

December 15, 2014

Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Weston Bishop, Kevin Korsmo, Diane Herman, and Tim Harbach. Absent: None. Mayor David Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also present: Melissa Rammelsberg, City Clerk/Treasurer; Lindsay Beaman, City Engineering; Curt Walser; Bill Lynch; Jeff Heil; Brian Rammelsberg; Nathan Shepard; Dennis Knock; Molly Knock; and Mike Jennings, Public Works Department.

Herman made a motion, second by Korsmo, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from December 1<sup>st</sup> with list of attendees updated to remove Michael Hart, Kirk Draper, and Mart Campbell & add Tim Downs Mullen, and list of bills for approval. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bills approved:

Allen, Vernon & Hoskins, PLC	Legal Services	\$102.13
Alliant Energy	Electric Utility	4,468.76
“ “	Electric Utility – Fire Dept	92.57
Atkins Automotive	Fire Dept – F630 Filter Change	73.73
Atkins Telephone Co.	Fire Dept. Phone Bill	133.18
“ “	City Phone Bill	261.11
Atkins Lumber Company	Road Supplies	12.95
“ “ “	Water & Sewer Supplies	77.73
“ “ “	City Hall – Ice Melt	5.99
Benton County Engineer	Landfill Fees	13,777.50
Benton Development Group	Economic Development Contribution	50.00
Crawford Quarry	Snow/Ice Removal	80.52
Chase Card	Water Postage	226.21
“ “	Water Bill Dropbox	409.67
“ “	Website Maintenance	61.75
“ “	Newsletter Postage	177.25
Dick Lange	Financial Consulting (3 hrs)	120.00
Payroll	Wages	5,347.97
Hach. Company	Water Supplies	199.14
Hawkins	Water Treatment Supplies	2,530.85
Iowa One Call	Locates	34.30
Keystone Lab	Water & Wastewater Testing	457.37
Linn County REC	Utilities	583.10
Marengo Publishing Corp.	Publication Expense	431.39
Menards	Supplies	11.88
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	505.50
“ “	Natural Gas Service – Fire Dept	105.43
Northway Well & Pump	Wastewater Pump Repair	4,533.50
Ricklefs Excavating	71 <sup>st</sup> & Parkridge Rd	4,404.96
Schimberg	Water Meter Supplies	506.71
Snyder & Associates	71 <sup>st</sup> & Parkridge Rd	1,609.88
Staples	City Hall & Road Supplies	145.03
The Depot Express	Road Fuel	157.98
“ “ “	Fire Dept – Fuel	140.46
U S Cellular	Cell Phones	180.10
“ “	Fire Dept Cell Phone	10.00
Waste Management	Recycle Pick-up	3,627.68

Wellmark	Health Insurance	1,520.23
Mayor & Council Payroll	Wages	2,076.56
Library bills:		
Payroll	Wages	\$1,375.86
Alliant Energy	Electric Utility	402.65
Atkins Telephone Co.	Library Phone Bill	65.76
Chase Card	Books	335.27
" "	Postage	46.97
" "	Videos	69.42
" "	Early Out Supplies	42.50
" "	Cleaning Supplies	27.99
" "	Office Supplies	8.35
DP Properties LLC	Janitorial	160.00
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	188.65
Staples	Supplies	80.58
Wellmark	Health Insurance	763.81

Council had received letters of interest for the vacant Council position from Nathan Shepard and Bill Lynch. Council commended both on their interest and encourages both to run for City Council in the 2015 election. Herman made a motion to appoint Bill Lynch to the open Council position, seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Public Works Director Jennings shared an update from the Badger Meter representative about the water meters. He shared that water has to be going through the meter for the meter to track usage, and meter failure would be in the customer's favor as the meter would slow or stop completely, not speed up. Clerk shared that she spoke to the clerk in Durant since they had completed a similar project two years earlier with the same meters, and expressed Durant had gotten the same concerns/requests. Durant Council upheld their policy and did not waive any charges. Herman made a motion to continue with Atkin's policy not to waive the sewer charges and to work with Resident Downs Mullen to set up a flexible payment plan. This was seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker opened the Public Heating for the General Obligation (GO) Refunding Loan Agreement. The Clerk reported there were no written objections filed. Becker asked for comments from those in attendance. None were offered. Public Heating was closed. Harbach made a motion to approve Resolution 608, a resolution to approve a Bond Purchase Agreement with Northland Securities, seconded by Herman. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, Lynch. Nay: None. Resolution carried. Jeff Heil, representative with Northland Securities, reported the rate savings will be \$97,292.

Korsmo made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 199 which would add a new section allowing for temporary suspension of services and provision for customers in active military. Second was made by Lynch. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried

Engineer Beaman shared that a preliminary proposal plan from Casey's General Store was reviewed and no initial concerns were noted in her review, but detailed plans to include drainage and water/sewer tie in would be needed as the process moves forward. Council expressed concerns about the proposed location for Casey's General Store, which is south of Circleview Drive and north of the Brunssen's acreage. Council is agreeable to Casey's come to town, but would like to see it in an alternative location since that is in a residential area. Resident Dennis Knock, 510 Circleview Drive, shared similar concerns.

Korsmo made a motion to pay \$400 holiday bonus to employees Cathy Becker, Mike Jennings, Todd Damon, and Melissa Rammelsberg, a \$200 holiday bonus to Heather David, and a \$100 holiday bonus to Vicky Myers. Seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried

Clerk shared that Wellmark is willing to extend the MATCH grant fundraising deadline to continue fundraising effort to meet the \$75,000 grant. Council confirmed their support and requested the Clerk to move forward with continued fundraising effort.

Korsmo shared the Atkins Community Club (ACC) Christmas Party had a good turnout, and thanked the sponsors and City. He also shared that the ACC approved paying for a Frisbee Golf course at the soccer field area, and planning to have a tournament for Watermelon Days.

Herman advised that the 38 Fire Club handed out one hundred more bags to kids at the Santa Fire Truck event than the previous year.

On motion by Harbach, second by Bishop, voted to adjourn. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, January 5, 2015 at City Hall, 480 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

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David Becker, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Rammelsberg,  
City Clerk/ Treasurer