

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following governing body will meet at the date, time, and place herein set out. The tentative agenda for said meeting is as follows:

TENTATIVE AGENDA  
ATKINS CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL – 480 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**  
5:45 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Brian Cruise
2. Roll Call by City Clerk
3. Approval of the Agenda by City Council.
4. Consent Agenda:
  - Approval of the minutes of February 10, 2026 City Council meeting.
  - **Resolution #2026-02-01**, “A Resolution setting a time and date for a public hearing concerning a tax statement showing the proposed tax levies for the FY 27 budget for the City of Atkins, Iowa”
  - **Ordinance #239**, “An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atkins, Iowa, by adding a new section prohibiting parking on certain streets” (1<sup>st</sup> reading)
5. Unfinished Business:
  - **Ordinance #238**, “An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atkins, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to Meter Costs (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)
6. Closed Session: Pursuant to Code of Iowa Section 21.5 (1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual (appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge) when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that person's reputation and if those individual requests a closed session.
  - Motion to enter closed session by City Council.
  - Discussion & Consideration of Motion
  - Roll call vote by City Clerk
7. Motion to Adjourn

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 24, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02-01

RESOLUTION SETTING TIME AND DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A TAX STATEMENT SHOWING THE PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City Council of Atkins, Iowa is preparing the annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa requires a public hearing on the tax statement showing proposed tax levies where any resident or taxpayer of the City may present to the City Council objections or arguments in favor of the tax dollars before the budget is adopted and certified to the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, interested residents or taxpayers having comments for or against the proposed property tax dollar proposal from certain levies may attend the City Council meeting on March 24, 2026, at 5:45 PM at the Atkins City Hall, at 480 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Atkins, Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Atkins, Iowa, that this confirms that the City Council order the publication of a notice of public hearing pertaining to the tax statement showing proposed maximum property tax dollars from certain levies not less than our (4) days nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for the hearing. A notice shall also be posted on the city website and social media accounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Atkins City Council of the City of Atkins, Iowa, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said resolution.

Passed and approved this 17th day of February, 2026.

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Brian Cruise, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shelley Annis, City Clerk/Treasurer

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

**Meeting Date:** 3/24/2026 **Meeting Time:** 05:45 PM **Meeting Location:** Atkins City Hall Council Room, 480 3rd Ave

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)  
cityofatkins.org

City Telephone Number  
(319) 446-7870

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	81,299,118	75,307,368	75,307,368
Consolidated General Fund	669,498	669,498	620,156
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	64,148	64,148	60,473
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	83,150	83,150	77,189
Other Employee Benefits	27,736	27,736	34,861
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	102,910,739	106,942,905	106,942,905
Debt Service	187,625	187,625	156,807
<b>CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX</b>	<b>1,032,157</b>	<b>1,032,157</b>	<b>949,486</b>
<b>CITY REGULAR TAX RATE</b>	<b>12.21115</b>	<b>12.96891</b>	<b>11.99219</b>
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	327,162	318,539	318,539
Ag Land	983	983	957
<b>CITY AG LAND TAX RATE</b>	<b>3.00375</b>	<b>3.08596</b>	<b>3.00375</b>
<b>Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed</b>			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	<b>Current Year Certified 2025/2026</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Residential	579	587	1.38
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	<b>Current Year Certified 2025/2026</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Commercial	2,517	2,744	9.02

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

**Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:**

Increases to health insurance costs and the amount the city contributes to employee health insurance costs.

**ORDINANCE NO. 239**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATKINS, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Atkins, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. NEW SECTION.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Atkins, Iowa, is amended by adding a new Section 69.11, entitled NO PARKING ZONES, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

**69.11 NO PARKING ZONES.** No one shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any of the following specifically designated no parking zones except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a peace officer or traffic control signal.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236(1))*

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue on the west side from Park Ridge Road south to the east-west driveway approach to the fire station.
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue on the east side from Park Ridge Road south to the driveway entrance to City Hall/Library.
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on the west side from Park Ridge Road south to the fire station driveway.
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on the east side from Park Ridge Road south to the fire station driveway.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

