

CITY OF ATKINS IOWA
City Council Minutes Regular Session
Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Bruce Visser called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Present were Bell, DeMeulenaere, Koehn, Petersen, and Steffen. Also present were Doug Herman, City Attorney, Kelly Groskurth, City Administrator, and various members of the public.

Koehn moved to approve the agenda. Steffen second. Ayes: Bell, DeMeulenaere, Koehn, Petersen, and Steffen. Motion carried.

Koehn moved to approve the consent agenda. Petersen second. Ayes: DeMeulenaere, Koehn, Petersen, and Steffen. Nays: Bell. Motion carried. Consent agenda was as follows: Council Minutes of February 28, 2023, and the list of bills:

USPS - POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	294.72
EFTPS	TAXES	3,738.76
UNITED STATES TREASURY	TAXES	1,554.11
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX	1,794.31
ACCESS SYSTEMS	WATER PLANT COMP PROJECT	2,925.82
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	EQUIPMENT LEASES/COPIERS	855.87
ACME TOOLS	ROADS SUPPLIES	1,097.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITY EXP	8,748.64
ATKINS LUMBER CO. INC.	SUPPLIES	103.17
ATKINS TELEPHONE CO..INC.	TELEPHONE	601.74
BENTON COUNTY ENGINEER	SALT/SAND	594.59
BOUND TREE Medical, LLC	WALL BRACKET	389.42
Cardmember Service	FEB TRANSACTIONS	777.54
CHEM-SULT, INC.	CHEMICALS	2,832.55
ECICOG	ADMIN FS	562.50
FELD EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	FD SUPPLIES	544.00
HI - VIZ SAFETY	SIGNS	1,388.00
IMFOA	TRAINING	125.00
IRON MOUNTAIN INCORPORATED	SHREDDING	85.88
KIRKWOOD COMM CONTINUING ED	TRAINING	160.00
KRIVACHEK JANITORIAL	SUPPLIES	141.99
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.	LEGAL FEES	3,179.00
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	254.66
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITY EXP	1,530.59
USPS - POSTMASTER	STAMPS	126.00
POWESHIEK WATER ASSOICATION	UTILITY	146.50
QUILL	SUPPLIES	273.17
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	10,092.29
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	WWTP SUPPLIES	766.88
THE DEPOT EXPRESS	FUEL	848.91
U S CELLULAR	PHONES	196.10
WASTE MANAGEMENT	GARBAGE CONTRACT	13,538.65
Accounts Payable Total		60,268.36
Payroll Checks		11,288.87
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		<u>71,557.23</u>
GENERAL		32,486.64
ROAD USE TAX		10,372.85
FEMA		660.12

WATER	22,123.02
SEWER	5,914.60
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>71,557.23</u>

Koehn moved to approve Resolution 2023-03-01 approve Water Tower Improvement Quotation Documents and authorize administrator to seek quotes. Steffen seconded. Ayes: Bell, DeMeulenaere, Koehn, Petersen, and Steffen. Motion carried.

Koehn moved to approve Resolution 2023-03-02 providing for the levy of taxes to pay General Obligation Fire Station Bonds, Series 2023. Petersen seconded. Discussion. Ayes: Bell, DeMeulenaere, Koehn, Petersen, and Steffen. Motion Carried.

Koehn moved to approve Resolution 2023-03-03 a resolution approving modified Maximum Property Tax Levy, Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 (FYE 24) for the City of Atkins Iowa, based on the taxable valuations given by County Auditor per Senate File 181. Petersen seconded. Discussion. Ayes: DeMeulenaere, Koehn, Petersen, and Steffen. Nays: Bell. Motion Carried.

FYE 2024 Budget – Council set budget workshop to be held March 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor’s report: Fire Station design continues. Tree debris project FEMA documents are being finalized. Auditor report.

Public works – Quotes for water tower maintenance will be presented on April 11, 2023 meeting.

Administrator’s report: Fire station timelines for Construction Bid Letting and Bid Bond continue. Continues to finalize update to badger meter reading system. The city has been awarded 620K CDBG Housing grant. The Grant Agreement will be presented at the March 28th meeting.

Public input: A citizen concerned council is leaning toward making the same mistakes councils of the last 20 years have made by not planning/building for the future and being afraid to raise taxes/revenues.

A citizen asked how this will impact individual residents. Previous presentation on the website indicates levy impact based on taxable valuation prior to SF 181.

The next Regular Council Meeting to be held Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. City Hall/Library 480 3rd Avenue, City Council Room.

Koehn moved to Adjournment. DeMeulenaere seconded. Ayes: Bell, DeMeulenaere, Koehn, Petersen, and Steffen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Kelly Groskurth, City Administrator/City Clerk

Bruce Visser, Mayor