

City of Atkins

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TO: **City of Atkins Residents**

FROM: Atkins Mayor Bruce Visser

RE: Report from the Iowa Auditor of State

The City of Atkins learned today that the Iowa State Auditor's Office completed an independent review requested by the Atkins City Council in June 2021, after discrepancies were noted in the city's financial records. The City cooperated fully with the Iowa State Auditor's Office in the independent review since its inception 20 months ago.

Through the Auditor's independent review, the City learned that between 2015 and 2021 there were improper and unsupported expenditures and unbilled/uncollected revenues that led to those discrepancies.

Even before this report was released, the City had already put internal processes in place based on the counsel of our legal and financial advisors. It should be noted the City has routine annual audits conducted by the State as is required by law. This was a special audit requested by the City to look more closely into the city financial records. The Atkins City Council will consider the recommendations made by the State Auditor's Office and take appropriate action.

More information on this state report can be found on the state auditor's website: [LINK](#)

At this point in time, it is up to the Benton County Attorney's Office to determine if any further action is warranted.

The well-being of our city and the people who live here are our top priorities. We will continue to do all we can to ensure our city is a safe, welcoming community that is financially sound.

We understand you may have questions. If you do, please ask Mayor Bruce Visser and avoid the temptation to spread false rumors, which could hurt our city's reputation or the reputation of innocent people who live here.

We will be posting a list of anticipated questions (FAQ's) and answers on our city website (www.cityofatkins.org) to help provide as much information as possible.

Bruce Visser, Mayor

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