

# The City of *Atkins*

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April 10, 2026

Honorable Mayor & City Council Members:

The next regular meeting of the Atkins City Council is scheduled for April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Please refer to the attached agenda for items discussed below.

ITEM #6A. 2026/27 Fiscal Year Budget Proposal. At the February 10, 2026, City Council Meeting, the City Council reviewed the proposed FY 26 Amended and FY 27 Proposed City budget(s). At a special City Council meeting on February 17, 2026, the City Council reviewed the proposed tax rate levy for FY 2027 and set the date for a public hearing and notice to be published. On February 24, 2026, the Council held the public hearing to amend (#1) the FY 2026 budget. On March 24, 2026, the Council held the public hearing on the proposed property tax rate levy and then, at the subsequent Council meeting on the same date, set the date for a public hearing on the proposed FY 27 City budget for April 14, 2026.

The Proposed tax rate for the City of Atkins is set to decrease by \$0.22/\$1,000 of taxable valuation, from \$12.21 to \$11.99/\$1,000 of taxable valuation. The taxable valuation for FY 27 (1/1/2025 valuations) is \$75,307,368, which is a decrease from the FY 26 valuation for General Fund purposes of \$81,299,188. This was due to a decrease in the residential rollback from 47.43% to 44.53% and certification of additional TIF debt.

The FY 27 proposed budget is \$6,236,184, which breaks down as follows: Operating budget \$5,361,143; Capital budget \$350,000; and Debt Service \$525,021. Total revenues are \$5,913,370, which includes the establishment of a Sewer Revenue Sinking Fund of \$361,000 that, by way of transfer from funds, shows as an expense line item. So, for all intents and purposes, the budget as presented is "balanced".

The City's Constitutional Debt Limit is \$12,107,218, and, as of June 30, 2026, the City has \$4.2 million in outstanding General Obligation debt.

**Mayor:**

Brian Cruise

**Council:**

David Fisher  
Trevor Dursky  
Kevin DeMeulenaere  
Bob Stolen  
Jeremy Rolando

**City Administrator:**

Scott Flory  
sflory@cityofatkins.org

**City Clerk/Treasurer:**

Shelley Annis

**Utility Clerk:**

Marissa Stangl

**Public Works Director:**

David Schrier

**Public Works Dept:**

Jarrod Tomlinson  
Mike Rammelsberg

**Fire Chief:**

Dan Rammelsberg

**Library Director:**

Pamela Duball

The City, at 34.6% is well below what most cities in Iowa operate at in terms of outstanding GO debt. However, the City does also have an outstanding SRF WWTP Revenue Note with \$2.4 million outstanding from that June 6, 2015, issuance (\$4.3 million), which will retire on 6/1/37.

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Total spending for FY 27 is decreasing from a re-estimated FY 26 total of approximately \$7.1 million, mostly due to the completion of the Fire Station Building Project. For FY 26 the City's portion of the overall tax bill represented 39%; Benton Community School District was 33%; Benton County 21%; Kirkwood Community College 4%; and others made up the balance. So, 61% of the property taxes paid by City of Atkins residents go to taxing entities other than the City. The City of Atkins property tax rate remains one of the lowest in Benton County and in FY 26, the City's rate of \$12.21 compared favorably to Belle Plaine \$16.90; Vinton \$15.69; and Urbana at 14.27.

The proposed tax rate of \$11.99/\$1,000 of taxable valuation will result in a tax bill for City government services of \$475.82 (inc. homestead exemption). This is a decrease of \$44.11 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for FY 27 vs FY 26 for the City's rate (\$519.93 vs \$475.82).

The Benton Community School District and Benton County (urban), however, are both raising their tax rates for FY 27 by \$0.25 and \$0.02, respectively.

The remaining schedule for budget consideration is as follows:

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|------------------------|--|
| April 14 <sup>th</sup> | Conduct the public hearing and adopt the FY 27 (proposed) budget |
| April 25 <sup>th</sup> | City Clerk certifies FY 27 budget to the County Auditor          |
| April 28 <sup>th</sup> | Hold public hearing on FY 26 budget Amendment (#2)               |

Smart Quote: "I love sleep. My life has the tendency to fall apart when I'm awake, you know?" – Ernest Hemmingway, writer

CITY OF ATKINS  


Scott L. Flory  
City Administrator

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, APRIL 14, 2026**  
6:00 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. Citizens' Opportunity to address the Council:
  - In conformance with the Iowa Open Meetings law, no action or deliberation can occur on items presented during the Citizens' Forum
  - Please walk to the front and state your name and address and the subject of your discussion
  - Speakers are encouraged to limit their comments to three (3) minutes
5. Unfinished Business:
6. New Business:
  - A. Fiscal Year 2027 Municipal Budget Proposal:
    - Review by Scott L. Flory, City Administrator
    - Open Public Hearing by Mayor Brian Cruise
    - **Motion** to close the Public Hearing by City Council
    - Discussion and consideration of **Motion** by City Council
    - Voice vote by Mayor Brian Cruise
    - **Motion** to approve **Resolution #2026-04-01**, "A Resolution Adopting the FY 27 Budget for the City of Atkins, Iowa", by City Council
    - Discussion and consideration of **Motion** by City Council
    - Roll Call vote by City Clerk
  - B. StoneRidge 5<sup>th</sup> Addition Minor Boundary Change – Lot 16:

- Review and recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission (4/9/26) by Scott L. Flory, City Administrator
- Open Public Hearing by Mayor Brian Cruise
- **Motion** to close the Public Hearing by City Council
- Discussion and consideration of **Motion** by City Council
- Voice vote by Mayor Cruise
- **Motion** to approve **Resolution #2026-04-02**, “A Resolution approving a Minor Boundary change for Stoneridge 5<sup>th</sup> Addition – Lot 16” by City the City Council.
- Discussion and consideration of **Motion** by City Council
- Roll Call Vote by City Clerk

C. Ordinance #240 - Secondary Water Meters:

- Review by Scott L. Flory, City Administrator
- **Motion** to approve **Ordinance #240**, “An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atkins, Iowa, by Adding Provisions Pertaining to Water Meters” by City Council. (1<sup>st</sup> reading)
- Discussion and consideration of **Motion** by City Council
- Roll Call Vote by City Clerk

