

City of Atkins, Iowa
August 25, 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, Jade Nutt, Jeremy Rolando, and Bob Stolen answered roll call. City Administrator Scott Flory and City Clerk Shelley Annis were also present.

Motion Stolen to amend the consent agenda by adding approval of Resolution 2026-08-07 authorizing the City Clerk to file liens on behalf of the City to the Linn County Treasurer, 2nd Rolando to approve the amended agenda – all aye.

Mayor Cruise opened a public hearing at 6:06 p.m. on the Stoneridge 5th Addition Minor Boundary Change to Lot 3. With no comments having been received prior to the public hearing and hearing no comments from those in attendance, Mayor Cruise closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Motion Stolen, 2nd Rolando to approve Resolution 2026-08-02 approving a Minor Boundary Change to Lot 3 of the Stoneridge 5th Addition by creating Parcel A & B for twin home construction. DeMeulenaere, Dursky, Nutt, Rolando, Stolen – aye.

Motion Dursky, 2nd DeMeulenaere to approve Resolution 2026-08-03 authorizing and directing the City Clerk to write off certain combined utility accounts having credit balances. Dursky, Nutt, Rolando, Stolen, DeMeulenaere – aye.

Motion Stolen, 2nd Nutt to approve Resolution 2026-08-04 approving the Final Plat of Boland Farms, an Addition to Linn County, Iowa. Nutt, Rolando, Stolen, DeMeulenaere, Dursky – aye.

Motion Nutt, 2nd Rolando to approve submission of a letter opposing the re-zoning application as submitted to Linn County by Alliant Energy for the Morgan Valley Energy Center Project – all aye.

Motion Dursky, 2nd Nutt to approve Resolution 2026-08-05 approving the FY2026 Street Financial Report for submission to the Iowa Department of Transportation. Rolando, Stolen, DeMeulenaere, Dursky, Nutt – aye.

Motion Stolen, 2nd Rolando to approve Resolution 2026-08-06 authorizing and directing the City Clerk to waive all \$15.00 late fees and \$75.00 disconnect/reconnect penalties for non-payment of utility bills for the month of July 2026. Council member Dursky is not in favor of waiving the \$75.00 shut-off fee as the City did communicate system changes and gave notice, as required by state code, of the upcoming shut-off for non-payment of utility accounts. Dursky further pointed out that 95% of customers were able to pay their bills on time. Stolen agreed that the City did its due diligence in communicating the system transition, and failing to read mail is not an acceptable reason for not acting on the information given. Stolen amended his motion to approve Resolution 2026-08-06 by giving credit for all \$15.00 late fees and split the \$75.00 disconnect/reconnect fee by giving a \$37.50 credit on all utility bills affected for the month of July 2026. Stolen, DeMeulenaere, Dursky, Nutt, Rolando – aye.

Motion Nutt, 2nd DeMeulenaere to approve an Engineering Service Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm for \$14,000 for the Water System Master Planning & Preliminary Engineer Design Phase for a Water System Booster Station Improvement Project – all aye.

City Administrator Flory and Mayor Cruise gave their reports.

Motion Stolen, 2nd Nutt to approve the following consent agenda items: August 10th Council workshop minutes, August 11th Council meeting minutes, and August 12th Council workshop minutes, the claims for payment, the July 2026 Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation Reports, Financial Reports, and Revenue & Expense Reports, the July 2026 and revised June 2026 Utility Billing AR Reports, and approval of Resolution 2026-08-07 authorizing the City Clerk to file liens on behalf of the City to the Linn County Treasurer. DeMeulenaere, Dursky, Nutt, Rolando, Stolen – aye.

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