

December 7th, 2015

Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Tim Harbach, Kevin Korsmo, Nathan Shepard, Rodney Haerther and Mayor Becker. Absent: Diane Harmen. Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also present: Amber Bell, City Clerk/Treasurer, Deputy Clerk DaShawn Wilson, resident Kirk Draper, resident Pamela Duball, resident Judi Finzel with son Logan Finzel, resident Ben Kurka, Cathy Becker Atkins Library Director, Mike Jennings Atkins Public Works Director and Mark Reinders from MidAmerican Energy.

Korsmo made a motion, and was seconded by Harbach, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from November 16th, 2015. The Consent Agenda also includes a list of bills for approval. Ayes: Harbach, Korsmo, Shepard and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bills Approved December 7, 2015		
Amber Bell	Wages (through November 28th, 2015)	\$ 1,579.28
Mike Jennings	Wages (through November 28th, 2015)	\$ 1,618.49
Todd Damon	Wages (through November 28th, 2015)	\$ 1,264.76
Da Shawn Wilson	Wages (through November 28th, 2015)	\$ 916.78
Dick Lange	Wages (through November 28th, 2015)	\$ 163.25
Mike Jennings	Health Insurance	\$ 173.40
Amber Bell	Health Insurance	\$ 267.10
Alliant Energy	Fire Department Utilities	\$ 285.92
Alliant Energy	City of Atkins Utilities	\$ 7,421.08
Atkins Automotive	Fire Department	\$ 2,673.87
Atkins Lumber	Fork Lift Rent	\$ 60.00
Atkins Lumber	Water Plant	\$ 21.67
Atkins Telephone	Fire Department	\$ 132.95
Atkins Telephone	City of Atkins	\$ 265.89
A Tech, Inc.	Fire Department	\$ 60.00
Atkins Savings Bank	GO Bond Interest Payment	\$ 6,256.25
Atkins Savings Bank	Tanker Truck Interest Payment	\$ 911.72
Benton County Auditor	Law Enforcement Wages	\$ 5,265.00
Benton County Solid Waste Commission	Gate Fees	\$ 574.75
Benton County Solid Waste Commission	2nd Quarter	\$ 13,777.50
Crawford Quarry Co	Rock	\$ 88.37
Dan Cross	Street Maintenance	\$ 126.00
Data Technologies	Annual Support Fees	\$ 1,292.76
Furler Utility Service	Water Treatment	\$ 360.00
G & H Electric, Inc.	Water Plant	\$ 235.78
Garbage Tag Reimbursement	Garbage Tag Reimbursement	\$ 13.20
Havlik Engineering	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 105.01
Hawkins	Water Treatment	\$ 2,574.48
Hawkins	Water Treatment	\$ 993.25
Keystone	Water Testing	\$ 454.81
Linn County Rural	Sewer Utilities	\$ 594.65
Marco	Quarterly Printing Fees	\$ 149.51
Marengo Publishing Coop	Publishing Expense	\$ 430.08
Menards	Park Supplies	\$ 26.60

MidAmerican Energy	Fire Department	\$ 26.92
MidAmerican Energy	City Utilities	\$ 268.41
Roto Rooter	Park Pavilion Repair	\$ 140.00
Schimberg Co.	Water Shop	\$ 177.07
Snyder & Associates, Inc.	Waste Water Treatment Plant	\$ 63,300.00
Snyder & Associates, Inc.	General Engineering	\$ 1,537.50
The Depot Express	Fire Department	\$ 79.64
The Depot Express	City	\$ 70.08
U. S. Cellular	Telephone Expense	\$ 136.29
Van Meter Inc.	Water Plant	\$ 110.91
Wage Works	Health Insurance	\$ 100.00
Waste Management	Garbage Collection	\$ 9,066.75
Library		
Cathy Becker	Wages (through November 28th, 2015)	\$ 1,050.91
Vicky Myers	Wages (through November 28th, 2015)	\$ 163.47
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 427.61
Atkins Telephone	Library	\$ 66.50
D.P. Properties	Cleaning Service	\$ 360.00
Kids Reference Company	Books	\$ 121.91
MicroMarketing	Audio/Video	\$ 34.95
MicroMarketing	Audio/Video	\$ 39.99
MidAmerican Energy	Library Utilities	\$ 99.35
The Library Store	Books	\$ 168.62

The City Clerk gave the Oath of Office to Tim Harbach, Nathan Shepard and Rodney Haerther. Each recited the Oath and signed the Oath of Office.

The council discussed the garden project at Atkins Elementary School. The council discussed if the city would financially support the project. Harbach made a motion for the city to give a one-time donation of \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Harbach, Korsmo, and Haerther. Nay: Shepard. Motion carried.

The City Clerk gave the council an update on Early Beginnings Daycare. The council asked that this topic stay on the agenda until it is completed.

The Council reviewed the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan was recently updated and will be submitted to FEMA for approval.

The City Clerk updated the council on renewing the contract with MidAmerican Energy. The council will hold a Public hearing on December 21st 2015, to renew the contract.

A motion was made by Korsmo to pay a \$400.00 holiday bonus to Amber Bell, Cathy Becker, Mike Jennings and Todd Damon. Also a \$200.00 holiday bonus to Da Shawn Wilson and a \$100.00 holiday bonus to Vicki Myers. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Harbach, Korsmo, and Haerther. Nay: Shepard. Motion carried.

The council reviewed a quote from L. L. Pelling to price materials for the next year. Harbach made the motion to table this discussion until the next council meeting, for the purpose of comparing the materials quote to prior years. The motion was seconded by Shepard. Ayes: Harbach, Korsmo, Shepard and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The council opened the discussion about the summer reading program that is put on by the Atkins Public Library. In the past this program was put together by volunteers in the community in corporation with the library. A question was raised about a check that had been paid to one of the volunteers. The city clerk presented documentation that this check was a reimbursement for supplies that were purchased and used in the summer reading program. Going forward all supplies will be purchased on a city credit card by a city employee, to eliminate any need for reimbursing a volunteer. The library is going to pursue creating a position for library programming. The Library Director will attend the next council meeting to discuss the specifics of this position with the council.

Harbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Haerther. Ayes: Harbach, Korsmo, Shepard and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, December 21st, 2015 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

Mayor David Becker

ATTEST: _____
Amber Bell,
City Clerk/ Treasurer