rate to 80% of the water rate effective July 1, 2014. Harbach made a motion, second by Korsmo, to approve the first reading. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council reviewed and approved the water meter replacement notification letter that will be mailed to water customers for the new meter installation beginning June 2nd.

Council reviewed the recommendation by the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk proposed for hiring a Deputy Clerk. Herman made motion to move forward with making an offer as proposed in the recommendation, second by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council received sealed bids for the sale of two used lawn mowers. A Simplicity riding mower with a 42" deck, and a Scag riding mower and 72" mower deck. Received were two bids on the Simplicity riding mower and three bids on the Scag riding mower. Harbach made a motion to accept the high bids, both received from Ric Huber, for the mowers, seconded by Herman. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Korsmo requested that the Rec Board be allowed to close 4th Avenue from Parkridge Road to the Atkins Elementary parking lot driveway on Wednesday nights during the in-town ball games. Council directed Public Works Department to provide barricades for the Rec Board's use.

Korsmo requested consideration adding public bathrooms and concession area at the soccer fields. Requested addition to the next meeting's agenda for discussion.

Herman shared that Atkins has a large number of graduates from Benton Community this year, and during the Senior Awards Program on May 7th, many received scholarships. She highlighted that the City is proud of all the graduates.

Leonard Brezina stated his concerns with the volume of feral cats in his neighborhood, and ask the Council if they could take action. The Council advised legally they could not take action to trap or remove the feral cats. The Council recommended residents stop feeding the cats as they would move elsewhere to find food.

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

David Becker, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Richard Lange, Clerk