

June 15, 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; Kelli Scott, Snyder & Associates; Nathan Shepherd; Corey Sorum; Curt Walser; Michael Stewart; Hazel Jacobsen; Mark Ralston; and Mike Jennings, Public Works Director.

Herman made a motion, second by Bishop, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from June 1st, the May Financial Report, and list of bills for approval. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bills approved:

Allen Vernon & Hoskins, PLC	Legal Services	\$127.66
Alliant Energy	Fire Dept. - Utility	104.12
“ “	Electric Utility	5,211.93
Benton County Engineer	Landfill Fees (4 th Quarter)	13,777.50
Chase Card	Supplies	99.50
“ “	Postage	50.19
“ “	Water Postage	413.64
ECICOG	Comprehensive Plan Update	924.00
Hawkins	Water Supplies	784.50
Internal Revenue Service	Federal Withholding – May Q2 2015	3,872.88
Iowa One Call	Locates	18.00
IPERS	Pension Payment	2,795.48
John Deere Financial	Park Supplies	151.97
Payroll	Wages	4,391.88
L. L. Pelling Co.	Cold Patch	200.60
Linn Co-op	Fuel	1,411.15
Linn County REC	Sewer Utility	519.34
Marengo Publishing Corp	Publication Expense	783.91
MidAmerican Energy	Gas Utility	91.77
“ “ “	Fire Dept – Gas Utility	13.94
Office Express	Park Supplies	58.96
REXCO Equipment	Mower supplies	130.06
Snyder & Associates	Wastewater Treatment Plant design	56,970.00
Staples	Office Supplies	129.75
The Depot Express	Fire Dept – Fuel	84.61
“ “ “	Park & Road Fuel	226.84
U S Cellular	Cell Phones	176.96
“ “	Fire Dept Cell Phone	10.00
U S Postal Service	Bulk Mailing Permit	225.00
WageWorks	Flex Pay	15.00
Waste Management	Recycling Fee	3,627.68
Winpump Company	Water Plant Pump	226.52
Wellmark	Health Insurance	1,183.54
Mayor & Council Payroll	Wages	2,376.56
Library bills:		
Payroll	Wages	\$1,140.26
Alliant Energy	Electrical Service	375.53

Chase Card	Postage	22.52
“ “	Books	338.14
“ “	DVD	35.25
DP Properties LLC	Janitorial Services	160.00
Megan Mishmash	Library Sub (3 hours)	21.75
MidAmerican Energy	Gas Utility	26.77
Staples	Cleaning Supplies	58.78
“	Office Supplies	44.99
Wellmark	Health Insurance	763.81

Korsmo made a motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #202, an ordinance to revise recycling collection to include collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste. It was seconded by Lynch. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo and Lynch. Nays: none. Ordinance passed.

Herman made a motion to approve Resolution #629, a resolution to lease the City Park to the Atkins Community Club from July 29 to August 2, 2015 for the Watermelon Days celebration. It was seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo and Lynch. Nays: none. Resolution carried.

Council considered a request from Parks & Recreation Board to close 4th Ave from Parkridge to Atkins Elementary parking lot drive on Wednesday evenings and during the tournament, which would include dates from May 20 to July 10, 201. Bishop made a motion to close 4th Ave and mark both sides of Parkridge from 3rd Ave to Cardinal Ave with no parking, seconded by Lynch. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo and Lynch. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Engineer Scott shared an update from the Engineer's Report. Scott shared the engineering plan for oversight on the Parkridge Sidewalk Project was planned for 8 hours a week for 5 weeks, and charges would be for only hours used. Council agreed with that approach, and Scott advised she will bring a finalized contract to the next meeting.

Council discussed the concerns with Mark Ralston about the street cracking in the Ridgeview 5th Addition. Ralston had previously advised that a maintenance bond for that development was not completed. Mayor Becker shared a summary of the discussion of a meeting on June 5th with himself, Diane Herman, Mike Jennings, Todd Damon, Scott, Melissa Rammelsberg, John Rathje, Mark Ralston, and Mark Bertelli (City Wide). Mayor Becker shared that Ralston is willing to replace about 14 panels, and there are another 12 panels that should be replaced due to the cracking. Becker shared that prior maintenance bonds shared that it would replace due to poor workmanship or defective materials, and that may be hard to prove in this case, but core samples would have to be taken to try to understand that. Ralston shared that if they replaced all the panels and sawed them if the City would cover \$5,000.00 toward the replacement Ralston asked the City was favorable to that approach and willing to take a share in the repairs. Ralston shared that it would likely crack again if re-poured, but there is no separation in the cracking. He shared that it would be possible to do maintenance by route and tar it to see if it cracks further. Engineer Scott shared that the cost to replace would be roughly \$18,000 at \$51/square yard for the 26 panels considered for replacement. Ralston shared that he believes that the street is structurally sound, but some of the panels should be replaced to make look better. Lynch made a motion to have Ralston replace the 26 panels for a cost of \$5,000 from the City, seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo and Lynch. Nays: none. Motion carried. Mayor Becker shared thanks to Ralston in helping work through the challenges. Mark Ralston and Engineer Kelli Scott left the meeting.

Jennings shared that several tree nurseries and TruGreen has contacted him about treatment of Ash trees since the Emerald Ash Bore is in Linn County now. Jennings asked how the Council would like to address this item. Harbach confirmed it would be the cost to take the tree down versus treating the tree. Mayor Becker proposed getting the cost information for treating a tree, and the cost to take down a tree. Korsmo proposed contacting a couple companies to get an estimate on treating the trees. Harbach made a motion to get a few quotes, seconded by Lynch. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo and Lynch. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark Ralston returned to the meeting. Ralston shared that his words got mixed up, and he shared that his appreciation for working with him on this item. Ralston expressed his concern on various items on the Ridgeview 5th Addition about working with Kelli Scott, City Engineer. The concerns expressed were around inspections, pouring concrete, and final plan of improvements. Ralston shared he does not want to do another addition until the City has a new engineer. Bishop shared he understood these issues through what he heard from the Early Beginnings Daycare, and Herman shared it was not fair to compare Ralston to Daycare situation. Council thanked Mark for his efforts. Mark Ralston left the meeting.

Clerk reminded the Mayor and Council of Debi Durham's visit on June 17th. Clerk shared that Debi would be in Atkins at 10:00am at the Library/City Hall for a 30 minute meeting.

Lynch shared concerns about a lot that has been purchased, not been built on, and does not have a sidewalk installed. After discussion about what the code allows, there is nothing in the code that would require the owner to install a sidewalk before a house is built. Council agreed to review this in the recodification effort.

Jennings shared a water main break at 3rd Avenue, and would be repairing it tomorrow.

Council discussed the process that they want to follow, and decided to take time to review and evaluate the candidates. Lynch made a motion to set special meeting on Monday, June 22nd at 7:30pm, seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo and Lynch. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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, July 6, 2015 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

David Becker, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Rammelsberg,
City Clerk/ Treasurer