

June 22, 2015

Atkins, Iowa

Council met in special session. Members present were: Weston Bishop, Diane Herman, Tim Harbach, Kevin Korsmo, and Bill Lynch. Absent: none. Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Also present: Melissa Rammelsberg, City Clerk/Treasurer; Hazel Jacobsen; and Nathan Shepherd.

Council discussed the results of the resume evaluation. Herman made a motion to interview the top six (6) candidates from the evaluation, seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Korsmo, and Lynch. Nay: None. Motion carried. Council requested the Clerk to prepare and send letters to the other candidates. Mayor Becker will contact the candidates to schedule interviews.

Council discussion availability for scheduling the interviews. Council agreed to a start time of 6pm on Wednesday, Thursday, and the following Monday. Korsmo asked to have a printed copy of the job description available. Council discussed the starting salary, and Clerk shared last time it was \$40,000.00 starting salary but dependent on qualifications. Lynch asked if additional questions could be added to the list of interview questions. Council agreed it could but recommended that all candidates should ask be asked the same questions.

Bishop shared that there was a Benton County Sheriff's Office car with lights off for 4 hours in the evening on Saturday evening.

Mayor Becker asked Bishop and Harbach how the Comp Plan and Future Land Use meetings were going. Harbach and Bishop shared that meetings are not as value add right now as they are reading out of the material that was provided ahead of the meeting. Bishop shared that none of the results are different than what was previously thought.

Herman shared that meeting with Debi Durham went very well. Herman advised that Durham shared Iowa State University Design College could be contacted to help with creating a plan to prepare for development at no charge. Mayor Becker and Korsmo also shared that Durham shared that internet connectivity, infrastructure (water, sewer, utilities), and parks/recreation are important to companies looking to locate in communities.

On motion by Harbach, second by Korsmo, council voted to adjourn. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, Lynch and Korsmo. Nays: 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, Clerk