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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 7th day of August, 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, Helen Olson, Riley Olson, Scott Shane, City Clerk Shelly Wieneke and City Attorney Michael Sholes. Absent: Ron Krysl, 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 Asher, seconded by Shane to approve the minutes of the July 20th meeting. RCV: Ayes: Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

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

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

Moved by Asher, seconded by R. Olson to approve the purchase of a new concession stand/storage facility for the ballfields. Bids were received from Rusty Kramer, Bubba Kramer, and Jeff Kraus. After some discussion it was decided to approve the bid from Jeff Kraus for \$12,974.28. This bid does not include concrete or tear down of the existing concession stand. Mr. Kraus would purchase materials locally and his class at West Holt High School would complete the construction on the building. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Moved by H. Olson, seconded by R. Olson to approve Dennis Ryan to a five-year term on the Elkhorn Meadows Board. Dennis will replace Mike Skulavic who resigned his position

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with the board due to health issues. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne.

Dan Schaaf was present to ask the council if he could construct a fence in his backyard at 203 North Madison of tin that he would paint brown to look like wood. Zoning regulations in the City of Atkinson list the accepted materials that a fence can be constructed of, and tin is not one of the materials. Materials that are acceptable are wood, chain-link, PVC/resin, stone or masonry materials only. Dan stated that he understood and is going to look into one of the accepted materials to construct the fence.

Patty Skrdla was present to ask the council's permission to replace the Christmas tree lights that cross over the city's main square with Trim Light Globe Lights. She stated that the lights are programable to change color and could be changed to blue for West Holt activities, red for Husker game days, or different colors to match the corresponding holiday. Electrical needs and Wi-Fi will need to be checked out to be sure that the lights will work. The council felt that it would be a nice addition to the downtown area and gave Patty permission to place the new lights downtown if everything with the electricity and the Wi-Fi work.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Shane to approve a Designated Liquor License for the Knights of Columbus #4707 for the "Duelling Pianos" at the Atkinson Farmers Market on September 9, 2023. RCV: Ayes: R. Olson, Shane, Asher, H. Olson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by R. Olson to approve a Designated Liquor License for the Knights of Columbus #4707 for a wedding dance at the Atkinson Community Center on August 26, 2023. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Moved by H. Olson, seconded by R. Olson to approve a building permit for Mark and Victoria Johnson for an 8' x 41.8' wood frame addition to the residence at 109 West Lincoln Street. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Shane to approve a building permit for the Atkinson Betterment Corporation to construct a 58' x 56' wood frame home at 403 Paul Street. RCV: Ayes: Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Shane to proceed with the revised Water Main Improvement project. The new project would be \$560,000.00, which includes \$50,000.00 for contingencies. Funding for the project would be \$217,517.00 in ARPA grant money received by

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the city, \$154,117.00 in loan forgiveness, leaving \$188,366 to be financed at 0%. Two-thirds of the loan must be financed through the receipt of utility payments and the remaining one-third can be financed with General Obligation Bonds. Utility rates will need to be raised \$.90 per meter per month to help pay for the project and this will be in addition to the already scheduled \$1.00 per meter per month increase that was to occur October 1, 2023. The city's utility program runs at a deficit and receives money from the general fund to operate each year. The increase will help the program fund itself and repay the loan for the water main improvements. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Amanda Sindelar, Economic Director, updated the council on the progress of the grant applications for the Bluebird Trail. Amanda stated that she had received notice from the Holt County Visitors Committee that they tabled the application submitted to them to see if other grant funding can be obtained to help fund the project.

The September city council meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 4th.

Moved by Asher, seconded by H. Olson to approve the delinquent utilities report in the amount of \$2,213.07. RCV: Ayes: R. Olson, Shane, Asher, H. Olson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

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

Moved by H. Olson, seconded by R. Olson to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Krysl, Osborne. Motion Carried.

