

Minutes of Atkins City Council Meeting

September 8, 2020 Atkins, Iowa

Council met in Regular Session at St Stephens Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 303 3rd Avenue, Atkins Iowa due to Derecho Storm recovery. Meeting was held with teleconference due to Covid-19 situation. Council Members present were Heather Rinderknecht, Joey Svejda, Lana Robison, and Robert Spading. Absent: Nathan Shepard, Council, and Amber Bell, City Clerk. Others present Mayor Bruce Visser, Nick Eisenbacher from Snyder & Associates, Todd Damon from Atkins Public Works, Dan Rammelsberg, Atkins Fire Chief, Dick Lange, Alan Nebola, Atkins Planning and Zoning and Gordy Jacobsen, Atkins Planning and Zoning. Mayor Bruce Visser called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Council had discussion regarding the consent agenda items. Council noted the August 14 Emergency City Council Meeting minutes were not present and requested those minutes be provided at a later meeting. Council discussed the Planning and Zoning Commission Annual Report for FY20 as presented by Alan Nebola of Atkins of Planning and Zoning Commission. Spading made a motion to Approve the Consent agenda including a list of bills with corrections to Council Minutes of August 13th, August 17, and August 25, 2020 to change the motion to adjourn vote be corrected to state none were absent. After discussion Spading withdrew the motion. Robison made a motion to Approve the Consent agenda including a list of bills with corrections to Council Minutes of August 13th, August 17, and August 25, 2020 to change the motion to adjourn vote be corrected to state none were absent and the list of bills would remove the bill for Kara Bullerman from the list of bills approved. Spading seconded the motion. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading and Robison. Nay: None. Absent: Shepard. Motion carried.

Bills for approval September 8th, 2020		
Todd Damon	Wages through 8/29/2020	\$ 1,938.29
Amber Bell	Wages through 8/29/2020	\$ 1,852.27
Cathy Becker	Wages through 8/29/2020	\$ 1,250.93
Vicki Myers	Wages through 8/29/2020	\$ 253.31
Jarrod Tomlinson	Wages through 8/29/2020	\$ 1,326.35
Dick Lange	Wages through 8/29/2020	\$ 416.85
Jim Crawford	Wages through 8/29/2020	\$ 381.97
Atkins Lumber	Fire Department	\$ 6.95
Atkins Lumber	FEMA - Library Windows	\$ 71.01
Atkins Lumber	Roads Shop	\$ 10.36
Atkins Lumber	Parks Supplies	\$ 37.36
Atkins Lumber	Water Main Break Supplies	\$ 13.13
Atkins Telephone	Fire Department	\$ 82.85
Atkins Telephone	WWTP	\$ 101.64
Atkins Telephone	Water Treatment	\$ 43.46
Atkins Telephone	Roads Shop	\$ 101.64
Chem-Sult, Inc	Water Treatment	\$ 1,705.11
D P Properties	Cleaning Park Pavilions/Soccer Bathrooms	\$ 560.00

Diane Geinapp	Park Pavilion	\$ 55.00
EFTPS	Federal Tax Deposit	\$ 2,028.30
Feld Fire	Fire Department	\$ 151.00
Gazette Communications	Publishing Expense	\$ 167.09
Hi-Viz Safety	Post Driver Part	\$ 155.00
John Deere Financial	Roads Shop	\$ 11.92
Kathy Koehn	Park Pavilion	\$ 55.00
Lindsey Sander	Park Pavilion	\$ 55.00
MidAmerican Energy	WWTP	\$ 24.85
MidAmerican Energy	Library	\$ 12.13
MidAmerican Energy	Roads Shop	\$ 13.25
MidAmerican Energy	Water Department	\$ 12.13
MidAmerican Energy	Fire Department	\$ 13.25
MidAmerican Energy	Park Pavilion	\$ 12.97
MidAmerican Energy	Water Department	\$ 12.97
Ron Wagner Home Improvement	Fire Department	\$ 765.00
Total		\$ 13,698.34
	Received	Distributed
General	\$43,306.04	\$ 54,860.86
Road Use Tax	\$-	\$ 2,641.31
Employee Benefit	\$ 3,145.47	\$ 3,084.25
TIF	\$17,982.75	
Local Option Sales Tax	\$-	
FEMA		\$ 47,606.66
Water	\$10,557.75	\$ 2,284.21
Sewer	\$20,461.08	\$ 6,975.10
Total	\$38,983.38	\$ 5,493.38

