

July 20, 2015

Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Weston Bishop, Tim Harbach, Kevin Korsmo, Diane Herman, and Mayor Becker. Absent: None. Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also present: Amber Bell, City Clerk/Treasurer; Dick Lange, Deputy Clerk, Kelli Scott, Snyder & Associates and Mike Jennings, Public Works Director.

Herman made a motion, second by Harbach, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from July 6th, Engineers Report and list of bills for approval. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Scott updated the council on the engineer's report which was part of the consent agenda. Scott stated that water service is necessary at the Waste Water Treatment Plant for equipment maintenance. There are two main options available to get water to the WWTP. The first option is to use water service from the City of Atkins at a cost of \$75,000.00. The second option is to use rural water which would cost \$10,000.00 to install, and would provide 50 PSI. The second option would also come with an estimated \$50.00 water bill per month for the life of the plant. The council directed Scott to look into sharing the cost of trenching with some of the local businesses that may benefit from this as well. The council also directed Amber to look into financing options that are available. The council also discussed costs for future growth being built into the plans.

Bills Approved:

Apparatus Testing Services, LLC	Fire Dept. - Pump Testing	\$557.50
Business Radio Sales & Service	Fire Dept. – Pager Repairs	\$198.26
Chase Card	Postage – Water bills	\$226.80
Chase Card	Supplies - Financial	\$3.94
ECICOG	Comprehensive Plan	\$847.00
Emergency Medical Products	EMS - Supplies	\$226.71
Garbage Tags Reimbursement	Reimburse Garbage Tags	\$287.60
HACH	Water Testing Supplies	\$16.79
Iowa DNR	Public Water Supply Annual Fee	\$194.93
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$41.50
Internal Revenue Service	Federal Withholding – June Q2 2015	\$6,322.41
IPERS	Pension Payment	\$4,067.33
Hawkins	Water Supplies	\$785.00
Keystone	Waste Water Testing	\$488.63
Amber Bell	Wages (7.33 hours)	\$158.33
Melissa Rammelsberg	Wages (141 hours)	\$2,372.48
Mike Jennings	Wages	\$1,571.46
Richard Lange	Wages (34.75 hours)	\$808.49
Todd Damon	Wages	\$1,218.30
Marco	Quarterly Copier Services	\$322.26
Marengo Publishing Corp	Publication Expense	\$238.21
MidAmerican Energy	Gas Utility	\$47.05
MidAmerican Energy	Fire Dept. – Gas Utility	\$13.01
Midway Outdoor Equipment	Mower Supplies	\$5.07
P & K Midwest	Mower supplies	\$42.50
P & K Midwest	Mower supplies	\$110.29
Sandry Fire Supply, LLC	Test SCBA	\$777.75
Staples	New Printer for Water Plant	\$133.27
The Depot Express	Fire Dept. – Fuel	\$174.22

The Depot Express	Park & Road Fuel	\$252.82
Treasurer State of Iowa	Q2 Sales Tax	\$3,503.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	Q2 Withholdings	\$2427.00
U S Cellular	Cell Phones	\$93.03
U S Cellular	Fire Dept Cell Phone	\$10.00
WageWorks	Flex Pay	\$191.00
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$1,183.54

Library bills:

Cathy Becker	Wages (77 hours)	\$1,019.73
Vicky Myers	Wages (14 hours)	\$111.58
Barcodesinc	Office Supplies	\$54.08
Chase Card	Office Supplies	\$130.05
Chase Card	Books	\$628.63
DP Properties LLC	Janitorial Services	\$160.00
Iowa Library Services	E Book Subscriptions	\$450.30
Junior Library Guild	Level A and E books	\$354.00
MidAmerican Energy	Gas Utility	\$12.51
The Library Store	Office Supplies	\$91.10
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$763.81

Motion was made by Bishop and seconded by Harbach to approve the Beer Permit for ACC for Watermelon Days. Ayes: Bishop, Harbach, Herman, and\Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the open City Council Position Opening. Dick Lange stated that Nathan Shepard had expressed interest in the open council position by email. Harbach stated that he had shown interest in city business and that he had attended council meetings in the past. Herman stated that he would be appointed until the upcoming elections in November. It was discussed that public will have 14 days to file a petition for a special election. Motion to appoint Nathan Shepard to the city council to fill the vacancy was made by Korsmo and seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Harbach, Herman, and\Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The council discussed reimbursing the City Treasurer for health insurance. The city does offer health insurance but it was more cost effective for the city to reimburse the city treasurer the cost to stay on their current health insurance plan. Motion was made to reimburse the City Treasurer for the cost of health insurance was made by Harman and seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Harbach, Herman, and\Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The council discussed reimbursing Dan Novak for work he had done on the sidewalk in front of his property. A motion was made by Korsmo to table this discussion until next council meeting, to give the council more time to research existing precedence, and city regulations. The motion was seconded by Harbach. . Ayes: Bishop, Harbach, Herman, and\Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the first pay request made by Schrader Excavating and Grading Co. Engineer Scott shared an update on the engineering contract for the Parkridge Road Sidewalk Extension. Kelli Scott stated that she was comfortable approving the pay request for \$33,719.87. She felt the project was over 33% completed. Scott stated that she had a change order to add Sign and Cross walk painting to the project. Scott also stated that she was getting a price from Schrader to fix the stoop at city hall as well as the concrete south of the library. Herman Made a Motion to approve the first pay request from Schrader Excavating and Grading Co. This was

seconded by Harbach. . Ayes: Bishop, Harbach, Herman, and\Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker opened to discussion to talk about other business. Korsmo stated that he saw a house for sell that the city has previously discussed condemning. The city cannot stop the house from being sold, but they were concerned that the house is not safe to live in. Due to the lot size the current home cannot be torn down and new home be built. The council stated that the city will not reconnect utilities to the home until the home can pass inspection. City will look into the legal right to condemn the home.

Korsmo stated that the walking trail is washed out. Mike Jennings stated that they have been addressing this.

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

Mayor David Becker

ATTEST: _____
Amber Bell,
City Clerk/ Treasurer