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Council Proceedings
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The City of Atkinson's budget hearing was opened at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on September 25, 2023 by Mayor Erickson in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were: Chuck Asher, Ron Krysl, Helen Olson, Riley Olson, Jerry Osborne, Scott Shane. The City Clerk reviewed in detail the 2023-2024 budget, including comparing the current year's budget with the proposed budget. Staff members Shelly Wieneke and Gary Thurlow were present at the meeting to answer any questions. Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

A special 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 25th of September, 2023 at 7:08 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, 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 Asher, seconded by Shane to approve the minutes of the September 11th meeting. RCV: Ayes: R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by H. Olson, seconded by R. Olson to approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Osborne introduced Ordinance No.1185 and moved its adoption: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL;

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TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TO PROVIDE FOR SERVICE IN PAMPHLET FORM and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. H. Olson seconded the motion. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Motion Carried. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for the consideration of said ordinance.

Said ordinance was then read by title and number and thereafter Osborne moved for final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by R. Olson. The Mayor then stated the question "Shall Ordinance No. 1185 be passed and adopted?" RCV: Ayes: Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried. The Mayor declared Ordinance No.1185 duly passed, adopted, and signed the same in the presence of the Council and the Clerk attested the same.

Mayor opened the public hearing to set the final tax request for the 2023-2024 budget year at 7:10 p.m. The Clerk reported that the property tax asking for the 2023-2024 year is \$359,833.71, with the following breakdown for the various funds:

General Fund	\$315,235.46
Airport Fund	\$ 34,498.25
Bond Fund	\$ 10,100.00

Opportunity for comments and questions were given. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Moved by Asher, seconded by Osborne to approve Resolution 23-08, which sets the 2023-2024 property tax request at \$359,833.71 for all funds. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, Krysl, R. Olson, H. Olson, Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion and follow-up regarding ordinance enforcement was on the agenda. It was reported that a 30-day notice was given to Max and Cheryl Cambras at 403 North Holt to reconstruct a sidewalk that was removed on their property during renovation. The council will continue to follow up on this at the Monday, October 3, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Osborne to approve Mayor Erickson's appointment of James Collins as the Chief of Police for the City of Atkinson. Three candidates were interviewed on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 by the personnel committee consisting of Jerry Osborne, Chuck Asher, and Josh Erickson. Tim Schmitz, a retired Road Sergeant with the Madison County Sherriff's office and 52 years of law enforcement experience, also sat in on these interviews and has been working as a consultant with the City of Atkinson to help the Police Department with items in the office that needed to be reviewed. Mayor Erickson read a

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statement addressing the decision process for choosing officer Collins. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, Osborne, Shane. Nay: Olson. Motion Carried.

Moved by H. Olson, seconded by Shane to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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 on September 25, 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