Council heard a presentation by Mayor Visser concerning the City of Atkins Storm recovery. City insurance coverage for City property trees was discussed. Spading made a motion to approve an insurance claim for 120 trees due to Derecho Storm, be submitted to the City insurance carrier EMC. Robison seconded the motion. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading and Robison. Nay: None. Absent: Shepard, Motion carried.

Continuing the Atkins Storm recovery business. The Mayor suggested the meetings of the City Council continue to be held at the St Stephens Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall until other arrangements are made.

The Council discussed a declaration of emergency for relief of bidding requirements as required by State Law to speed the storm recovery related to the Fire Station. Mayor stated a resolution will be drafted with that declaration for next Council meeting. Fire Truck storage situation was presented by Dan Rammelsberg, Atkins Fire Chief. All vehicles are under cover with the cooperation of the Atkins Public Works shifting some of Public Works equipment to alternate storage or outside. The current storage layout is not heated. Plans are being made for correct storage for the Fire trucks. The Fire Station building is being prepared for demolition

Continuing with the Atkins Storm recovery business concerning the City Hall Library. Discussion supported the Library Staff explore mobile book delivery. Building options on the City Hall Library roof replacement, Spading made a motion to replace the City Hall Library roof with the same kind and color as original. Robison seconded. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading and Robison. Nay: None. Absent: Shepard, Motion carried.

Continuing with the Atkins Storm recovery business. Council discussed the Park Pavilion, Water Treatment Plant roof, Parks and Playground equipment condition, Debris cleanup will continue for trees and limbs and for construction debris. Street trees program will be presented at a later meeting when more information is available. A Street Tree assessment has begun. Project manager tasks were discussed.

Continuing with Atkins Storm recovery business. Mayor Visser mentioned that 211 telephone access to get storm relief related information is available to all Benton County residents. 211 supports any requests for someone to talk with as well as locations of assistance to recover from the storm. Residents are encouraged to reach out for help.

Continuing with Atkins Storm recovery business the Council discussed the current City Utility Service late fee collection waivers. Spading made a motion to continue the current City Utility Service late fee collection waiver to the end of September 2020. Rinderknecht seconded the motion, Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading and Robison. Nay: None. Absent: Shepard. Motion carried.

Continuing with Atkins Storm recovery business the Council discussed the use of campers while residents' homes are being rebuilt. The current policy will continue but will be monitored if problems come up.

Council heard a report from Public Works. Atkins City Wide Cleanup day will be scheduled in October 2020, location and details is being determined.

The Council opened the meeting for other business. Councilor Robison mentioned a volunteer team is coming to the Atkins area to assist farmers with storm related work. Rural resident Tom Gerhold is assisting in the effort and may be contacted as well.

Mayor Visser announced a September 14, 2020 special City Council meeting will be needed to conduct storm related business.

The next Regular Council Meeting will meet on Monday, September 21st, 2020 at 7:00pm, at St Stephens Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 303 Third Avenue Atkins, Iowa. Due to the declared State of Emergency the Council meeting will be conducted using teleconference. The Next Meeting Agenda will include instructions to access the system.

Rinderknecht made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Svejda seconded to the motion. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading and Robison. Nay: None. Absent: Shepard. Motion carried.

Attest: Heather Rinderknecht

Mayor: Bruce Visser