D. Watermelon Days 2026 – Street Closings and Use of City Property Requests:

- Introduction by Scott L. Flory, City Administrator
- Review of request by Dick Lange, Atkins Community Club
- **Motion** to approve **Resolution #2026-04-03**, “A Resolution approving the leasing of property to the Atkins Community Club for 2026 Watermelon Days” by City Council.
- Discussion and consideration of **Motion** by City Council
- Roll Call Vote by City Clerk

7. City Administrator’s Report:

- Update on delinquent utility bill collection efforts
- Paint Selection for Water Tower (1939) Rehabilitation Project

8. Mayor’s Report:



- Proclamation for Community Open House Day, April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Proclamation Honoring and Welcoming Home Alec Colby and Gabriel Humphrey Atkins residents deployed to the Middle East

9. Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the abstract of the bills & claims as submitted by City Clerk
- Approval of March 24, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes (regular & special)
- Approval of March Financial Reports: Treasurer's Report; Revenue & Expense Report; & Bank Reconciliation.
- Approval of Retail Tobacco License (renewal) for Dollar General Store (# 23186) at 402 Stonebrook Drive for FY 27.
- Approve **Resolution #2026-04-04**, "A Resolution establishing salaries & wages for various City Employees for FY 26 (current year)."
- Set date for FY 26 Budget Amendment #2 for 6:00 p.m. on April 28, 2026

10. Other Business:

Request to speak to Mayor & Council by Jane Sheer, Benton County resident

11. Adjournment

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 28, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 21.4 (1) of the Code of Iowa and of the local Rules & Procedures of the Governing Body

*\*Written comments are welcome in advance of the meeting and may be received at the office of the City Clerk in-person, or by email at: [cityclerk@cityofatkins.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofatkins.org) at Atkins City Hall, 480 Third Avenue, Atkins, IA 52206. Contact the City Clerk's Office if you plan to speak before the Council on an agenda item and need any special assistance.*

*\*\* As City Council members may attend this meeting in numbers that could constitute a quorum an agenda will be posted.*

*Note: Some members may participate by telephone, per Section 21.8 of the Code of Iowa*

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-01

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2026-27 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ATKINS, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City Council of Atkins, Iowa, has prepared a detailed budget for the fiscal year 2026-27; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has published notice in the newspaper and held a public hearing to review said budget and to receive written and oral comments or objections from the public to said budget, and

WHEREAS, the City Council, pursuant to Chapter 384.16(5) of the Code, desires to adopt said budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Knoxville, Iowa, that the budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year is hereby adopted.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

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Brian Cruise, Mayor

Attest:

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Shelley Annis, City Clerk/Treasurer

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET**  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

City of: ATKINS

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Atkins City Hall Council Room, 480 3rd Ave Meeting Date: 4/14/2026  
Meeting Time: 06:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>.

<b>The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.</b>				
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property		11.99219		
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is		3.00375		
<b>At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.</b>				
Phone Number (319) 446-7870		City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Scott Flory		
		<b>Budget FY 2027</b>	<b>Re-estimated FY 2026</b>	<b>Actual FY 2025</b>
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	950,443	1,033,140	1,039,109
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
<b>Net Current Property Taxes</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>950,443</b>	<b>1,033,140</b>	<b>1,039,109</b>
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	856,457	574,582	537,061
Other City Taxes	6	231,605	203,637	199,677
Licenses & Permits	7	18,900	18,350	10,861
Use of Money and Property	8	8,550	38,600	57,069
Intergovernmental	9	382,115	896,828	1,691,639
Charges for Fees & Service	10	1,593,000	1,676,216	1,621,257
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	400	2,000	15,588
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	3,045,670
Transfers In	14	1,871,900	1,373,830	671,733
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5,913,370</b>	<b>5,817,183</b>	<b>8,889,664</b>
<b>Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>				
Public Safety	16	140,800	154,159	110,676
Public Works	17	729,984	862,560	583,205
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	322,922	340,562	328,814
Community and Economic Development	20	205,500	224,538	165,123
General Government	21	737,093	638,949	619,906
Debt Service	22	525,021	681,896	729,858
Capital Projects	23	350,000	1,500,000	1,666,898
<b>Total Government Activities Expenditures</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3,011,320</b>	<b>4,402,664</b>	<b>4,204,480</b>
Business Type / Enterprises	25	1,352,944	1,299,554	1,194,194
<b>Total ALL Expenditures</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4,364,264</b>	<b>5,702,218</b>	<b>5,398,674</b>
Transfers Out	27	1,871,900	1,373,830	671,733
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	6,236,164	7,076,048	6,070,407
<b>Excess Revenues &amp; Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-322,794</b>	<b>-1,258,865</b>	<b>2,819,257</b>
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	4,536,940	5,795,805	2,976,548
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4,214,146</b>	<b>4,536,940</b>	<b>5,795,805</b>

Print: 4-1-26

Hearing: 4-14-26

RESOLUTION # 2026-04-02

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MINOR BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR STONE RIDGE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
ADDITION LOT 16 CITY OF ATKINS, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City of Atkins, Iowa, (the City) has received a request from the Developer of Stone Ridge 5<sup>th</sup> Addition requesting a minor boundary change for Lot 16 in Stone Ridge 5<sup>th</sup> Addition; and

WHEREAS, the Atkins Planning & Zoning Commission met on April 9, 2026 and considered the request and has recommended that the City Council approve said Minor Boundary Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2026, the City Council of the City of Atkins, following notice, has considered said request by Developer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of Atkins, Iowa, that said Minor Boundary Adjustment is hereby approved as requested and presented in the Plat of Survey attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Be It Further Resolved, that said Plat of Survey shall be filed by the Developer with the Benton County Recorder's Office within 90 days of approval of this Resolution.

