August 7th, 2017 Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Mayor Pro tem Tim Harbach, Diane Herman, Rodney Haerther, Nathan Shepard and Frank King. Absent: Kevin Korsmo. Mayor Pro Tem Harbach called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also, present: Amber Bell City Clerk, Todd Damon and Jarrod Tomlinson from Atkins Public works, Kara Bullerman from Allen Vernon and Hoskins, resident Connie Drahos, Christy Damon, Wes Howard, Dave Vanous, Heather Rinderknecht, Kim and John McElree, Cathy Becker, Jay and Cheryl Lieb, Ryan Greiner, Kathy Briggs and Rick Stoltzfus.

Herman made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the Minutes of July 17th, 2017 and a list of bills for approval. The motion was seconded by Shepard. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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| **Bills Approved August 7th 2017** |
| Amber Bell | Wages |  $ 1,672.82  |
| Todd Damon | Wages  |  $ 1,555.11  |
| Jarod Tomlinson | Wages |  $ 1,221.29  |
| DaShawn Wilson | Wages |  $ 980.47  |
| Michael Jennings | Wages |  $ 141.11  |
| Jerry Michaels | Wages |  $ 408.02  |
| Luke Maloney | Wages |  $ 441.58  |
| Alliant Energy | Utilities  |  $ 5,670.08  |
| Alliant Energy | Utilities  |  $ 1,834.56  |
| Atkins Lumber | Operating Supplies |  $ 166.72  |
| Amber Bell | Health Insurance |  $ 305.85  |
| Access Systems | Tech Support |  $ 272.17  |
| Alliant Energy | Utilities  |  $ 5,670.08  |
| Atkins Telephone | Telephone Expense Fire Department |  $ 152.49  |
| Atkins Telephone | Telephone Expense City |  $ 274.26  |
| Benton County Solid Waste Commission | Gate Fees |  $ 1,881.75  |
| Crawford Quarry | Roads and Parks rock |  $ 523.83  |
| EFTPS | Federal Tax Deposit |  $ 2,093.89  |
| Ever Green Landscape Nursery | Mulch for Parks |  $ 456.00  |
| Firehouse Pyrotechnics | Watermelon Day Fireworks |  $ 2,500.00  |
| Furler Utility Service LLC | Water Treatment |  $ 360.00  |
| Hach  | Water Treatment |  $ 194.05  |
| Hawkins | Water Treatment |  $ 889.00  |
| Home Town Marketplace | Newsletter |  $ 37.36  |
| Iowa DNR | Annual Permit Fee |  $ 210.00  |
| IPERS | Employee Pension |  $ 3,137.62  |
| LL Pelling | Patch mix for Roads |  $ 110.16  |
| Linn Cooperative Oil Co | Park Supplies |  $ 105.23  |
| Linn County Rural Elec | Utilities  |  $ 802.48  |
| Maguire Iron | Annual Cleaning |  $ 1,450.00  |
| Marco | Copier Lease |  $ 528.84  |
| Menards | Park Supplies |  $ 46.32  |
| MetLife | Short Term Disability |  $ 119.02  |
| MidAmerican Energy | Utilities |  $ 78.54  |
| Office Express | Garbage Can Liners |  $ 99.94  |
| Plumb Supply | City Building Maintenance |  $ 29.76  |
| Poweshiek Water Association | Water Utilities |  $ 41.25  |
| Pro Tow | City Truck needed to be towed |  $ 262.50  |
| Science Center of Iowa | Summer Reading Program |  $ 150.00  |
| Snyder & Associates | Waste Water Treatment Plant Engineering |  $ 10,161.17  |
| Snyder & Associates | Water Pressure options, council meeting |  $ 784.00  |
| Snyder & Associates | Ridgeview 7th Addition |  $ 1,294.48  |
| T and W Service Inc | Truck Repair |  $ 2,660.14  |
| The Depot Express | Fire Department |  $ 194.62  |
| The Depot Express | Water Department |  $ 3.49  |
| The Depot Express | Roads and Parks |  $ 358.77  |
| U. S. Cellular | Telephone Expense |  $ 131.89  |
| Waste Management | Garbage Collection |  $ 10,019.09  |
| **Library** |   |   |
| Cathy Becker | Wages |  $ 1,108.26  |
| Vicki Meyers | Wages |  $ 175.02  |
| Cynthia Luzum | Wages |  $ 18.79  |
| Claudia Miner | Wages |  $ 152.25  |
| Rebecca Coleman | Wages |  $ 192.13  |
| Alliant Energy | Utilities |  $ 730.53  |
| Atkins Telephone | Telephone Expense |  $ 65.10  |
| Junior Library Guild | Books |  $ 477.80  |
| Marco | Copier Lease |  $ 77.87  |
| MetLife | Short Term Disability |  $ 30.56  |
| State Library of Iowa | Statewide database  |  $ 125.20  |
| State Library of Iowa | Bridges Subscription Platform Fee |  $ 59.23  |
| State Library of Iowa | Bridges Subscription Content fee |  $ 457.87  |
| DP Properties | Cleaning Service |  $ 360.00  |
| Wellmark | Health Insurance |  $ 861.06  |

