October 5th, 2015 Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Tim Harbach, Kevin Korsmo, Nathan Shepard, Diane Harman and Mayor Becker. Absent: Weston Bishop. Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also present: Amber Bell, City Clerk/Treasurer; Mark Reinders from MidAmerican Energy, resident Rodney Haerther, resident Mr. Meyer, resident Dennis Knock and resident Bruce Feuerbach.

Korsmo made a motion, second by Harbach, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from September 21st, 2015 and list of bills for approval. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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| **Bills Approved October 5th, 2015** |
| Amber Bell | Wages (through October 3rd, 2015) |  $ 1,579.28  |
| Mike Jennings | Wages (through October 3rd, 2015) |  $ 1,618.49  |
| Todd Damon | Wages (through October 3rd, 2015) |  $ 1,264.76  |
| Da Shawn Wilson | Wages (through October 3rd, 2015) |  $ 742.54  |
| Amber Bell | Health Insurance |  $ 267.10  |
| Mike Jennings | Health Insurance |  $ 173.40  |
| William Lynch | Special Session Wages |  $ 150.00  |
| Tim Harbach | Special Session Wages |  $ 150.00  |
| Kevin Korsmo | Special Session Wages |  $ 150.00  |
| Diane Harman | Special Session Wages |  $ 150.00  |
| Weston Bishop | Special Session Wages |  $ 150.00  |
| Alliant Energy | Utilities  |  $ 5,402.62  |
| Alliant Energy | Fire Department |  $ 147.52  |
| Altorfer | Repair of coolant heater |  $ 334.39  |
| Atkins Lumber | Park Supplies |  $ 14.77  |
| Atkins Lumber | Fork Lift Rental |  $ 30.00  |
| Atkins Telephone | Fire Department |  $ 132.98  |
| Atkins Telephone | Phone/Internet |  $ 285.71  |
| Benton County Solid Waste | Gate Fees |  $ 907.25  |
| DNR | Annual Water Use Fee |  $ 99.00  |
| Emergency Medical Products | Fire Department |  $ 311.90  |
| Feld Fire | Fire Department |  $ 226.50  |
| Furler Utility Service LLC | Water Treatment |  $ 360.00  |
| Garbage Tag Reimbursement | Garbage Tag Reimbursement |  $ 69.40  |
| Hawkins | Water Treatment |  $ 2,041.67  |
| Iowa Water Environment Association | Training for Mike and Todd |  $ 50.00  |
| Kirkwood Community College | Fire Department |  $ 60.00  |
| Marco | Printing  |  $ 193.91  |
| Positive Promotions, Inc | Fire Department |  $ 249.41  |
| Maguire Iron, Inc. | Cleaned Water town |  $ 1,493.50  |
| Snyder & Associates. Inc. | Parkridge Road Project |  $ 3,096.76  |
| Snyder & Associates. Inc. | High Point Drainage Evaluation |  $ 1,168.75  |
| Snyder & Associates. Inc. | Parkridge Road Project |  $ 1,839.23  |
| Snyder & Associates. Inc. | High Point Drainage Evaluation |  $ 1,171.50  |
| Snyder & Associates. Inc. | General Engineering  |  $ 748.75  |
| Snyder & Associates. Inc. | Ridgeview 5th Addition |  $ 121.00  |
| The Depot Express | Fire Department |  $ 238.91  |
| The Depot Express | Mowing  |  $ 213.37  |
| **Library** |   |   |
| Cathy Becker | Wages (through October 3rd, 2015) |  1037.04 |
| Vicky Myers | Wages (through October 3rd, 2015) |  $ 163.47  |
| Alliant Energy | Utilities  |  $ 523.28  |
| Atkins Lumber | Screws for Chairs |  $ 0.80  |
| Atkins Telephone | Phone  |  $ 66.27  |
| DP Properties | Janitorial Services through 10/5/2015 |  $ 240.00  |

The council opened up discussion on the list of properties that are in violation of putting permanent structures on city property. The Council read an email that stated several concerns about the idea of leasing sent from former Mayor Bruce Visser. The council discussed how the land was gifted to the City of Atkins. They discussed if there were any stipulations when the land was gifted. The Council also discussed other concerns and issues with leasing city property. Korsmo was also concerned with the amount of time it would take to put together a leasing program. The council agreed that the city will not lease city owned property. Resident Bruce Feuerbach asked if the city would be willing to grandfather in some of those that have structures on city property. The council agreed that no one should be grandfathered in because, others would then want to be grandfathered in and the city would be in the same position it is in now. Harbach made a motion to allow the current violators an additional 60 days from 10/5/2015 to remove the structures off city property. A new letter will be sent to these individuals. The motion was seconded by Shepard. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried. The council thanked all the residents for their patience and great attitude while they were discussing this topic.

The council received a proposal to add an On-Site Garden Program at Atkins Elementary School. The proposal stated that the garden would be maintained by students and teachers. The produce would be used by the school and the local community. The council wanted Bell to follow up with Atkins Elementary to see if this has been approved by them, and to see what the school boards role would be. Shepard stated that the school he works for has a similar program that is privately funded and through a grant program through HY-Vee. The council needs more direction as to what this program wants from the city. Korsmo motioned to table this until more information is received. The motion was seconded by Harman. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mark Reinders from MidAmerican Energy opened the discussion about renewing the contract with MidAmerican Energy. This was a 25 year contract and it is up for renewal in 2016. Reinders discussed the process of renewing the contract. He also pointed out parts of the contract that may need to be reviewed and discussed before signing. The council asked Reinders about possible competition in the area for gas and electrical service. Reinders stated that MidAmerican would be able to provide electrical service instead of Alliant. He also stated that Iowa Utilities Board helps to regulate the utility companies. The council asked the city clerk to research the existing Alliant contract. The council also asked the city clerk to research franchise fees and the local option sales tax. Harman made the motion to set a public hearing on Dec 7th 2015. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker updated the council by stating that he had a couple of names that would be good for the Board of Adjustments. Korsmo updated the council that the graves property is now sale pending.

On motion by Harbach, second by Korsmo, council voted to adjourn. Ayes: Harbach, Herman, Shepard and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, October 19, 2015 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

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 Mayor David Becker

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###  Amber Bell,

### City Clerk/ Treasurer