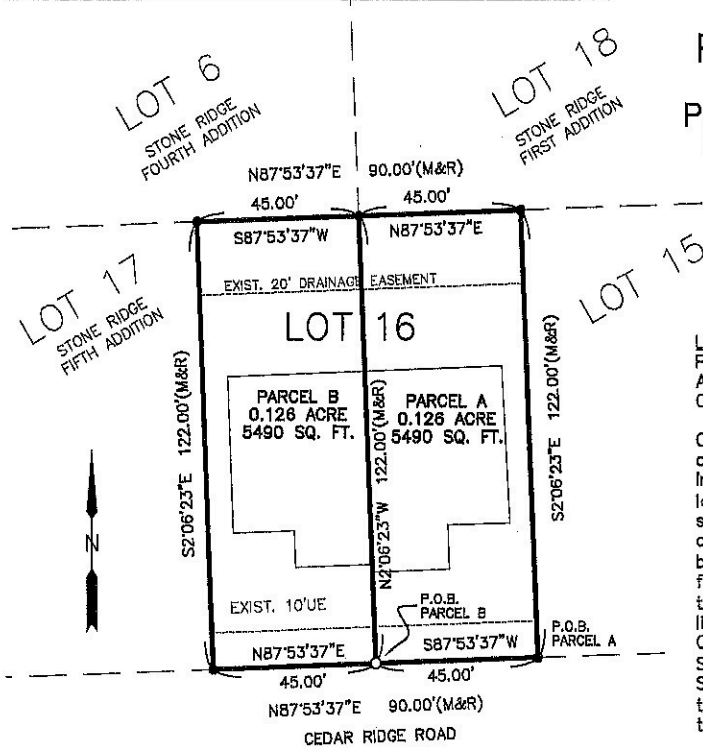
PASSED and APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

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Brian Cruise, Mayor

Attest:

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

Index Legend	
Location:	Lot 16, Stone Ridge Fifth Addition in the City of Atkins, Benton County, Iowa
Requestor:	Wes Howard
Proprietor:	Stone Ridge Developing, LLC
Surveyor:	Stephen M. Scott, P.L.S.
Company:	Scott Survey, Inc.
Return To:	P.O. Box 315 Center Point, Iowa 52213 email@scottsurvey.com   (319) 540-5263



**PLAT OF SURVEY**  
**LOT 16**  
**PARCEL A & PARCEL B**  
 STONE RIDGE FIFTH ADDITION  
 IN THE CITY OF ATKINS  
 BENTON COUNTY, IOWA  
 DATE OF SURVEY:  
 MARCH 18, 2026

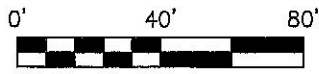
**Legal Description - Parcel B:**  
 Part of Lot 16, Stone Ridge Fifth Addition in the City of Atkins, Benton County, Iowa, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Lot 16, Stone Ridge Fifth Addition in the City of Atkins, Benton County, Iowa; thence S87°53'37"W along the south line of said Lot 16, a distance of 45.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence N2°06'23"W, 122.00 feet to the north line of said Lot 16; thence S87°53'37"W along said north line, 45.00 feet to the Northwest Corner of said Lot 16; thence S2°06'23"E, 122.00 feet to the Southwest Corner of said Lot 16; thence N87°53'37"E, 45.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Said Parcel B contains 0.126 acre, subject to easements and restrictions of record.

**SURVEY LEGEND**

- - PROPERTY CORNERS, FOUND (or as noted) (1/2" rebar w/ red plastic cap embossed with "SCOTT 13842")
- - PROPERTY CORNERS SET (1/2" rebar w/ red plastic cap embossed with "SCOTT 13842")
- UE - UTILITY EASEMENT
- - PROPERTY &/or BOUNDARY LINES
- - - - LOT LINES, PLATTED OR BY DEED
- - - - EASEMENT (AS NOTED)
- (R) - RECORDED DIMENSIONS
- (M) - MEASURED DIMENSIONS



GRAPHIC SCALE: 1" = 40'

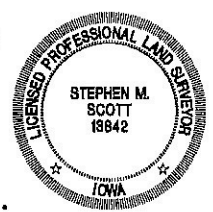
UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN FEET AND HUNDREDTHS

**Legal Description - Parcel A:**  
 Part of Lot 16, Stone Ridge Fifth Addition in the City of Atkins, Benton County, Iowa, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Lot 16, Stone Ridge Fifth Addition in the City of Atkins, Benton County, Iowa; thence S87°53'37"W along the south line of said Lot 16, a distance of 45.00 feet; thence N2°06'23"W, 122.00 feet to the north line of said Lot 16; thence N87°53'37"E along said north line, 45.00 feet to the Northeast Corner of said Lot 16; thence S2°06'23"E, 122.00 feet to the point of beginning.

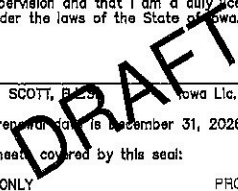
Said Parcel A contains 0.126 acre, subject to easements and restrictions of record.

**SCOTT SURVEY INC**  
 Stephen M. Scott, P.E. & L.S.  
 Civil Engineer & Land Surveyor  
 319-540-5263      www.scottsurvey.com  
 email@scottsurvey.com  
 P.O. Box 315, Center Point, IA 52213-0315



I hereby certify that this land surveying document was prepared and the related survey work was performed by me or under my direct personal supervision and that I am a duly licensed Professional Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Iowa.

STEPHEN M. SCOTT, P.E. & L.S.      Iowa Lic. No. 13842  
 My license expires on December 31, 2026  
 Pages or sheets covered by this seal:  
 THIS PAGE ONLY      PROJECT NO. 2682605





ORDINANCE NO. 240

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATKINS, IOWA,  
BY ADDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER METERS

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of ATKINS Iowa:

SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. Section 91.10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of ATKINS, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

91.10 Irrigation Meters. An irrigation meter may be installed to measure water that is not disposed of through the public sanitary sewer system. The water measured by an irrigation meter may include water for swimming pools, watering yards, watering gardens, or other similar uses. The following regulations apply to irrigation meters:

1. Option 1 - Permanently Plumbed Irrigation Meters.
  - A. Irrigation meters shall be installed not more than four feet from the main meter and shall be installed parallel to the main meter.
  - B. The irrigation meter must be installed horizontal to the floor with the arrow of the meter being in the direction of the flow of water to the outside.
  - C. The City will furnish the irrigation meter after the required plumbing is provided by a licensed plumber. The full cost of the meter and the cost of installation shall be paid by the customer or property owner prior to the installation of any such meter.
  - D. Sewer service charges shall not apply to the water measured by the irrigation meter.
2. Option 2 - Portable Irrigation Meters. The City may rent out a water meter that can be hooked to a garden hose for the sole purpose of outside uses for a fee of \$25. A customer may pick up a meter at City Hall, upon placing a \$150.00 deposit on file with the Clerk. This meter may be loaned out for no more than four days. Upon returning the meter, the Clerk will calculate the water that has been consumed at the residential rate; customer will pay for the water at this time. A record will be kept on the gallons used so that amount may be adjusted on the next monthly bill.