Public comments were made with concerns over the City of Atkins Audit Report. The citizen asked the council about doing a private audit. The city is still working with the state Auditors on this report to clear up any misinformation and to form any plans of action that may need to be taken. Another resident shared that they used to be a state auditor and that they read the report as well. The resident stated how they did not think the Audit was conducted properly and did not allow the city a chance to provide responses to the audit items before it was published. They also stated that in their opinion the audit did not have any red flags that they were concerned about. The city will continue to work with the auditors.

Herman made a motion to approve the recommendation from Snyder and Associates to allow remedial work to 613 High Point Drive in accordance with the Snyder and Associates letter dated July 18, 2017. The motion was seconded by Haerther. This allow 613 High Point Dr to do some grading work to their property to improve water flow on their property. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Damon gave the council some updates from Atkins Public Works. Tomilson passed his Grade 1 testing for his water distribution. No action was taken.

Cathy Becker talked to the council about water still pooling on her property. The council will consider what the next step should be for the city concerning her property. No action was taken.

Attorney Bullerman discussed with the council option for addressing 74 2nd Ave in Atkins. King made a motion for the city to peruse a Petition for Title to Abandoned Property. The motion was seconded by Herman. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Rick Stoltzfus introduced himself to the council. He has had and worked with many businesses and would like to work on economic development with the council to help Atkins get more businesses in town. Stoltzfus will set up some meetings with a couple of the council members to move forward.

The council discussed erosion control issues with the developers. The city will be reaching out to individual builders to do more erosion control measures. The council also discussed the water pressure issued with the developers as well. The city has been looking into the cost and time line of adding a buster pump, to help water pressure. No action was taken.

The council reviewed and discussed the Renewal of the Atkins Savings Bank rental agreement. Haerther made the motion to renew the rental agreement. King seconded the motion. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Herman made a motion to table approving the FY17 Street Finance Report to allow the council more time to review. The motion was seconded by Hearther. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Shepard made a motion to table approving the FY17 Annual Financial Report to allow the council more time to review. The motion was seconded by Shepard. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Haerther made a motion to table approving the FY17 TIF Indebtedness Certification Report to allow the council more time to review. The motion was seconded by Hearther. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The council had a second reading of ordinance 206 that was changed to allow for the sell of fireworks. The use of fireworks was not changed and will be discussed on September 18th at 6:30 pm. The ordinance was changed to be in compliance with state law. The council wanted more citizen input before making a decision on the use of fireworks. Everyone is encouraged to come on September 18th to let the council know your opinion on using fireworks in Atkins. Herman motioned to accept the second reading and it was seconded by Haerther. Ayes: Herman, Haerther, Shepard, King, and Harbach. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Council is interested in setting up a date for the public to be able to see the new Waste Water Treatment Plant. The city is working with the contractors and engineers to see when this may happen. More information will be released when it is decided.

The meeting was opened up for other business. A resident brought up some concerns about their water. Damon will work with them to resolve the issue. A resident was concerned about the placement of garbage containers, outside of an apartment on Main St. The city will contact the owners and relay the concerns. A resident brought up a concern about the nonprofits being billed for water. This can be requested to be put on a future agenda to be discussed further. Bell brought up scheduling the next Atkins Cleanup Day. The council picked September 16th, 2017. More information will be released soon about the Clean up Day.

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 Monday, August 21t, 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