June 19th, 2017 Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Mayor Kevin Korsmo, Diane Herman, Rodney Haerther, Tim Harbach and Frank King. Absent: Nathan Shepard. Mayor Korsmo called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also, present: Amber Bell City Clerk, Jarrod Tomilson and Todd Damon from Atkins Public works. Nick Eisenbacher from Snyder and Associates. Dan Rammelsberg from Atkins Fire Department. Brian Fagan from Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLG. Residents Cale and Mollie Cushenbery, Sara Mclain, Mark Gellerman, Connie Drahos, Heather Rinderknecht, Dave Pisney, and Jaele and Shawn Nutt.

Herman made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the Minutes of June 5th, 2017 and list of bills for approval. The motion was seconded by Haerther. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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| **Bills Approved June 19th 2017** |
| Amber Bell | Wages |  $1,629.52  |
| Todd Damon | Wages  |  $1,499.62  |
| Jarod Tomlinson | Wages |  $1,201.74  |
| DaShawn Wilson | Wages |  $858.99  |
| Jerry Michael | Wages |  $877.33  |
| Atkins Lumber | Fire Department |  $657.51  |
| Access Systems | It Services |  $272.17  |
| Benton County Solid Waste | Quarterly per Capita Fees |  $13,777.50  |
| EFTPS | Federal Tax Deposit |  $2,123.27  |
| Feld Fire | Fire Department |  $6,290.33  |
| Fox Apparatus | Fire Department |  $1,147.58  |
| Global Filter | Water Department |  $3,810.25  |
| GoodYear | Fire Department |  $3,768.62  |
| HD Supply | Operating supplies |  $107.66  |
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| Heiman Fire Equipment | Fire Department |  $7,514.25  |
| Iowa League of Cities | Annual Dues |  $1,091.00  |
| Iowa One Call | Location Services |  $45.90  |
| John Deere | Operating Supplies |  $74.91  |
| LB Anderson | Workers Compensation Insurance |  $1,523.00  |
| LL Pelling Co | Roads Operating Supplies |  $114.75  |
| Linn Coop | Lawn Treatments |  $51.73  |
| Maguire Iron | Scrubber Cleaning |  $1,750.00  |
| Marco | Copier Lease |  $354.15  |
| MidAmerican | Utilities |  $133.70  |
| MidAmerican | Fire Department Utilities |  $27.00  |
| Municipal Emergency Services | Fire Department  |  $829.75  |
| Our Town Marketplace | Newsletter |  $37.36  |
| Register Media | Publishing Expense |  $300.13  |
| Sankot's Garage | Fire Department |  $102.00  |
| Sandry Fire Supply LLC | Fire Department |  $774.25  |
| Schimberg | Operating supplies |  $5.91  |
| Stark Contraction | Fire Department |  $950.00  |
| Stetson Building | 6 non-Perforated |  $219.42  |
| US Cellular | Telephone Expenses |  $118.60  |
| Wellmark | Health Insurance |  $1,803.01  |
| **Library** |  |  |
| Cathy Becker | Wages |  $1,097.18  |
| Vicki Meyers | Wages |  $393.97  |
| Claudia Miner | Wages |  $50.75  |
| Rebecca Coleman | Wages |  $21.75  |
| D P Properties  | Cleaning Service |  $240.00  |
| Library Furniture International  | Shelf Topper |  $1,617.00  |
| MidAmerican | Library Utilities |  $42.30  |
| Wellmark | Health Insurance | 873.83 |

The meeting was opened up to public comment. A resident talked about the drainage easement between the School and Cardinal Ave. Damon will look at the Culverts in this easement and update the council and have this as a agenda item at the next council meeting.

Rammelsberg discussed a meeting that will take place at 6:30 on Monday June 26th,2017. The location will be Atkins City Hall. The meeting will discuss the Atkins Volunteer Fire Department budget. Learn about strategies for budget. This meeting is open to the public. Ben Kurka and Matt Rammelsberg volunteered their time to flush the hydrants and collecting data from them.

Korsmo appointed Rammelsberg as the new E911 representative.

A resident asked the council for permission to allow a chain link fence in a water easement. The council wanted to get a better picture of where the fence would be and how the easement looks before making a decision. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting to discuss further.

Eisenbacher gave the council updates on the engineer’s report. Eisenbacher let the council know about the floor in the new WWTP not draining correctly. A floor covering may be done to correct this issue. The council had concerns about the floor covering and that it would go bad over time. The council inquired about the types and length of warranties they can get on the floor covering. Eisenbacher will research the warranty and update the council. The other option would be to rip out the floor and re- pour. This has some risks as well. Hearther made a motion to remove the floor and replace it. The motion was seconded by King. Ayes: Hearther and King, Nays: Herman and Harbach. Absent: Shepard. Korsmo cant vote. The motion died. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Eisenbacher brought up some concerns about erosion control in the Ridgeview Development. The council will have discussions with the developers to come up with a plan. This will be on the next agenda.

Haerther made a motion to approve the pay request #13 from WRH, Inc for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Eisenbacher reviewed the findings with the council on the water pressure solutions they were researching. By placing a new pump in the water treatment plant the city could boost the water pressure. The city would be split into two zones a west side and an east side. They could boost the water pressure on the east side, and the west side would not be impacted to protect the older piping on that side. A rough dollar amount for this project would be $150,000 to $200,000. Rammelsberg tested many of the Hydrants in town and will go over the report with Eisenbacher. When those findings are researched this topic will be discussed further.

A presentation was given to the council from Brian Fagan from Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLG. The city is researching city attorney options.

Damon gave the council an update from the public works department. Herman made a motion to approve a quote from Kenway to work on a culvert under 33rd Ave. The motion was seconded by Hearther. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Damon also stated that he was looking to have a couple of people do some contract work for the city. The contract would be doing manual labor and mowing only when needed. The council already approved an overall dollar amount in the budget. Harbach made a motion to offer 12:50 per hour and still stay within the budgeted allowance. Haerther seconded the motion. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bell reviewed a list of training that she would like to attend this summer. The cost of the trainings is $240.00. Herman made a motion to approve the trainings. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The council reviewed a Transfer from General Obligation, Sewer, and TIF Funds to Debt Services. King made a motion to Transfer the funds. The motion was seconded by Haerther. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the new contract with Benton County Sherriff. The contacted hours and price are the same from last year. Haerther made the motion accept the new contract as is. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the city employees’ wages and the cost of living for the state of Iowa. Harbach motioned to approve a 3% wage increase for all city employees to be effective July 1, 2017. Herman seconded the motion. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haerther made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5th, 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