February 6th, 2017 Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Mayor Kevin Korsmo, Diane Herman, Rodney Haerther, Tim Harbach, Nathan Shepard and Frank King. Absent: None. Mayor Korsmo called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Also, present: Amber Bell City Clerk, DaShawn Wilson Deputy Clerk, Todd Damon and Jarrod Tomlinson from Atkins Public Works. Residents Ron Waste, Barb Randall, Jim Willis, Ron Johnson, Blair Gretter, Rachel Ireland, Corey Sorum and Julia Crowley.

Herman made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the Minutes of January 16th, 2017 and the minutes for the January 16th, 2017 work session and a list of bills for approval. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Herman, Shepard, Harbach, King and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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| **Bills Approved Feb 6th 2017** |
| Amber Bell | Wages |  $ 1,629.84  |
| Mike Jennings | Wages |  $ 1,919.89  |
| Todd Damon | Wages |  $ 1,564.53  |
| Jarod Tomlinson | Wages |  $ 1,201.74  |
| Da Shawn Wilson | Wages |  $ 751.82  |
| Amber Bell | Health Insurance |  $ 305.85  |
| Jarod Tomlinson | Telephone Expense |  $ 135.00  |
| Access Systems | Tech Support |  $ 137.50  |
| Alliant Energy | Utilities  |  $ 1,744.01  |
| American Water Works Association | Water Works Training |  $ 40.00  |
| Atkins Automotive | Fire Department Repairs |  $ 2,328.23  |
| Atkins Automotive | New Tires and oil changes, tire repair |  $ 1,155.00  |
| Atkins Lumber | Fork Rental |  $ 40.00  |
| Atkins Lumber | Paint Supplies for park pavilion |  $ 187.76  |
| Atkins Lumber | Road Supplies |  $ 102.18  |
| Atkins Telephone | Fire Dept/City Telephone Expense |  $ 464.52  |
| Benton County Auditor | Election Expenses |  $ 1,822.50  |
| Benton County Engineer | Salt/Sand for Ice |  $ 579.62  |
| Benton County Solid Waste | Gate Fees |  $ 914.50  |
| Business Radio Sales | Fire Department Supplies |  $ 117.82  |
| Crawford Quarries | Road Supplies |  $ 95.36  |
| Data Technologies | Helpdesk  |  $ 78.80  |
| Emergency Medical Products | Medical Supplies |  $ 231.44  |
| Furler | Water Plant Supplies |  $ 360.00  |
| Future Line | Road Supplies |  $ 330.68  |
| G & H Electric | Furnace in Water Plant repair |  $ 537.00  |
| Hawkins | Water Treatment |  $ 12,910.47  |
| Keystone | Water Testing |  $ 569.44  |
| Linn Coop | Lawn Treatment |  $ 3,291.75  |
| Linn County REC | Sewer Utilities |  $ 1,247.12  |
| Marco | Copier Services |  $ 669.02  |
| Menards | Park Supplies |  $ 43.38  |
| Personal Concepts | Employment Poster |  $ 10.90  |
| Poweshiek Water Association | Utilities for WWTP |  $ 41.25  |
| Schimberg | Road Supplies |  $ 54.28  |
| Snyder & Associates | Waste Water Treatment Plant Engineering |  $ 13,745.42  |
| The Depot Express | Road Supplies |  $ 120.54  |
| The Depot Express | Fire Department Fuel |  $ 204.77  |
| **Library** |   |   |
| Cathy Becker | Wages |  $ 1,001.06  |
| Vicki Meyers | Wages |  $ 169.63  |
| D P Properties | Cleaning Services |  $ 360.00  |

The council wanted it noted that the cost of the special election was $1,822.50.

The council heard a presentation from Diana Bramow about Aflac insurance. This is supplemental insurance that could be offered by the city to city employees. The council asked about the benefits and the cost.

The council heard a presentation from Moxie Solar. He presented on the city’s utility bills and the increasing utility costs. Gretter presented the city an option for lowering the electric utilities by using solar. The council had questions and will discuss this further at a later meeting.

The Council reviewed the current Golf Cart ordinance to prepare for the upcoming golf cart season. A couple of changes were discussed but No changes were made to the ordinance at this time. A resident questioned why we need a golf cart permit. The city wants to make sure that all the people operating golf carts have insurance and can operate the golf carts safely. This also helps if a golf cart may be stolen.

The council had a discussion on nuisance abatement options for abandoned properties. The council would like to see a more standard process for starting the nuisance abatements. A motion was made to approve a resolution to put a lean on a specific abandoned property here in the city. The city has incurred costs in dealing with this property needs to recuperate those funds. The motion was made by Haerther and seconded by Herman. Ayes: Herman, Shepard, Harbach, King and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jim Willis presented a new health insurance plan that could be offered to the employees. This plan could save both the employees and the city money over the current plan that is offered to employees. The council questioned Willis on the differences in the plans. A motion was made to change the health insurance agent from True North to Iowa Municipal Benefits Plan. The motion was made by Herman and seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Herman, Shepard, Harbach, King and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Another motion was made to accept the new health insurance plan to be offered to the employees. The motion was made by Herman and seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Herman, Shepard, Harbach, King and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Crowley from Access Systems was here to answer any remaining questions on the IT Needs of the city. Shepard made a motion to accept quote ASTQ12544 to have managed services. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Herman, Shepard, Harbach, King and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The council discussed if the city needs to pay comp time for the meetings attended by city employees. The city’s attorney is going to look more into this issue and get back to Bell. It was discussed who would determine if the employee was needed at the council meeting.

The council discussed city works having a cell phone. King made the motion that the city can add a cell phone for the existing contract for up to $50.00 per month. The motion was rescinded.

The council reviewed and had a second reading of Ordinance #205 updating the address of official postings. Harbach motioned to accept the second reading of Ordinance #205. King seconded the motion. Ayes: Herman, Shepard, Harbach, King and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the FY18 City Budget. Harbach made the motion to accept the budget. The motion was seconded by Harmen. Ayes: Herman, Harbach, King and Haerther. Nay: Shepard. Motion carried.

Harbach made a motion to set a Public Hearing on the Atkins City Budget FY 18 for February 20th 2017. King seconded the motion. Ayes: Herman, Shepard, Harbach, King and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Reviewed the rental agreement between Atkins Savings Bank and the City of Atkins. The contract is about the ATM in the city hall parking lot. The city may have interest in relocating it. The city will talk with Atkins Savings Bank before any action is taken.

The meeting was opened for other business. The water bills and rates were discussed and questions answered from concerned citizens. A flyer was put together to try to answer some of the resident’s questions. There was also concern about the condition of the roads in the Ridgeview additions.

King made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Herman, Harbach, King, Shepard and Haerther. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, February 20th, 2017 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

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Mayor Kevin Korsmo

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Amber Bell, City Clerk/ Treasurer

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