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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 day of May, 2024 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, Ken Counts, Jerry Osborne, Scott Shane, City Clerk, Shelly Wieneke and City Attorney, Michael Sholes.

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 Olson, seconded by Osborne to approve the minutes of the April 22nd meeting. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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

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

Brittany Koenig with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) was present at the meeting to give a retail update with specific information for Atkinson and NPPD overall.

Jarrold Hammik was present at the meeting to ask some questions regarding the City of Atkinson's LB840 program. Jarrold wanted to know why the city does not access the money that is in reserve for the LB840 program, specifically the Certificates of Deposit (CD's) that are invested at the bank. City Clerk, Shelly Wieneke, advised Mr. Hammik that in the years when there was excess money in the LB840 account, previous city clerk, Nancy Kopejtko, invested the money in two different CD's to be used at a time when the program was possibly coming to an end or in a year when sales tax revenue is down dramatically. The excess would have been caused by possible LB840 loan payoffs or fewer loans going out than budgeted. Even though there is invested money available, the city sets a budget for the fiscal year and files it with the

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state. If we go over our budget, we would have to amend the budget and have it approved by the council and also the State of Nebraska. Mr. Hammik also stated that he had heard from individuals that the city council is not approving LB840 loans so there was no reason to apply. City Clerk Wieneke reported that Economic Director, Cheye Young, has been talking with several businesses about loans and grants and that the council has approved LB840 grants as of recent and will have loan applications to approve once all the paperwork is submitted.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Shane to approve the annual review of the Conditional Use Permit for BUG, LLC for open storage of grain at 47607 876th Road was held, and no problems were reported since the permit was reviewed in 2023. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Counts to approve the Special Designated License for DJJC, LLC for a wedding reception/dance on June 1, 2024, at the Phil Keating Memorial Building/Market at 106 South Main Street. RCV: Ayes: Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Osborne to approve changing the city's website administrator from Filament Essential Services to Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). NPPD offers this service free to municipalities in the state of Nebraska and manages several cities/villages websites at this time. This will result in a \$2,500.00 savings to the city each year and Economic Development Director, Cheye Young, feels that the website will be more user friendly once the change is made. NPPD does not support a mobile phone app, but Cheye checked, and we only have about 200 people that have downloaded the current version offered through Filament. There are other companies out there that we can use for a mobile app option, but we do not see a need for it at this time. It is hoped that NPPD can have our new website up and running in the next four months. RCV: Ayes: Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Olson to approve LB840-145, Property Improvement Program, for Curley's Firearms at 103 East State Street for façade reimbursement in the amount of 50 percent of the project not to exceed \$10,000.00. The estimated request is \$10,000.00 RCV: Ayes: Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson. Nay: Counts. Motion Carried.

John Vogel was present and is offering a land "swap" with the City of Atkinson. He recently purchased the land at 409 North Cedar Street, which is 0.98 acres, and would like to swap that for the city's land at 609 West 5th Street, which is 0.77 acres. He stated that the land at 609 West 5th Street will work better for development plans that he has. Ken Counts voiced his concern over the fact that the city had tried to purchase the land at 609 West 5th Street for years

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and finally has the land to be an addition to Woodlawn Cemetery and does not feel that the city should trade it at this time. No action was taken on the item.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Shane to approve the LB840 Citizens Advisory Semi-Annual Report as presented by Cheye Young, Economic Development Director. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Krysl, seconded by Olson to approve hiring Cody Krieger as temporary summer help in the city street and parks department. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Osborne to approve the delinquent utilities report in the amount of \$2,398.04. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Krysl to approve the claims as prepared. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Shane to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. RCV: Ayes: Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Claims:

AFLAC	Fee	390.28
AGLAND ELECTRIC	Repair	1,491.93
AMERITAS INSURANCE	414h	2,839.96
ATKINSON GRAPHIC	Fee	125.07
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books	141.82
BRAUN'S FOOD CENTER	Supplies	79.92
C O ENTERPRISES	Repair	255.58
CITY OF ATKINSON	PR Funds to TCB	49,509.50
FIRST STOP	Fuel	350.07
GOEKE R F VARIE	Supplies	46.65
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	Fee	23.04
HAGAN JUDY	Reimbursement	990.41
WM. KROTTER CO.	Supplies	60.07
MIDWEST LAB	Fee	207.57
MIDWEST RADAR	Fee	82.00
MINCER DAVID	Reimbursement	1,548.17
MITCHELL EQUIPMENT	Supplies	14.95
N P P D	Fee	4,534.28
NE PHE LAB	Fee	154.00
NE REVENUE DEPT	Sales/Use Tax	1,692.11
NORTHEAST CLERKS ASSN	2024 Dues	20.00

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O'NEILL PEST CONTROL	Fee	145.00
PETTY CASH	Supplies	25.16
POST OFFICE	Fee	642.17
NIOBRARA VALLEY ELEC REA	Fee	111.16
SENIOR CENTER	Miscellaneous	225.00
TEAM LABORATORY	Supplies	1,071.00
THURLOW, GARY	Reimbursement	1,868.99
TRI-COUNTY BANK	Fee	17,552.32
VERIZON WIRELESS	Fee	181.13
WELSH WELDING & REPAIR	Supplies	45.80
WHITES SERVICE	Fuel	568.22
ZISKA CHERYL	Reimbursement	1,184.99
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	8,591.85
GREAT AMERICA LEASING	Fee	185.00
COLONIAL LIFE	Fee	771.54
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	Fee	148.43
SIX STAR SANITATION	Fee	13,710.50
HARTFORD	Fee	51.62
LINCOLN NATL LIFE INSURE	Fee	164.17
UNITED HEALTHCARE	Fee	17,049.28
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	Supplies	202.91
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Fee	1,777.17
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS	GARNISHMENT	184.70
PRECISION IT	Fee	107.75
PETERSON FARMS	Repair	2,865.00
VISA-TCB	Fee	283.74
BRANDING BARN	Supplies	125.00
GOTSCHALL & SHOLES PC	Fee	2,047.50
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	Fee	1,701.46
MASTERCARD	Supplies	750.28
COUNTRY EMBROIDERY	Supplies	45.88
WARP NETWORKS, INC	Supplies	409.00
SCHOLASTIC TEACHER STORE	Books	146.93
COLLINS JAMES	Supplies	17.03
SHAMROCK DIESEL & REPAIR	Repair	1,345.94
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CKS 04/19/2024	14,374.01
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CKS 05/03/2024	16,654.72
	CLAIMS TOTAL	171,889.73

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Josh Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelly Wieneke
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 May 6, 2024; 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