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. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Cruise, Mayor

Attest:

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: April 14, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Final Reading:

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 240 on the \_\_\_\_\_ of May, 2026.

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Shelley Annis, City Clerk

# Atkins Community Club

P. O. Box 279 Atkins, IA 52206

April 10, 2026

To the Honorable Mayor Brian Cruise and Atkins City Council members,

The Atkins Community Club respectfully asks the City Council to consider the following requests for street closings, the leasing of City properties and Fireworks Display Permit to the Atkins Community Club for Watermelon Days, to be held on Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## Road Closings

1. Close Main Avenue from First Street to Parkridge Road at 5:15 PM, for approximately 30 minutes Friday evening August 8<sup>th</sup> for the Kids Parade. (Fire Department members will assist with traffic control.)
2. Parkridge Road from Third Avenue to Second Avenue would only be open to emergency vehicles 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>. Access to The Depot Express will only be from the east. Main Avenue will remain open.
3. Close Second Avenue along the West side of the City Park from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM. This will provide parking for food trucks and a safe pedestrian crossing from the City Park to the beer tent area. Second Avenue south of Parkridge Road would only be open to emergency vehicles 9:00 AM to Midnight.
4. Approve Watermelon Days 5K Walk/Run route. See Attached.
5. Parade Route- Starting at 10:30AM on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>. See attached.
6. Closings have been approved by Fire Chief Dan Rammelsberg. Other Emergency Services will be notified.

## Leasing of Properties

1. City Park, including Pavilion at 320 Second Avenue, Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>. (Food trucks and stands, Kids games and rides, Cow Pie Bingo.)

2. Soccer Park area, including pavilion and rest rooms, Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>. (Car Show and Fireworks)
3. 401 Second Avenue, grassy area and parking lot east of City Hall, Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>. ( Beer Tent, Bags tournament, Parking, dance, and concession stand)
4. Council Meeting Room, August 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM for Bingo. Access to the building will only be available during the time stated. Restrooms and hallway will be monitored.

The Atkins Community Club will provide a Certificate of Insurance listing the City of Atkins as certificate holder and the City of Atkins, and the Atkins Community Club as Additional Insureds.

#### Fireworks Display Permit

1. The Atkins Community Club requests a Permit be granted for a Class B Aerial Fireworks display on Saturday August 8, 2026, to be conducted by Firehouse Pyrotechnics
2. Firehouse Pyrotechnics will provide a Certificate of Insurance listing the Atkins Community Club and the City of Atkins as Additional Insureds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Atkins Community Club

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY TO THE ATKINS COMMUNITY CLUB

WHEREAS, the Atkins Community Club has come before the Atkins City Council requesting that various properties be leased to the Club for the Watermelon Day celebration held on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Atkins Community Club is required to hold said Lease to obtain a Beer Permit and insurance for said celebration, and

WHEREAS, the City Council feels the Celebration promotes community pride and is a benefit to the entire community, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is assured by the Club that the proceeds from the celebration are used to promote various projects for the benefit of the Atkins community:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Atkins City Council agrees to the leasing of city property to the Atkins Community Club to be used for the Atkins Watermelon Day celebration to be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The terms of the lease shall be as indicated below for the total sum of One Dollar.

Property to be Leased:

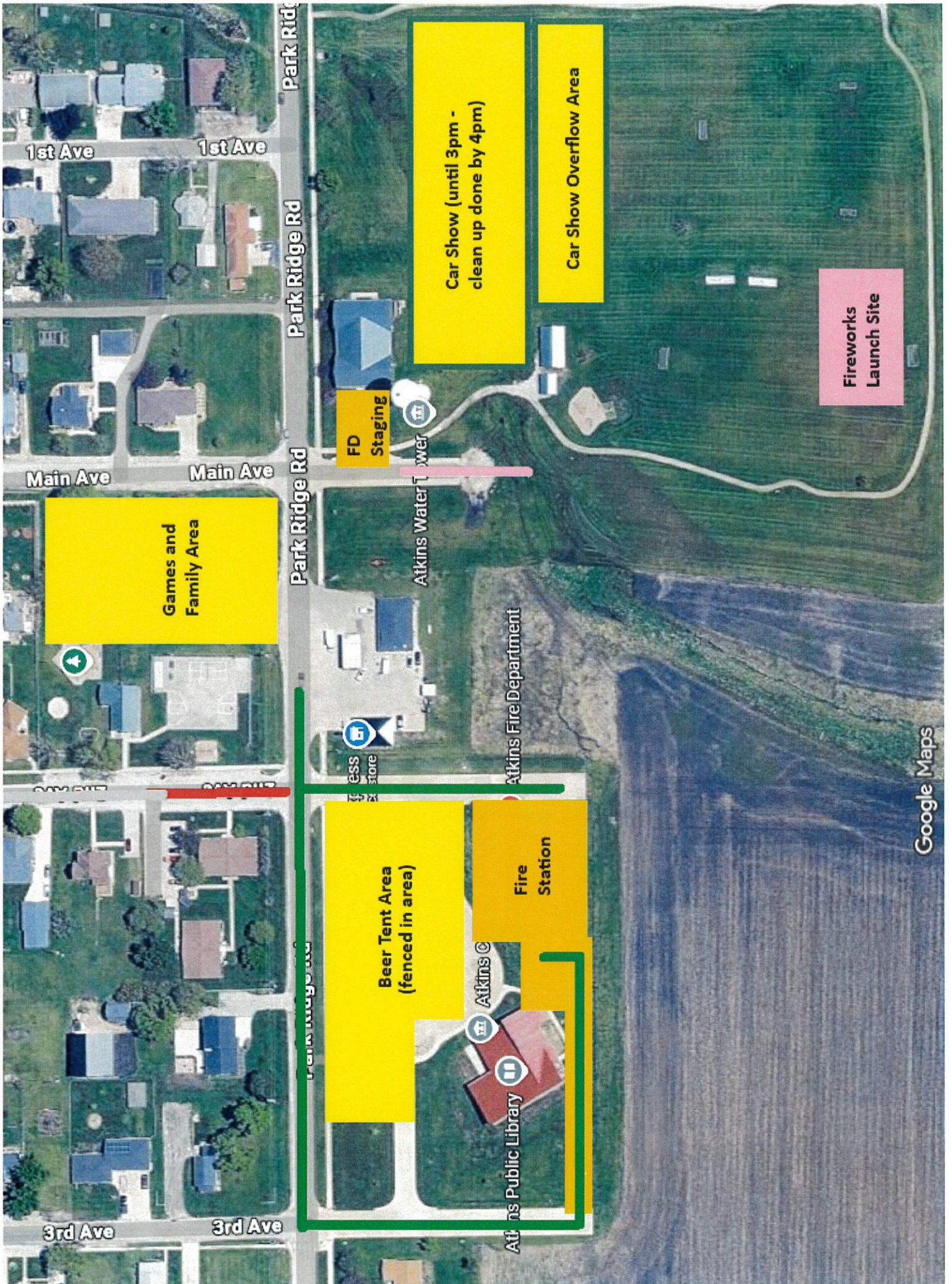
1. City Park at 320 Second Avenue. August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>. (Food Trucks, Kids Games and rides, Cow Pie Bingo, Kids Bags tournament etc.)
2. Soccer Park area. August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. (Car Show, Fireworks)
3. 401 Second Avenue- Grassy area east of City Hall, August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup> (Beer Tent, Adult Bags Tournament, Entertainment, Dance.)
4. Council Meeting Room, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> for Bingo. Access to the building will only be available during the times stated. Restrooms and hallway will be monitored.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Cruise, Mayor

