

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Tim Harbach, Kevin Korsmo, Nathan Shepard, Diane Harman, Weston Bishop and Mayor Becker. Absent: None. Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also present: Amber Bell, City Clerk/Treasurer; Mike Jennings Public Works Director, Kelli Scott Civil Engineer, Nick Eisenbacher engineering intern, resident Rodney Haerther, resident Jim Herzberger, resident Christy Damon, resident Cory Sorum

Korsmo made a motion, second by Harbach, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from October 21st 2015 and list of bills for approval. The minutes were not included in the packet for the council to review. A motion was made by Korsmo to table approving the minutes until the next council meeting. This motion was seconded by Harman. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman, Bishop and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried. A motion was made by Korsmo to approve the list of bills. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman, Bishop and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bills Approved

Amber Bell	Wages through October 17 th	1579.28
Mike Jennings	Wages through October 17 th	1618.49
Todd Damon	Wages through October 17 th	1264.76
Da Shawn Wilson	Wages through October 17 th	863.16
Affinity Care	League of Cities Subscription	16.80
Allen, Vernon & Hoskins	Legal Expenses	52.60
East Central Iowa	Comprehensive Plan Update	924.00
Hawkins	Water Treatment	2217.91
John Deere Financial	Park Supplies	17.98
Keystone Laboratories	Water Analysis Report	402.69
Linn County REC	Utilities	598.14
Marco	Printing Expenses	368.70
Marengo Publishing	Publications Notices	471.38
Meter Technology Solutions	Technology Support	100.00
MidAmerican Energy	Utilities	71.49
USPS	Newsletter Postage	335.65
Staples	Office Supplies	252.51
The Star Press Union	Subscription Fees	30.56
U.S. Cellular	Telephone Expense	135.04
Waste Management	Garbage Collection	8947.95
Waste Management	Clean up Days Bins	654.32
Well Mark	Health Insurance	1183.54
Library Bills		
Cathy Becker	Wages through October 17 th	1037.04
Vicki Myers	Wages through October 17 th	176.57
Cedar River Garden Center	Mulch for Flower Boxes	72.00
Book Systems	Service Agreement	795.00
Broad Reach Books	New Books	276.80
DP Properties	Janitorial Services	240.00
Micro Marketing	CD	39.99
Micro Marketing	Audio	147.48
Well Mark	Health Insurance	763.81

The city council discussed if a building permit was denied, would they get a refund for the permit. A motion was made to deny the refund of the building permit. Korsmo made the motion and it was seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman, Bishop and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kelli Scott updated the council on the WWTP. Linn County REC will no longer provide service to the new WWTP because it is out of the service area. Alliant is in the service area and will provide service, however Scott was still waiting for exact quotes from Alliant. Scott also told the council that she had looked into the use of converters but that the cost could be twice as much, and not as energy efficient. Scott had also looked into the use of propane, but it was determined that in 10 years the cost would break even. After 10 years the propane would end up costing more. Harbach made a motion to move forward with MidAmerican for gas service. The motion was seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman, Bishop and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Scott continued to update the council water to the WWTP. The council had previously discussed the options available and the rural water option was the most cost effective. Harman made the motion to proceed with obtaining water from Poweshiek Rural Water. The motion was seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman, Bishop and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The city council discussed Board of Adjustments openings. Korsmo made a motion to appoint Melissa Rammelsberg and Dan Voss to the Board of Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman, Bishop and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resident Jim Herzberger raised concern about the school children crossing the street at Parkridge and 4th avenue. The council discussed some possible solutions and discussed some concerns with the other two cross walks that are being installed. The council asked Scott to further look into this. Jim Herzberger also asked the city to look into the city treating the portion of his yard that had been torn up. The council agreed to have Bell look into this.

The council discussed a few concerns with Atkins Newsletter. Concerns were raised about the timing of the newsletter and the survey. The survey was from the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Committee and not from the city of Atkins. This should have been more clearly stated on the survey. The survey served as an extension to the Town Hall Meeting held in Atkins. One of the questions asked if residents would support a tax increase for certain amenities. This question was asked to see what residents would or would not support in the future. The City of Atkins is not discussing any tax increases.

Concerns were raised about some residents not getting their mail or mail taking longer to reach residents. Bell will meet with the post office to investigate further.

On motion by Harbach, second by Korsmo, council voted to adjourn. Ayes: Harbach, Herman, Shepard, Bishop and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, November 2nd, 2015 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

Mayor David Becker

ATTEST: _____
Amber Bell,
City Clerk/ Treasurer