

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, resident Rodney Haerther, resident Kyle Leaven, Resident Cory Sorum, Emily Upah from the Benton Development Group and Mike Jennings Atkins Public Works Director.

Korsmo made a motion, second by Harbach, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from October 5th, 2015 and October 19th, 2015. The Consent Agenda also includes a list of bills for approval. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman, Bishop and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bills to Approve November 2nd, 2015		
Amber Bell	Wages (through October 31st, 2015)	\$ 1,579.28
Mike Jennings	Wages (through October 31st, 2015)	\$ 1,618.49
Todd Damon	Wages (through October 31st, 2015)	\$ 1,264.76
Da Shawn Wilson	Wages (through October 31st, 2015)	\$ 742.54
Amber Bell	Health Insurance	\$ 267.10
Mike Jennings	Health Insurance	\$ 173.40
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 4,726.60
Alliant Energy	Fire Department	\$ 129.74
Atkins Lumber	Fork Lift Rental	\$ 60.00
Atkins Lumber	Fire Department	\$ 58.93
Atkins Telephone	Telephone Expense Fire Department	\$ 132.95
Atkins Telephone	Telephone Expense	\$ 266.00
Benton County Solid Waste	Gate Fees	\$ 867.00
Chase	Postage	\$ 254.95
Federal Tax Deposit	October 2015 Federal Tax Deposit	\$ 3,786.89
Furler Utility Service LLC	Water Treatment	\$ 465.00
Garbage Tag Reimbursement	Garbage Tag Reimbursement	\$ 24.84
Hach	Water Treatment	\$ 1,188.98
Hach	Water Treatment	\$ 1,067.99
Hawkins	Water Treatment	\$ 1,464.36
International League of Cities	Annual Membership	\$ 500.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Quarterly Sales Tax	\$ 3,579.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Quarterly State Tax	\$ 2,800.00
Ipers	September 2015	\$ 2,546.69
Ipers	October-15	\$ 2,519.62
Marco	Printing	\$ 100.88
Sam's Club	Annual Membership	\$ 90.00
Snyder & Associates. Inc.	WWTP	\$ 31,650.00
Snyder & Associates. Inc.	General Engineering	\$ 1,302.25
The Depot Express	Fire Department	\$ 176.73
The Depot Express	Mowing	\$ 232.55
Winpump	Water Plant	\$ 35.00
Library		
Cathy Becker	Wages (through October 31st, 2015)	1037.04

Vicky Myers	Wages (through October 31st, 2015)	\$ 163.47
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 396.35
Atkins Telephone	Telephone Expense	\$ 66.46
Chase	Books	\$ 595.10
Chase	Postage	\$ 44.18
DP Properties	Janitorial Services through 10/5/2015	\$ 240.00
Marengo Publishing Coop	Publishing	29.34
Sam's Club	Annual Membership	\$ 45.00

Emily Upah from the Benton Development Group updated the council on the group achievements and goals over the past year. The Benton Development Group was formed to increase the economic strength and growth of Benton County, Iowa: its communities: and its businesses. The Benton Development Group is now working with Iowa's Creative Corridor, Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance, UNI Institute for Decision Making, Iowa Economic Development Authority, Small Business Development Center, and Kirkwood Community College. Since the last update BDG has helped local businesses invest an estimated 22 million in capital investment and around 180 new jobs. Upah stated that Cedar Rapids is estimating a population growth of 95,000 residents by 2040 mostly on the west side of the city. The Highway 100 extension will also spur some of that growth as well. This could have big impacts of the City of Atkins in the future.

Benton Development Group is hoping to form a round table of Benton Counties top CEO's to discuss needs, challenges and Brainstorm Solutions. The strategic goal is to retain the existing businesses and attract more business to Benton County. Upah said that another goal was to create more intern/ job shadowing opportunities to Benton County. Korsmo asked about partnering with Mercy University. Upah stated that they have contacted them but most of the intern opportunities are being provided though Kirkwood. Upah also said that Atkins can utilize their community calendar to further publicize events. Upah asked the council for a \$50.00 contribution to the Benton Development Group. Korsmo made the motion to give \$50.00 to the Bento Development Group. The motion was seconded by Herman. Ayes: Shepard, Harbach, Herman, Bishop and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Korsmo brought up some concerns about a few properties that have been getting complaints on the appearance of the yard. Bell updated the council on these issues. Bell and Jennings will work together to get these yard issues taken care of and copy the council on correspondence.

There was some discussion on the placement of some of the election signs that were up. The council reviewed this and found that all the signs were ok. Several council members had received calls concerning this.

Resident Kyle Leaven asked the council if they could help with water running off of Main st and washing out a part of his yard. Jennings stated that part of the issue is that a couple of the drains further up the street can get clogged, and this may contribute. Jennings offered to look at it and offered some dirt.

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 16th, 2015 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

Mayor David Becker

ATTEST: _____
Amber Bell,
City Clerk/ Treasurer