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Council Proceedings
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A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Atkinson, Nebraska, was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 104 S. Main Street, Atkinson, Nebraska on the 6th of February, 2023 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Erickson. On roll call the following were present: Chuck Asher, Ron Krysl, Helen Olson, Riley Olson, Scott Shane, City Clerk Nancy Kopejtka, Deputy City Clerk Shelly Wieneke, and City Attorney Michael Sholes. Absent: Jerry Osborne.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Atkinson Graphic, Atkinson, Nebraska, as shown by the affidavit of publication. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Erickson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated that the poster was on display on the east wall.

Moved by Shane, seconded by R. Olson to approve the minutes of the January 9th meeting. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane. Absent and Not Voting: Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report for January was discussed and placed on file.

The council acknowledged receipt of the January minutes of the Library, Elkhorn Meadows, Airport, RC&D, E911 meetings and the Union Street Duplex Financial Report.

Shane introduced Ordinance 1182 and moved its adoption: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING BLACK HILLS NEBRASKA GAS, LLC D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, ITS LESSEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE AND THE AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND EXTEND A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION PLANT AND SYSTEM, AND GRANTING THE RIGHT TO USE THE STREETS, ALLEYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE PRESENT OR FUTURE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ATKINSON, NEBRASKA TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TO PUBLISH IN PAMPHLET FORM and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be

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suspended. H. Olson seconded the motion. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher. Absent and Not Voting: Osborne. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Said ordinance was then read by title and number and thereafter Asher moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Shane. The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 1182 be passed and adopted?" RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Absent and Not Voting: Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

H. Olson introduced Ordinance 1183 and moved its adoption: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FRANCHISE FEE ON ENERGY PROVIDERS OPERATING IN THE CITY OF ATKINSON, NE, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TO PUBLISH IN PAMPHLET FORM and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. R. Olson seconded the motion. RCV: Ayes: R. Olson, Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson. Absent and Not Voting: Osborne. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Said ordinance was then read by title and number and thereafter Asher moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by H. Olson. The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 1183 be passed and adopted?" RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson. Absent and Not Voting: Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Greg Oliverius with Macqueen Equipment Group was present to discuss the purchase of a 2023 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper. The financed value of the sweeper would be \$257,936.33 and would be paid for over 7 years. The trade in on our sweeper would be \$2,900. Mr. Oliverius said they would have to overhaul it when it was returned prior to them being able to sell it to another party and that the cost for them to overhaul the sweeper would be around \$10,000. The hours on the machine were thought to be around 3000 hours. Mayor Erickson and the council members did not feel that spending that much money on a new machine that was used very few hours each year was not a good way to spend taxpayer money. The question was asked if Macqueen could overhaul the machine for the city. Mr. Oliverius stated that they could come and look the machine over and create a "Rebuild Plan" for the city with a warranty on the parts. It was decided to not purchase the new street sweeper at this time and look into possibly getting our current machine overhauled.

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Patty Skrdla with the Atkinsonettes and Joe Skrdla with the Knights of Columbus were present at the meeting to discuss the possibility of having a street dance on the Friday of Hay Days. They requested closing Main Street from the Salty Blonde to State Street around 4 o'clock p.m. The band would be located in the Farmers Market building on Main Street with a beer garden hosted by the Knights of Columbus located somewhere in the closed off area of Main Street. Patty stated they have a fun band booked and that lots of people have been asking the group to do a street dance. The Mayor and council felt this would be a good addition to the Hay Days weekend. Police Chief, Tim Larby, will assist in closing off the street for the dance.

Library Director, Judy Hagan, presented the Library Annual Report, which covers the Library activities from October, 2021 through September, 2022.

Discussion was held regarding closing the alley in Blocks 21 and 28, Frank Bitney's addition to the City of Atkinson. A "Request to Vacate Alley" was signed by adjoining landowners and presented to the Mayor and council. A question was raised about possible utility easements in the alley and council also wanted to know the reason for closing the alley. Council would like the party requesting the closure to attend the next meeting to verify all utility easements have been investigated and to explain the reason for closing the alley. Item was tabled until next meeting.

Moved by Shane, seconded by H. Olson to approve LB840-126, a nonprofit reimbursement grant for Keating Family Foundation in the amount of \$5000 for signage at the Farmer's Market. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson. Absent and Not Voting: Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by R. Olson to approve the Mayor's appointment of Harlan Schrunk to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 3-year term. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane. Absent and Not Voting: Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Pam Winer was present at the meeting to notify the Mayor and Council of the leadership changes within the Chamber of Commerce. She stated that Alyssa Reiman is now President, Perry Winer is Vice President, and Keyanna Fix is Secretary/Treasurer. She asked that they be

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shown a little grace and patience as they take on the new roles. Pam stated that this is a way to get new, young people involved in our community. Information regarding the chamber and their activities can be found on their website at www.atkinsonchamber.com. Under the "Events" tab on their website you can look up a specific chamber activity and find out who is the chairperson and their phone number for an event if you have any questions.