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





1st Ave

1st Ave

Main Ave

Main Ave

Park Ridge Rd

Park Ridge Rd

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Games and Family Area

FD Staging

Car Show (until 3pm - clean up done by 4pm)

Car Show Overflow Area

Fireworks Launch Site

Atkins Water Tower

Atkins Fire Department

ESS store

Beer Tent Area (fenced in area)

Fire Station

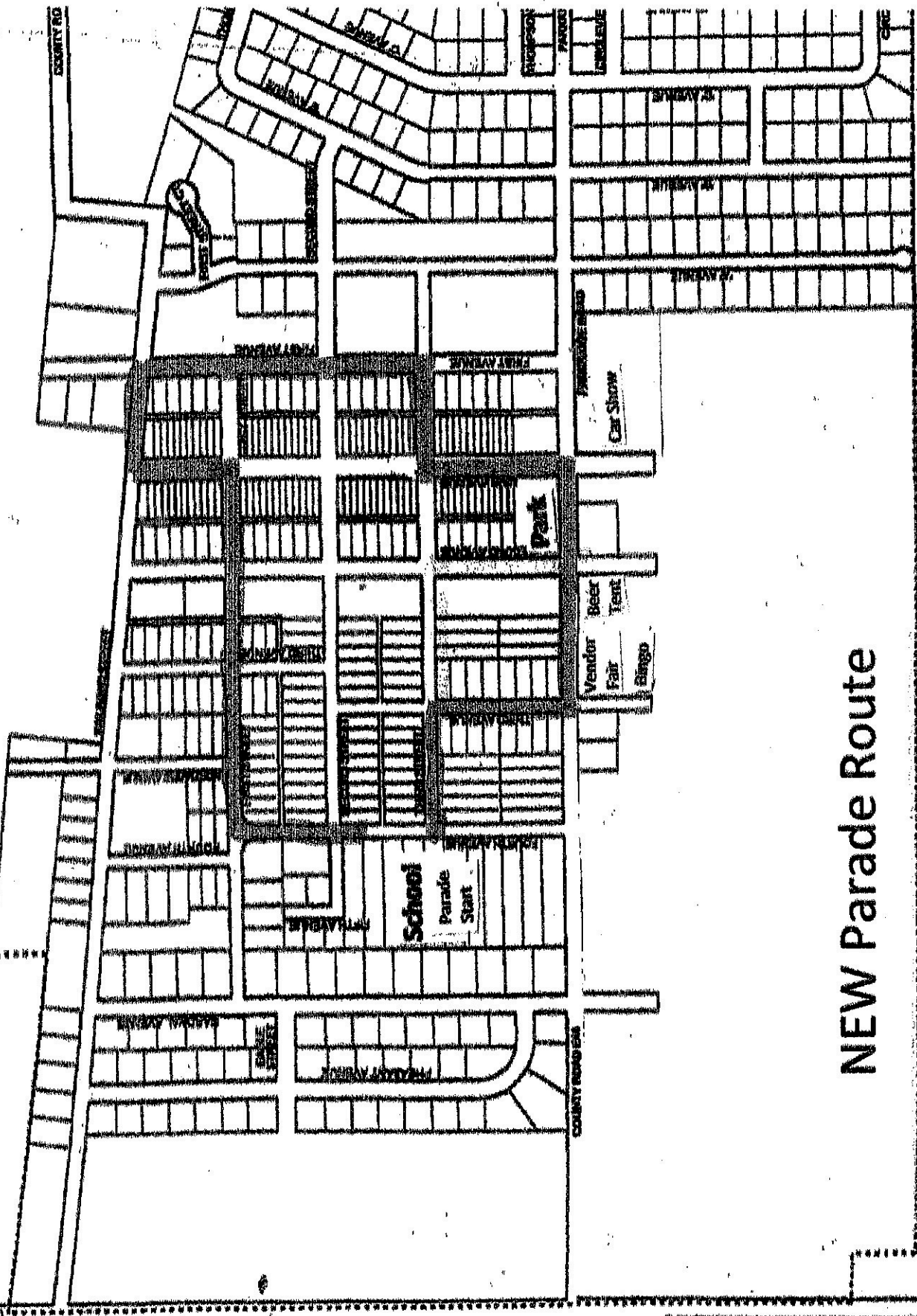
Atkins

Atkins Public Library

3rd Ave

3rd Ave





# NEW Parade Route

City of Atkins, Iowa  
March 24, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Brian Cruise called the special meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members Kevin DeMeulenaere, Dave Fisher, Jeremy Rolando, and Bob Stolen answered roll call. Council member Trevor Dursky was absent. City Administrator Scott Flory and City Clerk Shelley Annis were also present.

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

Mayor Cruise opened the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Tax Levy at 5:50 p.m. EJ Bell, 413 Circleview Dr spoke in favor of the proposed FY2027 tax levy which is being proposed at \$11.99219 per \$1,000 of assessed value. With no other written or oral comments having been received, and no one else in attendance speaking for or against the proposed tax levy, motion Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rolando to return to regular session at 5:55 p.m. – all aye.

Motion Stolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> DeMeulenaere to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. – all aye.

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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 Shelley Annis were also present.

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

Jay Hopkins, rural Benton County expressed opposition to the Alliant Energy plan sited just outside of the city of Atkins. Mr. Hopkins wants to make people aware of the location and requests the City of Atkins Council and Benton County Supervisors' support in opposing the location.

Dave Gosse, CPA with Bonsack & Frommelt, LLP reviewed the fiscal year 2025 Audit. Motion Stolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rolando to approve and accept the fiscal year 2025 Audit Report – all aye.

Motion Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rolando to approve the proposal from Viking Industrial Painting, LaVista, NE for \$188,962.00 for repairs and maintenance on the 1939 water tower – all aye.

Motion Stolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rolando to approve Resolution 2026-03-04 adopting the City of Atkins Security Camera Policy. Fisher, Rolando, Stolen, DeMeulenaere, Dursky – aye.

City Administrator Flory and Mayor Cruise gave their reports.

Motion Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stolen to approve the consent agenda items consisting of: the claims for payment, the March 10, 2024 Council minutes, setting a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on April 14, 2026 on the City of Atkins fiscal year 2027 Budget, and approval of the City Administrator's appointment of Jarrod Tomlinson as Water & Wastewater Lead Operator-in-Charge – all aye.

Motion Stolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rolando to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. – all aye.



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## Retail Tobacco License Review

CITY OF ATKINS

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Application Information

### Legal Ownership Information

Name of sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, LLC, or LLP	: DOLGENCORP LLC
Type of ownership	: Limited Liability Company
Primary office address	: 100 MISSION RDG GOODLETTSVILLE TN 37072-2171
Legal Ownership Phone	: 615-855-4000
Legal Ownership Email	: tax- beerandwinelicense@dollargeneral.com

### Application Information

Sales and Use Permit Number	: 305006718
Location Name	: DOLLAR GENERAL STORE # 23186
Location Phone Number	: 615-855-4000
Location Address	: 402 STONEBROOK DR ATKINS IA 52206
Location Mailing Address	: 100 MISSION RDG GOODLETTSVILLE TN 37072- 2171
Renewal	: Yes



Start Date : 01-Jul-2026

End Date : 30-Jun-2027

License Fee : 75.00

Types of Sales : Over the Counter

Type of Establishment : Convenience store/gas station

Types of Products Sold : Cigarettes, Tobacco

Do you intend to make retail sales to ultimate consumers? : Yes

Do you have other permits issued under Iowa Code chapter 453A at this retail location? If yes, provide permit number(s) in the next step: : No

## Ownership Details

Owner	Position	Single Line Address
TAYLOR, EMILY		100 MISSION RDG DEPT TAXLI
BRINING, ZACHARY		100 MISSION RIDGE DR GOOI

## Suppliers List

A list of suppliers for cigarettes, tobacco, alternative nicotine, and vapor products must be included with all retail tobacco permit applications. Applicants may submit this information in text form or as a PDF upload. Local authorities may review this information during the application review process.

ITG Brands  
 RJ Reynolds  
 Liggett Vector Brands  
 Altria- Phillip Morris  
 Xcaliber Internation / Edgefield  
 Futura

RESOLUTION #2026-04-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALARIES & WAGES FOR VARIOUS  
CITY OF ATKINS, IOWA EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Atkins, Iowa, shall approve by Resolution the compensation of employees or officers.

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Atkins, Iowa, hereby authorizes the following mid-year approvals of salaries and wages for certain officers and employees of the City of Atkins for Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 1. The following people shall be paid the biweekly salaries or hourly wages based on their employment status.

Section 2. The pay rates below shall be effective January 1, 2026, or as otherwise approved by the City Council or City Administrator, and any prior administrative actions taken with respect to establishing hourly rates made by the City Administrator made prior to the passing and approval of this Resolution are hereby ratified and approved by the City Council to the level identified herein.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Amount (bi-weekly/hourly)</u>
Public Works	Seasonal	Andy (Scott) Humphrey	\$18.00/hour
Public Works	Seasonal	JR Becker	\$18.00/hour
Administrative	Utility Billing	Marissa Stangl	\$21.00/hour
Public Works	Water & Wastewater	Jarrold Tomlinson	\$40.00/hour

Section 3. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

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Brian Cruise, Mayor

Attest:

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Shelley Annis City Clerk

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET**

City of ATKINS  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The City of ATKINS will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026

**Meeting Date/Time:** 4/28/2026 06:00 PM

**Contact:** Scott Flory

**Phone:** (319) 446-7870

**Meeting Location:** Atkins City Hall Council Room, 480 3rd Ave

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals>.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,033,140	0	1,033,140
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	1,033,140	0	1,033,140
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	574,582	0	574,582
Other City Taxes	6	203,637	0	203,637
Licenses & Permits	7	18,350	0	18,350
Use of Money & Property	8	38,600	0	38,600
Intergovernmental	9	896,828	0	896,828
Charges for Service	10	1,676,216	0	1,676,216
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	2,000	0	2,000
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	1,628,830	250,000	1,878,830
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6,072,183</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>6,322,183</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</b>				
Public Safety	16	171,359	0	171,359
Public Works	17	863,560	4,500	868,060
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	387,662	4,000	391,662
Community and Economic Development	20	274,538	0	274,538
General Government	21	662,949	22,000	684,949
Debt Service	22	681,896	0	681,896
Capital Projects	23	2,800,000	0	2,800,000
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	5,841,964	30,500	5,872,464
Business Type/Enterprise	25	1,496,554	14,600	1,511,154
<b>Total Gov Activities &amp; Business Expenditures</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7,338,518</b>	<b>45,100</b>	<b>7,383,618</b>
Transfers Out	27	1,628,830	250,000	1,878,830
<b>Total Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8,967,348</b>	<b>295,100</b>	<b>9,262,448</b>
<b>Excess Revenues &amp; Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-2,895,165</b>	<b>-45,100</b>	<b>-2,940,265</b>
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2025	30	5,797,899	0	5,797,899
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2,902,734</b>	<b>-45,100</b>	<b>2,857,634</b>

**Explanation of Changes:** REVENUES - transfer \$125,000 from both General Fund and LOST Fund to Water Fund for the old tower emergency repairs.  
EXPENSES - pay out of retired employee vacation & comp balances, security improvements at city hall, old tower emergency repairs.

