August 21st, 2017 Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Mayor Kevin Korsmo, Tim Harbach, Diane Herman, Rodney Haerther, Nathan Shepard and Frank King. Absent: None. Mayor Kevin Korsmo called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also, present: Amber Bell City Clerk, DaShawn Wilson Deputy Clerk, Todd Damon from Atkins Public works, Kara Bullerman from Allen Vernon and Hoskins, Nick Eisenbacher from Snyder and Associates, Doug Anderson, resident Connie Drahos, Dave Duball, Bruce Visser, Mike and Jennie Palumbo, Heather Rinderknecht, Kim and John McElree, Cathy Becker, Jim Kidwell, J.B. Patterson ,Mark Havlik, Cathy Havlik and Sara Mclain.

Herman made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the Minutes of August 7th, 2017 and a list of bills for approval. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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| **Bills Approved August 21st 2017** |
| Amber Bell | Wages |  $ 1,672.82  |
| Todd Damon | Wages  |  $ 2,026.24  |
| Jarod Tomlinson | Wages |  $ 1,221.29  |
| DaShawn Wilson | Wages |  $ 887.66  |
| Michael Jennings | Wages Mowing |  $ 106.07  |
| Richard Lange | Wages Mowing |  $ 43.69  |
| A Tech | Fire Department |  $ 60.00  |
| Allen Vernon Hoskins | Legal Fees |  $ 223.18  |
| Access Systems | Technology Services |  $ 272.17  |
| Benton County Solid Waste | Gate Fees |  $ 956.50  |
| Brown Supply | Roads Supplies |  $ 88.00  |
| Chase | Microsoft 365 |  $ 37.50  |
| Chase | Postage |  $ 433.44  |
| Dean Haerther | Fixed Tile in Soccer Field |  $ 1,372.50  |
| G & H Electric | Watermelon Day Electrical Work |  $ 1,245.90  |
| Hach  | Water Treatment |  $ 40.30  |
| Hach  | Water Treatment |  $ 69.04  |
| Hawkins | Water Treatment |  $ 1,712.50  |
| Heiman | Fire Department |  $ 4,822.05  |
| John Deere Financial  | Road and Park Supplies |  $ 186.53  |
| Junge Automotive | Fire Department |  $ 140.00  |
| Keystone | water and wastewater testing |  $ 354.42  |
| Linn Cooperative Oil Co | Fire Department |  $ 37.45  |
| Linn Cooperative Oil Co | Dyed Diesel |  $ 394.20  |
| Menards | Operating Supplies |  $ 10.24  |
| Metering & Technology co | New Water Meters |  $ 1,255.59  |
| Midwest Alarm System | Library Alarm System  |  $ 364.56  |
| Register Media | Publishing Expense |  $ 204.03  |
| Staples | Newsletter |  $ 219.97  |
| Wellmark | Health Insurance |  $ 1,803.01  |
| **Library** |   |   |
| Cathy Becker | Wages |  $ 1,108.26  |
| Vicki Meyers | Wages |  $ 175.02  |
| Chase | Books |  $ 638.55  |
| D P Properties | Cleaning Services |  $ 240.00  |
| Wellmark | Health Insurance |  $ 1,415.31  |

There was a public comment about having a survey the residents of Atkins can take to give their opinions on the use of fireworks in Atkins. This survey will go out before the September 18th meeting on the use of fireworks.

The Council discussed the engineers report. Cabinetry and equipment are being installed. The main components are ready to go. MidAmerican has not hooked up services yet. Eisenbacher will work with WRH to find when the city can schedule a public open house for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There was a brake in at the construction site, the Benton County Sheriffs are investigating. Eisenbacher also said that the developers will start on the water mains for the 7th Ridgeview Addition.

The Council Reviewed the pay request number 15 from WRH. Haerther made a motion to approve which was seconded by Herman. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Update from Atkins Public Works said that the Atkins Cleanup Day is now on September 23rd, 2017. Damon will let the Metro Football League know not to pull the cars onto the soccer fields during practices.

Wilson gave and update to the council. The clerk’s office is working on putting new policies and procedures in place. The clerk’s office will also be providing additional reporting to the council on a regular basis. Wilson will also be working on drafting ordinances for codification to present to the council.

The council had a third and final reading of ordinance # 206. This ordinance is just changing to allow the sale of fireworks in Atkins. The use of fireworks will be discussed on September 18th, at 6:30pm. Harbach made a motion to approve the third reading and it was seconded by Shepard. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened for other business. Eisenbacher will meet with a resident over a water issue in their yard. There is still a concern about garbage cans at an apartment building. They are out in front and can be seen on main street. A resident asked about on ordinance for the water billing of the churches. This issue is being addressed by the city. A resident asked about training for the city clerk. The city is addressing this as well. Economic development came up and Harbach had some meetings to work on economic development for Atkins. City elections are coming up and paperwork can be accepted starting August 28th until September 21st. Paperwork can be turned in at City Hall or Benton county. A resident would like to hear a sheriff’s report at a council meeting. The sheriff can also discuss the enforcement of Atkins golf cart ordinance, which is a concern from another resident. The city will be inviting a sheriff to the next council meeting. King discussed an upcoming conference call about the water pressure in the Ridgeview additions. The city will be having a conference call with the DNR to discuss these issues further. A resident asked about another resident’s animals being taken. The Sheriffs and the animal shelter are working with this resident. Shepard shared that BYSA has a lot of kids signed up but that they still need volunteers.

Harman thanked all the volunteers that helped with Watermelon Days.

The council had a rollcall vote to go into closed session regarding strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or were litigation is imminent under Section 21.5(1)( c ) code of Iowa. Haerther made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Herman. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The council had a vote to come out of closed session. Shepard made the motion to come out of close session and the motion was seconded by Haerther. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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