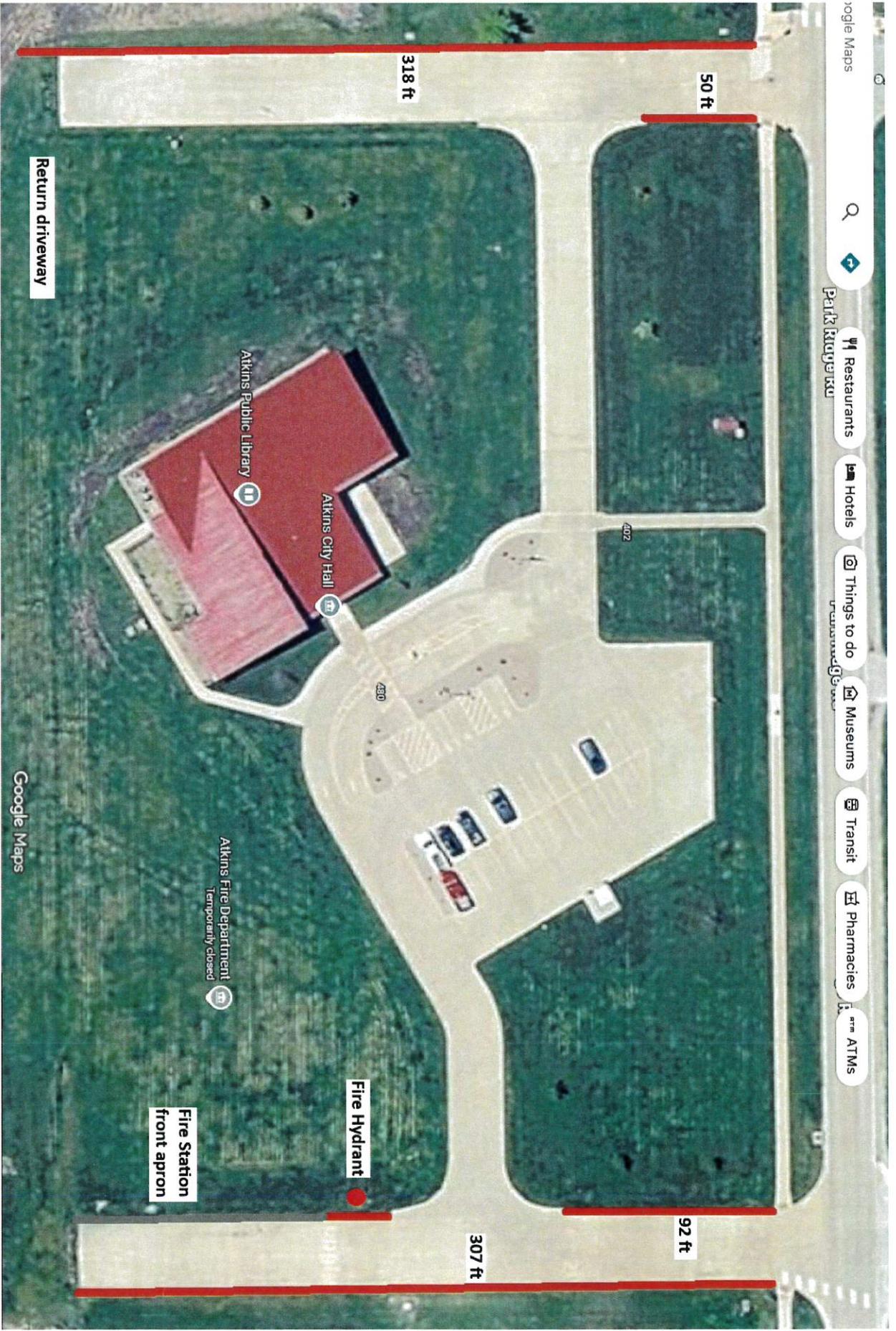
First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No 239 on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



50 ft

318 ft

92 ft

307 ft

Return driveway

Atkins Public Library

Atkins City Hall

Atkins Fire Department  
temporarily closed

Fire Hydrant

Fire Station  
front apron

Google Maps

No Parking area

**ORDINANCE NO. 238**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATKINS, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO METER COSTS.**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Atkins, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.** Section 91.06 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atkins, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**91.06 METER COSTS.** The property owner of a new water account must purchase a meter and remote reading device from the City. The type and installation of the meter shall be in accordance with the Superintendent’s directives and this chapter. The City shall retain ownership of the meter and remote reading device and shall have the right to inspect said meter and remote reader from time to time to insure proper operation of the meter and to check for illegal bypassing of any other meter in the premises. Customers shall pay the actual cost of the water meter and remote reading device.

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Passed by the Council the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Brian Cruise, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

First Reading: February 10, 2026

Second Reading: February 17, 2026

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 238 on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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City Clerk

City of Atkins, Iowa  
February 10, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Brian Cruise called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members Kevin DeMeulenaere, Trevor Dursky, Dave Fisher, Jeremy Rolando, and Bob Stolen answered roll call. City Administrator Scott Flory and City Clerk/Treasurer Shelley Annis were also present.

Motion Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stolen to approve the agenda – all aye.

Motion Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Demeulenaere to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #238 amending the City Code of Ordinances Section 91.06 regarding meter costs. Fisher, Rolando, DeMeulenaere, Dursky, Stolen – aye.

City Administrator Flory reviewed the proposed FY26-27 budget expenses, and Budget Presentation including tax levies, valuations, and other highlights.

City Administrator Flory and Mayor Cruise gave their reports.

Motion Stolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dursky to approve the consent agenda items including the claims list, the January 24, 2026 Council work session minutes, the January 27, 2026 Council minutes, and the January 2026 Financial Reports – all aye.

Council requested selling the city-owned property at 619 High Point Dr and making that portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave in front of the new fire station no parking on the next meeting agenda.

Council member Fisher left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Motion DeMeulenaere, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stolen to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. – all aye.