

Atkins Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes

July 19, 2021, Atkins, Iowa

The Atkins Planning & Zoning Commission regular meeting

Meeting was conducted in person at City Hall as well as via Teleconference –Members present were Gordy Jacobsen, Linda Clark and Alan Nebola.

Secretary for the meeting was Alan Nebola

Non-Members in attendance were Mayor Bruce Visser and Dennis Taschner

Jacobsen brought the meeting to order with a roll call of members at 5:32 PM.

Members present Jacobsen, Clark and Nebola. The three members in attendance meet the quorum requirements.

Nebola made a motion to approve the agenda and Clark seconded the motion.

Aye: Jacobsen, Nebola, and Clark. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Nebola made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/10/2021 meeting and Clark seconded the motion.

Aye: Jacobsen, Nebola, and Clark. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Jacobsen opened a public hearing concerning a minor boundary change for LOT 12 PARCEL A & PARCEL B, STONE RIDGE FIRST ADDITION IN THE CITY OF ATKINS, BENTON COUNTY, IOWA.

- Jacobsen called for written comments in favor or against the change.
 - There were no written comments
- Jacobsen called for oral comments in favor or against the change.
 - There were no oral comments
- Jacobsen closed the public hearing.
- Discussion by the Planning and Zoning members determined the minor boundary change was acceptable and in accordance with the City of Atkins Zoning Regulations.

Nebola made a motion to make recommendation to the City Council to approve the PLAT OF SURVEY LOT 12 PARCEL A & PARCEL B, STONE RIDGE FIRST ADDITION IN THE CITY OF ATKINS, BENTON COUNTY, IOWA. Clark seconded the motion

Aye: Jacobsen, Nebola, and Clark. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Jacobsen opened a public hearing concerning a minor boundary change for LOT 26 PARCEL A & PARCEL B, STONE RIDGE FIRST ADDITION IN THE CITY OF ATKINS, BENTON COUNTY, IOWA.

- Jacobsen called for written comments in favor or against the change.
 - There were no written comments
- Jacobsen called for oral comments in favor or against the change.
 - There were no oral comments
- Jacobsen closed the public hearing.

- Discussion by the Planning and Zoning members determined the minor boundary change was acceptable and in accordance with the City of Atkins Zoning Regulations.

Clark made a motion to make recommendation to the City Council to approve the PLAT OF SURVEY LOT26 PARCEL A & PARCEL B, STONE RIDGE FIRST ADDITION IN THE CITY OF ATKINS, BENTON COUNTY, IOWA. Nebola seconded the motion.

Aye: Jacobsen, Nebola, and Clark. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Jacobsen opened a discussion concerning updates for the BC and AC Districts of the Atkins Zoning ordinance. The main discussion focused on signage requirements for AC commercial property as well as light pollution concerns, not only from businesses but also from streetlights and parking lots.

Discussion determined that a separate subsection would be needed to address signage and a separate subsection would also be used to address light pollution concerns.

The current Marion sign regulations were reviewed and used as an example. These sign regulations were marked up during the review to revise the verbiage so that it would more appropriately apply to the City of Atkins. This markup will be submitted for review by the city attorney for correctness and further revised as needed before a final review and submittal to the city council at a future date.

It was discussed and decided that further review is required before any decisions can be made on light pollution regulations.

Nebola made a motion to table further discussion on lighting regulations until the next meeting (August 12th, 2021). Clark seconded the motion.

Aye: Jacobsen, Nebola, and Clark. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Mayor Bruce Visser provided a description of the Pickle Ball court equipment being considered for the City Park. The equipment fits in the budget for parks and can be checked out by individuals and set up for their use and then disassembled when they are through and checked back in.

Jacobsen made a motion to approve the Pickle Ball court equipment. Clark seconded the motion.

Aye: Jacobsen, Nebola, and Clark. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will be a regular session on August 12th, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Clark made a motion to adjourn. Nebola seconded the motion.

Aye: Jacobsen, Nebola, and Clark. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Attest: Alan Nebola Attest: