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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 3rd day of June, 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 Osborne, seconded by Shane to approve the minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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

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

Mandy McCoy, CPA of Dana Cole presented and reviewed the 2022-2023 audit with the council. Moved by Asher, seconded by Shane to approve the audit as presented. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried

Coaches of this year's baseball and softball teams were present at the meeting to share their concerns about the present condition of the ballfields. It was stated that the coaches are preparing their own fields by dragging, marking, and putting out bases, prior to their games and they want to know why the city is not doing that this year. It was stated by Councilman Krysl that the Park Board was told by Brent Hooey, Park Board member and member of the Atkinson Athletic Club, that the coaches would be able to drag, mark and put bases out on their fields before their games and that the coaches were alright with doing that. The coaches responded by saying they were not okay with it. Other issues included light bulbs needing to be replaced on

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fields, clover encroaching on the infield of the baseball field, and rock instead of conditioner being placed on the softball field. In response to the light bulbs needing replaced, Gary Thurlow stated that we replace bulbs when the school replaces the bulbs in the football field lights because of the cost of having the company come to Atkinson. Gary also stated that he had ordered conditioner for the fields, and that it would be here Thursday. He stated that the rock on the field was done on the Friday of Memorial Day and that the employee who did it was the only one here and had never done it before and chose the incorrect material to put on the field. Mayor Erickson stated that as soon as he was told Tuesday morning, after the weekend, he reported it to Gary Thurlow, and they started working on it. Jacob Osborne was able to remove much of the rock with an attachment that he has by Tuesday afternoon. There are ruts in the outfield where the payloader brought the gravel in and sand had been added to the ruts, but it was noted that more sand needs to be added. It was added by the visitors that they had a name of someone that may be interested in taking care of dragging, marking, and putting the bases out on the fields before games. The group was advised to have that person contact someone at the city office so that we can get him/her an application.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Olson to approve continuing the process to apply for the Rural Community Recovery Program Grant to replace the sidewalks on State Street in the downtown area. The Rural Community Recovery Program Grant, sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, is accepting applications for projects up to one million dollars per project for rural communities in the state with no matching funds needed by the community. There will be a total of ten million dollars to be appropriated to rural communities. Cheye Young, Economic Development Director for the City of Atkinson, learned of the grant and began getting the information together to start the process. A letter of intent was sent on May 31, 2024 to Brittany Piper in the amount of \$915,000.00 for sidewalk replacement along State Street. Cheye contacted Chris Miller with Miller and Associates to have him estimate what the cost would be to replace the two blocks of sidewalks to include with her letter. Cheye needs Council approval to continue with the process and submit the application by July 2024. RCV: Ayes: Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Osborne to reappoint Harry Morgan to a three-year term to the Atkinson Library Board. RCV: Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Krysl, seconded by Asher to reappoint Tarin Adkisson to a three-year term to the Atkinson Library Board. RCV: Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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Moved by Olson, seconded by Shane to reappoint Maxine Brink to a three-year term to the Atkinson Planning Commission. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Asher to reappoint Dan Ziska to a three-year term on the Atkinson Planning Commission. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Counts to reappoint Claranna Witherwax to a three-year term on the Atkinson Cemetery Board. RCV: Ayes: Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Krysl to reappoint Dan Ziska to a three-year term on the Atkinson Board of Adjustment. RCV: Ayes: Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Shane, seconded by Olson to reappoint Scott Sperling to a three-year term on the Atkinson Tree Board. RCV: Ayes: Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Olson to reappoint Dan Kramer to a three-year term on the Atkinson LB840 Loan Review Board. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Osborne to approve the Tear Down Permit for Miguel Monasterio for a house at 305 South Williams Street with the condition that a receipt for the payment of the second half of the 2023 taxes on that property be presented at the city office prior to the house being taken down. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

The Tear Down permit for Pat Tunender for a house/garage at 307 North Williams Street was tabled until an asbestos report is given to the city office to attach to the permit for approval.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Krysl to approve a Building Permit for Conner & Rachel Iverson for an 84' by 57' home at 47475 877<sup>th</sup> Road with the condition that a Certificate of Elevation is provided to ensure the home has been excluded from the flood plain in the area of the build. RCV: Ayes: Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Krysl to approve a Moving Permit for Paul Poessnecker to move a 12' by 28' lofted garage to 209 North Hill Street. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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Moved by Asher, seconded by Krysl to approve a Special Designated License for the Knights of Columbus #4707 for a dance to be held at the Farmers Market, 106 South Main Street, on August 16, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the alternate location is the Atkinson Community Center at 206 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street. RCV: Ayes: Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Olson to move the July 2024 meeting from Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> to Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. RCV: Ayes: Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Olson to approve the delinquent utilities report in the amount of \$1,812.55. RCV: Ayes: Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Krysl to pay all claims except for the remaining balance of \$43,434.00 for the budget year to Boyd/Holt Joint E911. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried

Moved by Krysl, seconded by Osborne to go into executive session at 9:15 p.m. regarding personnel matters. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Krysl to come out of executive session at 9:29 p.m. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Krysl to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. RCV: Ayes: Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Claims:

AFLAC	Fee	390.28
AMERITAS INSURANCE	Fee	2,704.36
ATKINSON GRAPHIC	Fee	648.59
ATKINSON LUMBER	Repair	414.98
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books	1,280.58
BRAUN'S FOOD CENTER	Supplies	189.80
C O ENTERPRISES	Supplies	682.47
CITY OF ATKINSON	PR Funds to TCB	44,944.50
DANA F COLE & COMPANY	2022/2023 Audit	15,900.00
GOEKE R F VARIE	Supplies	16.97
HAGAN JUDY	Med/Sup Reimb	852.69
K L & S INC	Repair	435.02
KENNYS SERVICE	Repair	62.00

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L N M	Fee	505.00
L N M-UTILITIES SECTION	Fee	130.00
MINCER DAVID	Flex Benefit	280.17
MITCHELL EQUIPMENT	Supplies	346.13
N P P D	Fee	3,711.43
NEBRASKA LIFE	Subscription	52.00
NE PHE LAB	Fee	30.00
NE REVENUE DEPT	Sales/Use Tax	2,714.47
NE RURAL WATER ASSN	Dues	350.00
PETTY CASH	Postage	3.92
POST OFFICE	UP Postage	321.71
NIOBRARA VALLEY ELEC REA	Mill Race Park	116.07
ROD'S LOCKSMITH	Keys	82.00
TEAM LABORATORY	Supplies	1,635.00
TRIPLE R TIRE	Repair	82.90
VERIZON WIRELESS	Cell Phone	205.77
ZISKA CHERYL	Med/Sup Reimb	1,184.99
UNITED STATES TREASURY	Fee	250.76
STA-BILT CONSTRUCTION	Repair	2,872.52
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	9,207.41
GREAT AMERICA LEASING	Sharp Copier Lease	185.00
CONSUMER REPORTS	Subscription	45.00
COLONIAL LIFE	Fee	1,189.95
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATION	Telephone	682.97
ATKINSON CAR WASH	Fee	100.00
SCHRUNK WELL SERVICES	Repair	150.00
SIX STAR SANITATION	Fee	15,774.40
HARTFORD	Fee	51.62
LINCOLN NATL LIFE INSURE	Fee	51.38
COUNTRY SAMPLER	Subscription	32.00
TRI-CITY SIGN COMPANY	Repair	1,350.00
MILLER & ASSOCIATES	Fee	375.00
UNITED HEALTHCARE	Fee	9,715.52
GUIDEPOSTS	subscription	36.37
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	Supplies	299.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Fee	883.89
S C & D TRUCKING	Red Rock Chips	5,659.20
PIONEER WOMAN	Subscription	48.00
PRECISION IT	Fee	84.00
VISA-TCB	Supplies	821.03
GOTSCHALL & SHOLES PC	Fee	1,732.50
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	Fee	61,561.25

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MASTERCARD	Supplies	349.14
NELSON VICTORIA	Certifications	1,125.00
CLINE WILLIAMS WRIGHT JOH	Fee	3,639.00
HOSKINSON, LLC	LB840 Business Loan	50,000.00
YOUNG CHEYE	Deductible Reimb	1,025.00
ATKINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Laminating	12.00
FERGUSON ASHTON & HILLARY	LB840 Overpayment	1,000.00
PACHA HEATING AND AIR	Repair	284.91
TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	3,721.10
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 5/22/2024	32.50
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CKS 5/17/2024	15,974.75
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CKS 5/31/2024	16,620.28
	CLAIMS TOTAL	287,216.25

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Josh Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 June 3, 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.

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City Clerk/Treasurer