Publish: 4-15-26  
Hearing: 4-28-26



*City of Atkins, Iowa - Office of the Mayor*

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## PROCLAMATION

HONORING AND WELCOMING HOME ALEC COLBY AND GABRIEL HUMPHREY OF THE IOWA NATIONAL GUARD FOLLOWING THEIR DEPLOYMENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

WHEREAS, Alec Colby and Gabriel (Gabe) Humphrey are residents of the City of Atkins, Iowa, and have dedicated themselves to the service of our Country; and

WHEREAS, Alec Colby and Gabe Humphrey each have served with distinction in the Iowa National Guard, including deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Inherent Resolve; and

WHEREAS the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and as residents of the City of Atkins, Iowa, are directly maintained by the brave men and women who serve our Country; and

WHEREAS Alec Colby and Gabe Humphrey each have demonstrated exceptional courage and dedication to duty, and personal sacrifice during their time away from home; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council of the City of Atkins, Iowa, recognizes the vital support provided by families and loved ones during these deployments; and

WHEREAS Alec Colby and Gabe Humphrey each have returned home bringing with them the honor and commitment that defines our local heroes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brian Cruise, Mayor of the City of Atkins, on behalf of the City of Atkins, Iowa hereby extend the deepest gratitude and sincerest appreciation to both Alec Colby and Gabe Humphrey for their honorable service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Atkins, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2026

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Brian Cruise, Mayor

Attest:

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Shelley Annis, City Clerk







*City of Atkins, Iowa - Office of the Mayor*

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# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 25, 2026, has been designated as "Atkins Community Open House Day"; and

WHEREAS, the City employees, volunteers, elected & appointed officials, non-profit organizations, and citizens of Atkins dedicate themselves to continuously improving the quality of life within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City warmly invites residents and guests to attend the Community Open House Event and tour the Community's new Fire Station building.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Brian Cruise, Mayor of the City of Atkins, Iowa, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 25, 2026 as:

## ATKINS COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE DAY

In the City of Atkins, Iowa, in honor of all those who help make the Community a better place to live, work, learn, and play.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Atkins, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2026

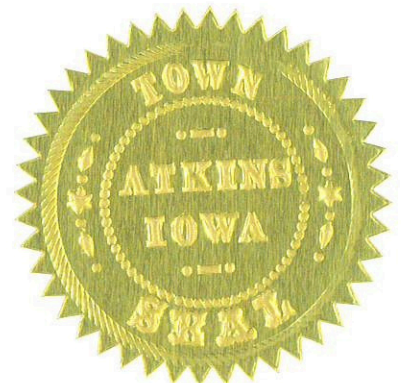
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Brian Cruise, Mayor

Attest:

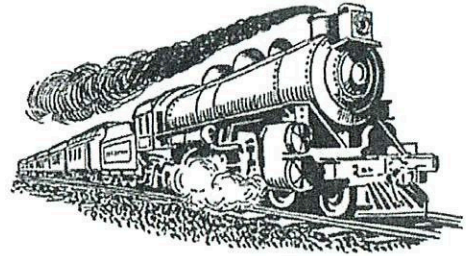
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Shelley Annis, City Clerk





The City of  
*Atkins*



~~Settled 1882~~    ~~Incorporated 1917~~

REQUEST TO BE ON COUNCIL AGENDA

(Request must be received prior to noon on the Friday preceding Council meeting)

NAME: Jane Scheer

ADDRESS: 3388 73rd St, Fairfax IA 52228 (Benton County resident)

PHONE #: 319/350-8902

EMAIL ADDRESS: janeandrob@netins.net

REASON FOR REQUEST (Be Specific & Attach Supporting Documents/Materials):

- Formerly introduce our group consisting of concerned citizens from the area - both Benton and

Linn counties. Provided is our current flyer - additional information on our website.

- City Council's position regarding the proposed Alliant gas power plant and plans to

make a public statement regarding, supporting and educating residents, and reaching out

to Benton county town councils within the impact area (map provided).

Note: The Alliant presentation was emailed last month + link to their Fairfax presentation video.

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Tuesday, 4/14/26

SIGNATURE: *Jane E. Scheer*

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

DATE & TIME RECEIVED: Thurs 4/09 @ 12:16pm

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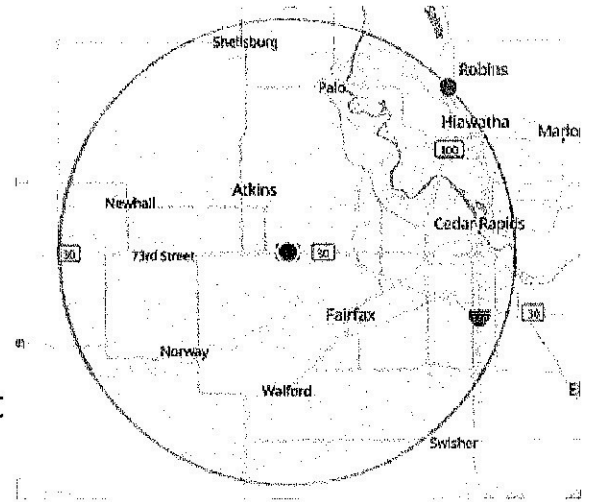
# SAVE BENTON COUNTY

A large natural gas power plant is proposed just miles from  
Atkins, Fairfax, and Cedar Rapids

This power plant is being built near your home.

## What's Being Proposed?

- A new natural gas power plant in the Morgan Valley area
- **1.7 Miles** from Atkins
- **2.3 Miles** from Fairfax
- **2.5 Miles** from Cedar Rapids
- Per the Iowa Utilities Board, the site impact area covers 10 miles around the proposed plant.



