

May 4, 2015

Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Weston Bishop, Tim Harbach, Kevin Korsmo, Diane Herman, and Bill Lynch. Absent: None. Mayor David Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also present: Melissa Rammelsberg, City Clerk/Treasurer; Dave Schaab, Waste Management; Tom & Judy Shepherd; Stan & Jane Hanzelka; Nathan Shepherd; Beverly Hayden; Luke Maloney; Don Beatty; and Mike Jennings, Public Works Director.

Herman made a motion, second by Harbach, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from April 20th and list of bills for approval. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bills approved:

Alliant Energy	Fire Dept – Utility Expense	\$80.27
“ “	Utility Expense	4,313.46
American Legion Auxiliary	Fire Dept – Recognition dinner	765.50
Atkins Lumber Co	Fire Dept – Supplies	53.23
“ “ “	Water & Park Supplies	69.50
Atkins Telephone Co	Fire Dept – Telephone Expense	133.33
“ “ “	Telephone Expense	281.06
Benton County Auditor	Law Enforcement Contract - Jan-Mar 2015	5,265.00
Benton County Solid Waste	Landfill Tipping Fee (3/26 – 4/1515)	529.50
Furler Utility Service LLC	Wastewater Testing	465.00
Grainger	Fire Dept - Supplies	34.14
Heiman Fire Equipment	Fire Dept – Supplies	88.51
Payroll	Wages	4,435.60
Iowa DNR	Storm Water Permit for Sidewalk Project	175.00
Maguire Iron	Water Tower Maintenance	1,802.50
Mike Jennings	Health Insurance	173.40
Rexco Equipment	Mower Supplies	14.84
Snyder & Associates	Water Plant	363.00
“ “	Street Sign/ Road / Daycare Drainage	1,143.25
WageWorks	Flex Pay	6.42
Waste Management	Recycling Fee	3,627.68

Library bills:

Payroll	Wages	\$1,075.02
Alliant Energy	Utility Expense	318.21
Atkins Telephone Co	Telephone Expense	68.16
DP Properties LLC	Janitorial Services	160.00
Hawkeye Termite & Pest	Pest Control Treatment	149.80
Jones Library Sales Inc	Library Shelving	768.00
Penworthy	Books	56.90
WageWorks	Flex Pay	15.00

Korsmo made a motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #200, an ordinance adding a new section for Parking Violations: Alternate. It was seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo and Lynch. Nays: none. Ordinance passed.

Dave Schaab with Waste Management shared an update on the proposal to provide garbage/recycling tote bins to Atkins. Schaab shared that senior pricing was reduced to \$11.50;

family service increased to \$18.25. Standard service stays the same. Waste Management will authorize a buy back at the full rate of \$1.20 per tag to the city or to the retailers that currently sell the garbage stickers. Schaab shared that 35-gallon could be substituted for a 64-gallon for senior citizen rate. He shared that it is not as stable in the wind. Hanzelka asked if the recycle was available in a smaller size. Schaab shared that it would be available in a 35-gallon or 64-gallon. Herman asked if the 35-gallon option at a reduced price would be available for everyone, not just seniors. Schaab shared that another option could be added to provide a 35-gallon garbage and 64-gallon recycle for \$12.50 per month.

Discussion on timing to when residents could change their minds, Council seemed agreeable to 60 days. Herman made a motion to move forward with the proposal including the addition of tier that was discussed and providing there would be a 2nd year opt out clause in the contract, seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Luke Maloney, who is currently an inspector for Linn County, shared that he would be willing to perform the electrical inspections for Atkins that recently have been transitioned to the State. He shared that he would be willing to provide the same level of service that Jerry Michael is providing to contractors, which includes performing inspections within 24 hours of request. Maloney also shared that another inspector at Linn County has offered to cover for him when he is unavailable. Maloney shared a draft electrical permit form with proposed fees that are 10% higher than the current State fees. Clerk shared the State inspection turnaround time is three days and does not include weekends, and Maloney's proposed turnaround would be 24 hours and would include nights & weekends. Council asked if Maloney was able to do other inspections, such as cover for Jerry Michael when unavailable to do inspections. Maloney shared he is a fully certified inspector. Maloney also asked that Council pass an ordinance to accept the state requirements for electrical requirements. Council directed the Clerk to prepare that for the May 18th meeting. Herman made a motion to bring Luke Maloney on as the Atkins electrical inspector and to set the fees for electrical inspection at 10% more than the state fees, seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Korsmo, second by Bishop, to approve the liquor permit effective May 19, 2015 for The Depot Express, Atkins. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Jennings shared an estimate for tuck pointing, repairs, and sealing of the brick/block of Old City Hall. Jennings also shared that the lumber yard might be interested in selling the lot to the east, which could allow the City to add a couple larger truck bays onto the building. Herman made a motion to add this to the Capital Improvement Plan for consideration in a later budget year, seconded by Lynch. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council considered a question from the City Engineer on whether or not Council would like to add an addendum to the bid to include add apron guards to the large culvert that will be under the Parkridge Sidewalk. Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages. Bishop made a motion to keep the current plans and not add an addendum to the bid, seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Clerk shared that a couple requests to donate trees in memory of deceased loved one to be planted at the Library/City Hall had been made. The Library has come up with an idea to line the west drive into the Library/City Hall with donated trees, to have a plaque to commemorate the donation, and call it Memory Lane. Details on minimum donation and plans are in process. Council asked that a form be created to release the city if the tree would die due to natural

causes. Herman made a motion move forward with the proposed plan, seconded by Lynch. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Clerk shared a request from Don Deeds and Peggy Edwards to be married on Main Ave immediately following the parade at Watermelon Days on August 1, 2015, and requesting to keep Main Ave in front of the American Legion Hall closed for an additional 15 minutes to say their vows. Bishop made a motion to allow the street to remain closed as requested, seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Clerk shared that Deputy Clerk Heather David has given her notice to resign once a replacement could be found. Council expressed their appreciation for all that David has done over the past year. Council requested the Clerk to follow a similar process for hiring as was done when David was hired. Bishop made a motion to accept the resignation letter, seconded by Lynch. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Herman asked Clerk to find the County's plans to re-post the 55 mph sign on the southbound side of 33rd Avenue.

Don Beatty shared concerns with ditch maintenance along 71st Street adjacent to the land that the Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church owns. Council agreed that the ditch would be hard to maintain, and tabled the discussion as no action could be taken at this time.

Jennings shared the noon siren has stopped working, and requested looking into repair costs. Council asked Jennings to gather cost estimates for repair.

On motion by Harbach, second by Korsmo, voted to adjourn. Ayes: Bishop, Harbach, Herman, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, May 18, 2015 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

David Becker, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Rammelsberg,
City Clerk/ Treasurer