

Minutes of Atkins City Council Meeting November 23rd, 2020 Atkins, Iowa

Council met in Special Session at St Stephens Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 303 Third Ave, Atkins, Iowa, due to storm damage at Atkins City Hall. Members present in person were Robert Spading, Heather Rinderknecht, Nathan Shepard, and Lana Robison. Joey Svejda present via teleconference. Absent: None. Mayor Bruce Visser, present, Amber Bell City Clerk via teleconference, City Attorney Kara Bullermn via teleconference. Public present; Pastor Doug Woltemath, Atkins. Mayor Bruce Visser called the meeting to order at 7:04pm with a roll call.

Motion by Spading to approve the agenda. Second by Svejda,. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading, Shepard, Robison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Shepard made a motion to approve the List of Bills for Approval with invoices to be provided at the next meeting. Second by Spading. Bell explained the bills listed are interest on bonds set by ordinance. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading, Shepard, Robison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Bills for approval:	November 23rd, 2020	
State Revolving Fund	Interest Debt Payment on WWTP -GO	\$15,150.00
State Revolving Fund	Interest Debt Payment on WWTP -Revenue	\$35,514.49
UMB Bank NA	Interest Debt Payment -GO 2015A	\$9,813.75
UMB Bank NA	Interest Debt Payment -GO 2016A	\$6,041.35
Total bills		\$66,519.49

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

Robison made a motion to enter closed session as allowed by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i). Second by Shepard. City Attorney, Kara Bullerman stated that closed session was requested and allowed. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading, Shepard, Robison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Visser announced the Council would enter closed session at 7:35 pm.

Mayor Visser reconvened the meeting of the Council at 8:45 pm. No members of the public were present to reenter the room.

Motion by Robison to terminate the employment of City Clerk Amber Bell.

Second by Shepard. Ayes: Shepard, Robison. Nay: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading, Absent None. Motion fails.

Motion by Rinderknecht to place City Clerk Amber Bell on administrative leave with pay. Second by Spading. Ayes: Shepard, Spading, Rinderknecht, Svejda, Nay: Robison, Absent: None. Motion carried.

Shepard left the meeting at 9:05 pm. Shepard returned at 9:07pm.

Motion by Shepard to have the City obtain legal services related to employment matters. Mayor Pro Tem Rinderknecht to contact several attorneys on advice by City Attorney. Mayor Visser to find fill – in City Clerk services. City Hall will be closed for the remainder of the week until the end of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Re-open November 30. Second by Spading. Ayes: Svejda, Spading, Shepard, Robison. Nay: None. Abstain: Rinderknecht; due to name is being voted upon, Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shepard to approve Resolution 805 Street Finance Report FY20 without Clerk attest signature. City Attorney will reach out to IDOT to determine correction. Second by Robison. City Attorney was consulted and stated that would be permissible. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading, Shepard, Robison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Shepard to approve Resolution 806 Annual Urban Renewal (TIF) Report without Clerk attest signature. Second by Robison. City Attorney was consulted and stated that would be permissible. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading, Shepard, Robison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

No public input was received or offered.

The next regular Council meeting to be held Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm, at St Stephens Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 303 3rd Avenue, Atkins, Iowa. Due to the Governor's Declared State of Emergency the Council meeting may be conducted using teleconference. Meeting agenda will include instructions to access the meeting.

Motion by Shepard to adjourn the meeting. Second by Robison. Ayes: Svejda, Rinderknecht, Spading, Shepard, Robison. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Mayor Visser declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Bruce Visser, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Rinderknecht, Mayor, Pro Tem.