Claims:

AFLAC	Fee	517.96
AGLAND ELECTRIC	Pump Rep & Motor Ser	1,507.52
AMERITAS INSURANCE	414h	4,708.66
ATKINSON FERTILIZER	Supplies	646.01
ATKINSON GRAPHIC	Fee	194.74
ATKINSON LUMBER	ceiling repair	294.24
ATKINSON VET CLINIC	Stray-HC Animal Shelter	158.33
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books	290.33
BRAUN'S FOOD CENTER	Supplies	81.72
C O ENTERPRISES	Floor Mats/Supplies	561.61
CITY OF ATKINSON	PR Funds to TCB	51,335.00
FIRST STOP	Fuel	378.72

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FIX, R. SCOTT	Med/Sup Reimb	621.70
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	Locate Fee	22.62
HAGAN JUDY	Med/Sup Reimb	1,012.10
HAY DAYS COMMITTEE	Advertising	1,000.00
HOLT COUNTY TREASURER	RE Taxes	323.36
K L & S INC	Repairs/Sup	2,438.38
KENNYS SERVICE	Repairs	259.43
WM. KROTTER CO.	Supplies	120.41
METL SANDBLASTING	Restripe parking lot	400.00
MIDWEST LAB	Fee	223.57
MITCHELL EQUIPMENT	PTC/TIF	5,314.57
NE LIBRARY COMM	OverDrive Sub	500.00
NE PHE LAB	Fee	711.00
NE REVENUE DEPT	S/W	4,345.87
O'NEILL SHOPPER	Fee	113.09
POST OFFICE	UB Postage	317.65
NIOBRARA VALLEY ELEC REA	MR Park	290.85
ROD'S LOCKSMITH	Keys	31.00
SENIOR CENTER	July, Aug, Sept	225.00
TEAM LABORATORY	Supplies	1,051.00
TRI-COUNTY BANK	Solar Panel Project	17,552.32
TRIPLE R TIRE	Sweeper	735.35
VERIZON WIRELESS	Cell Phone	248.31
WELSH WELDING & REPAIR	repairs	143.00
WEST HOLT SCHOOL DISTRICT	Liquor/tobacco Fees	2,791.54
WHITES SERVICE	Fuel	1,820.72
ZISKA CHERYL	Med/Sup-Cheryl	1,039.06
ZISKA CONSTRUCTION	Repairs	554.65
L A R M	Liability Ins-Bobcat	8.55
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	15,287.52
GREAT AMERICA LEASING	Sharp copier lease	172.50
COLONIAL LIFE	Dental Insurance	906.76
WETTLAUFER LANDSCAPES	Grass Seed - park	114.99
GREAT PLAINS		
COMMUNICATION	Telephone	800.98
SIX STAR SANITATION	Dumpster	13,222.75
HARTFORD	Life Insurance	33.97
LINCOLN NATL LIFE INSURE	LTD	125.25
VILLAGE OF STUART	Chipseal/Coldmix	18,670.80
FREEMAN REPAIR	Rpr Ceiling	750.00
MILLER & ASSOCIATES	1&6 yr street super	2,626.50
UNITED HEALTHCARE	Health Insurance	10,303.26
WEST HOLT MEDICAL	CDBG Grant-Mobile Med	87,614.75

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ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	Copies	163.38
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Heat	496.97
S C & D TRUCKING	Mud rock Hillcrest Rd	883.26
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS	GARNISHMENT	184.70
HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION	Annual Fire Ext Insp	119.25
PIONEER WOMAN	Subscription	29.97
HITCHCOCK GRANT	Supplies	59.39
CITY OF NORFOLK	Fee	150.00
NE GENERATOR SERVICE	Generator repair	352.75
PRECISION IT	Fee	403.75
VISA-TCB	Supplies	488.09
AKRS EQUIPMENT	JD 4020 Parts	23.19
GOTSCHALL & SHOLES PC	Fee	2,075.00
A R S L	Conf Reg	295.00
MASTERCARD	Supplies	718.55
ECLECTIC TASTE LLC	LB840-136PIP	4,800.00
ITD	Supplies	11.60
ES OPCO USA, LLC	mosquito spray	3,375.00
6-PACK LLC	LB840-134 Grant	4,580.00
VORTEX OPTICS	Scope & Mount	467.98
SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS	CC Deposit Ref	75.00
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	Tire Amnesty	33,717.29
CLINE WILLIAMS WRIGHT JOH	Fee	1,861.50
VOGEL GRAIN+, LLC	Freight-Rock for MR	1,188.01
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 7/26/2023	20.77
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CKS 7/14/2023	26,816.71
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CKS 7/28/2023	30,798.55
	CLAIMS TOTAL	369,675.63

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 August 7, 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

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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

