Minutes of Atkins City Council Meeting

May 15th, 2018 Atkins, Iowa

Council met in special session. Members present by roll call were: Mayor Bruce Visser, Tim Harbach, Rodney Haerther, Heather Rinderknecht and Joey Svejda. Absent: Rob Spading. Mayor Bruce Visser called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Also, present: DaShawn Wilson Deputy Clerk. Resident Dick Lange.

Svejda made a motion to approve the consent agenda including a list of bills for approval and the Minutes of April 30th, 2018. Haerther seconded to the motion. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Haerther and Harbach. Nay: None. Absent: Spading. Motion carried.

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| **Bills Approved May 15th 2018** |
| Access Systems | IT Services |  $ 469.17  |
| Chase Card | Postage |  $ 243.96  |
| Chase Card | Microsoft |  $ 37.50  |
| Iowa One Call | Location Services |  $ 20.40  |
| John Deere Financial | Roads Supplies |  $ 366.73  |
| Register Media | Publication Expenses |  $ 573.30  |
| Staples | Office Supplies |  $ 51.35  |
| US Post Office | Post Office Box Renewal |  $ 225.00  |
| **Library** |   |   |
| Chase Card | Books |  $ 528.29  |
| Chase Card | Postage |  $ 6.02  |
|   |   |  $ 2,521.72  |
|   | Received | Disbursed |
| General |  $ 20,715.68  |  $ 38,680.27  |
| Road Use Tax |  $ 20,059.18  |  $ 2,605.49  |
| Employee Benefits |  $ 430.77  |  $ 1,928.49  |
| Local Option Sales Tax |  |  $ 241.74  |
| Tax Increment Financing |  $ 10,872.77  |  $ -  |
| Debt Service |  $ -  |  $ -  |
| Water  |  $ 18,887.08  |  $ 5,979.35  |
| Sewer |  $ 41,025.23  |  $ 1,435.36  |

The Council discussed the AARP Grant and the city’s obligations if the grant is approved. Wilson discussed the planned budget for the grant. Harbach asked where the funds for the City’s portion would come from and what was our current standing for 2018 budget. How much is left to spend? Various sources were discussed including LOSST funds and the Parks Department budget. Nothing was decided at this time. Haerther stated that no usage of the LOSST funds would be discussed until after a town hall meeting and all agreed.

The Council agreed that the trail project is a good idea and great for the community. Visser asked if the project can be completed without the grant? The Council discussed funding options and agreed to wait and see the outcome of the grant. The Council asked if there was an out clause in the grant and Wilson stated that if the city decided not to use the funds there is a 14 day opt our clause they can use. All agreed that the project could move forward by the city if needed but will wait to see if the funding will be available. Notification is expected in late July and completion of the project must be done by November 3rd, 2018. Svejda made a motion to proceed with submitting the grant. The motion was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Haerther and Harbach. Nay: None. Absent: Spading. Motion carried.

The Council discussed sidewalks, pedestrian crossings and signage in the city. They also discussed changing the speed limit in the city. Visser mentioned that he wanted an engineer’s input regarding those topics. Harbach stated that the county must be involved in changing speed limits on the road. The subject will be placed on the next agenda.

Harbach made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. The motion was seconded by Haerther. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Haerther and Harbach. Nay: None. Absent: Spading Motion carried.

The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, May 21st, 2018 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, at 7:30 PM.

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Mayor Bruce Visser

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Amber Bell, City Clerk/ Treasurer