## Why This Matters

### Air & Health

- Emits NOx, CO<sub>2</sub>, and particulate matter
- Linked to asthma and other respiratory issues
- **Impacts nearby and downwind communities most**

### Property & Land

- Located on prime agricultural land
- Industrial proximity can impact home values
- **Once developed, this land is gone permanently**

### Safety

- Risk of gas leaks and industrial incidents
- **Residents deserve distance from industrial hazards**

### Quality of Life

- Continuous noise and bright nighttime lighting
- **Permanent change to the rural character of the area**

[SAVEMORGANVALLEY.COM](http://SAVEMORGANVALLEY.COM)  
[SAVEMORGANVALLEY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SAVEMORGANVALLEY@GMAIL.COM)

# YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

## YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

### 1. Petition & Meet in the Park

- Meet other residents, show your support in person, and add your signature to the petition.
- Email [savemorganvalley@gmail.com](mailto:savemorganvalley@gmail.com) and we'll come to you if you can't make it to a park.
- Atkins:
  - April 18 | Atkins City Park | 12p-2p
  - April 19 | Atkins City Park | 2p-4p
  - April 21 | Atkins City Park | 6p-8p
  - April 23 | Atkins City Park | 6p-8p
- Cedar Rapids:
  - April 18 | Morgan Creek Park | 12p-2p
  - April 19 | Morgan Creek Park | 2p-4p
  - April 21 | Morgan Creek Park | 6p-8p
  - April 23 | Morgan Creek Park | 6p-8p
- Fairfax:
  - April 18 | Fairfax Complex | 3p-5p
  - April 19 | Heartland Heights Park | 12p-2p
  - April 22 | Fairfax Complex | 6p-8p
  - April 25 | Hawks Ridge Park | 12p-2p

More locations and dates  
at [savemorganvalley.com](http://savemorganvalley.com)



### 2. Submit a Comment to the Iowa Utilities Commission

- Go to: [efs.iowa.gov](http://efs.iowa.gov)
- Enter Docket Number: GCU-2026-0002
- Tell them why this plant is the wrong location for our communities

Official comments are part of the record for this project

### 3. Help Us Spread the Word

- Volunteer for door-to-door outreach, events, or helping gather petition signatures
- Email us at [savemorganvalley@gmail.com](mailto:savemorganvalley@gmail.com) to get involved
- Every hand makes a difference

### What Else Can You Do?

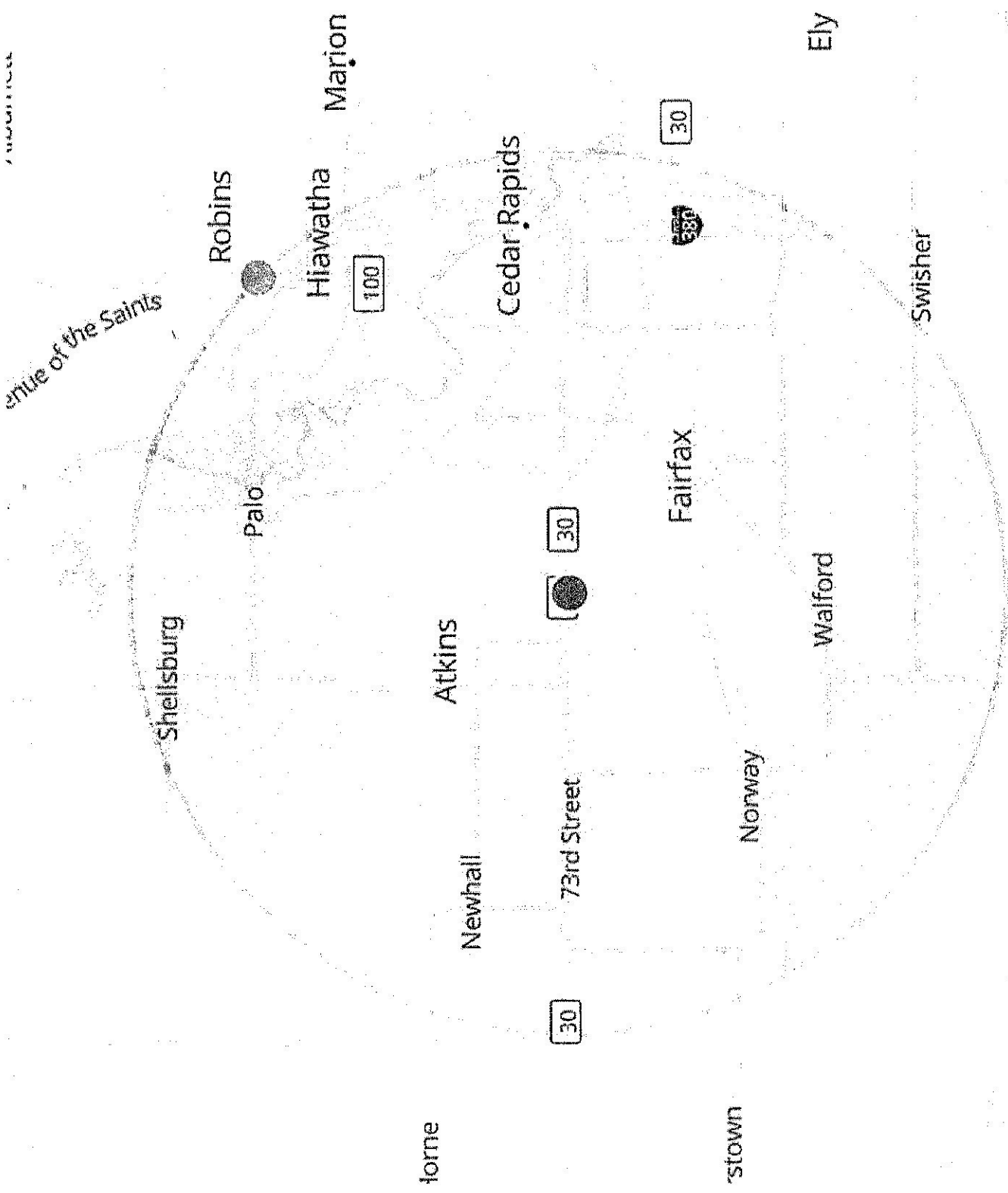
- Contact Alliant Energy to share your concerns
- Contact your local representatives about how this affects your community

Every voice counts. Every action matters.

Let's protect our communities together!



[savemorganvalley.com](http://savemorganvalley.com)  
[savemorganvalley@gmail.com](mailto:savemorganvalley@gmail.com)



**Power Plant Location:**  
 12201 - 16th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids in Linn County =  
 SE corner at the Benton county line & Hwy 30 intersection