Moved by Asher, seconded by R. Olson to approve the delinquent utilities report in the amount of \$2,004.75. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher. Absent and Not Voting: Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Krysl, seconded by Asher to approve the claims as prepared. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher, Krysl, Absent and Not Voting: Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Shane, seconded by R. Olson to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. RCV: Ayes: R. Olson, Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson. Absent and Not Voting: Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Claims:

AFLAC	Fee	1,415.60
AMERITAS INSURANCE	414h	6,360.32
ATKINSON GRAPHIC	Fee	240.38
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books	69.49
BOYD-HOLT JOINT E-911	Payment #2 Dispatch Services	19,717.50
BRAUN'S FOOD CENTER	Supplies	201.45
C O ENTERPRISES	Supplies	435.9
CITY OF ATKINSON	Fee	36,539.00
CONNOT, ANDREA	Cleaning Fee per Contract	325
FIRST STOP	Fuel	237.25
FIX, R. SCOTT	Med/Sup-Scott/Lisa	612.74
H C E D	1/3 Fees-Payment #2	2,750.00
HAGAN JUDY	Med/Sup Reimb-Judy/Steven	752.63
HOLT COUNTY CLERK	Election Fees	212.18
K L & S INC	Toilet Seat	14.62
KOPEJTKA NANCY	Med/Sup-Stan/Nancy	632.98
WM. KROTTER CO.	Supplies	1,543.00
L N M	Midwinter Conf-Shelly/Helen/Jerry	900
L N M-UTILITIES SECTION	Water Workshop-Charlie	65
MIDWEST LAB	Fee	182
N P Z A	Conference-Shelly	145
NE PHE LAB	Fee	63

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NE REVENUE DEPT	Sales Tax	3,531.42
NE RURAL WATER ASSN	Conference - Chris	790
NORFOLK DAILY NEWS	Bid Proposal-WHMS Mobile Clinic	314.17
NORTHEAST CLERKS ASSN	2023 Dues	20
PETTY CASH	Chamber Meal-Amanda	40.27
POST OFFICE	UB Billing Postage	308.08
NIOBRARA VALLEY ELEC REA	MR Park/Welcome Sign	106.26
ROSSMAN'S	Ice Maker Repair	81.25
SENIOR CENTER	Jan-Feb-March	225
TEAM LABORATORY	Degreaser	1,358.50
THURLOW, GARY	Flex Claim	1,400.00
TRI-COUNTY BANK	Solar Panel Loan Payment	17,552.32
TRIPLE R TIRE	Grader	196.95
VERIZON WIRELESS	Cell Phone	288.38
WHITES SERVICE	Diesel	5,522.00
ZISKA CHERYL	Med/Sup-Cheryl	912.98
HOLIDAY INN	Conference-Gary/Charlie	330
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	11,531.94
GREAT AMERICA LEASING	Sharp copier lease	172.5
COLONIAL LIFE	Dental Insurance	1,277.78
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATION	Telephone/Internet	418.63
SIX STAR SANITATION	Dumpster	13,167.25
HARTFORD	Life Insurance	67.32
LINCOLN NATL LIFE INSURE	LTD	200.22
UNITED HEALTHCARE	Health Insurance	18,769.95
BARCO	Bolts for Plow Blade	171.95
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	Supplies	205.69
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Heat	3,578.99
SCHEER'S ACE HARDWARE	4 folding chairs	159.96
CORE & MAIN	Rpr Clamps/Bar/Curb Box	420.04
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS	GARNISHMENT	537.32
ATKINSON SAND & GRAVEL	Truck/Payloader Snow Removal	9,501.25
PRECISION IT	monthly maintenance fee	72
GOTSCHALL & SHOLES PC	Fees	1,409.50
MASTERCARD	General Supplies	137.7
ABDO-SPOTLIGHT-MAGIC WAGO	Books	3,317.70
SLAYMAKER JESSE	LB840-122 Business Loan	50,000.00
HOMETOWN LEADERSHIP INSTI	Amanda Sindelar-Fee	200
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 01/26/2023	150
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/13/2023	20,622.11
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 01/27/2023	18,516.14
	CLAIMS TOTAL	260,998.56

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Joshua Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Kopejtko
City Clerk/Treasurer

I, the undersigned City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Atkinson, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council February 6, 2023; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the said body; that all new media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

City Clerk/Treasurer

