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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 15th day of January 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, Scott Shane, 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 Counts, seconded by Shane to approve the minutes of the December 18th meeting. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Shane. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Osborne. Motion Carried.

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

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

Moved by Counts, seconded by Asher to approve a building permit for LVS, LLC to put a slant roof on their building at 108 North Main Street. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, Olson, Counts, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Osborne. Motion Carried

Moved by Asher, seconded by Shane to approve repairing the crow's nest at the rodeo grounds. Ken Counts reported that there is damage to it, but it is still salvageable. An estimate of \$872.37 for materials was received with the intention that our city maintenance crew will do the repairs. RCV: Ayes: Olson, Counts, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Osborne. Motion Carried.

Jerry Osborne entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding handicapped parking in the downtown area. Ken Counts would like to see a handicapped parking spot at the corner of Union Street and Main Street located at the first parking spot on Union Street. It was also discussed to place another handicapped parking spot by the post office. City Attorney, Michael Sholes, will create the

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ordinances to designate the two handicapped parking spots and they will be voted on at the February meeting.

Discussion was held on whether to continue our membership with Holt County Economic Development (HCED) in May 2024 or continue with withdrawing from the organization at the end of our six month notice to them. Jerry Osborne commented that he had been approached by a couple of businesses that stated that they would like us to continue to be a member of HCED as they get many benefits from the city belonging to them. Jim Brennen was present at the meeting to answer questions regarding HCED from the council. The question as to why Atkinson must pay the full assessment when we employ our own Economic Director was again asked of Jim. Jim stated they have discussed this issue and do not know if there will be an answer prior to the new assessments going out in 2024. The mayor stated that it had been mentioned in previous meetings that Atkinson would like to see our assessment dropped to half of those that do not employ their own Economic Director and asked if that was fair. No comments were given. Item is tabled until Atkinson Economic Director, Cheye Young, returns from maternity leave and gets started on her economic development duties.

Discussion was held on residents and businesses pushing their snow to the alleys and also covering fire hydrants with snow. The council is asking that snow not be placed in the alleys as they are used for emergency personnel and also by utility companies including the water/sewer department. It is important to keep the fire hydrants clear of snow so that if there is a fire, the fire department can easily access the hydrant.

Discussion updating the city's snow removal plan was held. It was determined that the mayor will look over the policy to see what needs to be updated and submit the changes. The previous policy was written several years ago and just needs a few items updated.

Casey Hammond with Ultraverse Supplements had contacted city clerk, Shelly Wieneke, regarding sponsorship of the Cowboy 200, a foot race held in September that begins in Norfolk and ends in Valentine on the Cowboy Trail. Atkinson is considered the midway point, and the sponsor of the race rents the Community Center to use as an area to feed the contestants, provide an area to sleep, and some contestants begin the race in Atkinson to continue to Valentine. Last year the city traded sponsorship of the race for rent of the community center. Ken Counts questioned why we would provide the community center free to them when we have other events in the community that bring business to town that do pay for the use of the community center. It was decided to not trade sponsorship of the event for the rent of the community center.

Employee appreciation dinner will be held Saturday, January 20th at the Flat Iron with social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you have not contacted Cheryl as of tonight to reserve your spot, please do so.

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Moved by Asher, seconded by Olson to approve the delinquent utilities report in the amount of \$1,342.28. RCV: Ayes: Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Atkinson High School Rodeo Association presented a bill to the city for reimbursement of the electricity they paid in 2023. The electricity has been paid by the High School Rodeo Association in years past, but as of December they have switched it over to the City of Atkinson. They had already paid the bill of \$446.12 for 2023. The suggestion was made for Atkinson to reimburse for all but the one month the rodeo association leases the facility. Item was tabled until it can be discussed by the Park Board, and they make a recommendation.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Shane to approve the claims as prepared. RCV: Ayes: Osborne, Shane, Asher, Olson, Counts. Nay: Krysl. Motion Carried.

Moved by Counts, seconded by Osborne to go into executive session at 9:05 p.m. regarding possible litigation. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Counts, seconded by Asher to come out of executive session at 9:17 p.m. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane. Nay: Krysl. Motion Carried.

Moved by Shane, seconded by Olson to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, Olson, Counts, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Claims:

AFLAC	Fee	1,184.24
A W W A	Renewal	75
AMERITAS INSURANCE	414h	4,609.90
APPEARA	Fee	87.8
ASSOCIATED SUPPLY CO.	Recirculating Pump	1,465.00
ATKINSON VET CLINIC	Fee	76.05
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books	427.3
BRAUN'S FOOD CENTER	Supplies	116.52
C O ENTERPRISES	Supplies	157.62
CITY OF ATKINSON	PR Funds to TCB	41,884.00
ELKHORN SAND & GRAVEL	Oversize Rock	519
FIRST STOP	Fuel	813.01
FIX, R. SCOTT	Med/Sup Reimb.	677.2
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	Locate Fee	6.74
HAGAN JUDY	Med/Sup Reimb.	1,664.58
HOLT COUNTY INDEPENDENT	Subscription Renew	45
JACK'S UNIFORMS	Supplies	50.89
K L & S INC	Supplies	58.83
WM. KROTTER CO.	Supplies	80.88

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MIDWEST LAB	Fee	443.87
MITCHELL EQUIPMENT	Supplies	95.54
N P P D	Electricity	8,815.48
NE PHE LAB	Fee	63
NE REVENUE DEPT	Sales/Use Tax	4,595.04
POST OFFICE	UB Postage	317.43
NIORARA VALLEY ELEC REA	Electricity	369.89
STUART CONCRETE	Concrete	907.5
TEAM LABORATORY	Degreaser	1,356.00
THURLOW, GARY	Reimbursement	1,699.00
TRIPLE R TIRE	Repair	240
VERIZON WIRELESS	Cell Phone	248.66
WHITES SERVICE	Fuel	586.16
ZISKA CHERYL	Med/Sup Reimb.	1,080.91
L A R M	Liability Ins	567.31
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	13,876.96
COLONIAL LIFE	Fee	908.58
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	Telephone	436.22
SIX STAR SANITATION	Dumpster	13,394.75
HARTFORD	Life Insurance	51.62
LINCOLN NATL LIFE INSURE	LTD	105.01
UNITED HEALTHCARE	Health Insurance	17,394.39
MALONE'S AUTO BODY	Repair	6,416.75
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	Supplies	159.51
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Heat	1,837.65
CORE & MAIN	Supplies	447.34
NE CHILD SUPPORT	GARNISHMENT	369.4
BLUE360 MEDIA	Law Books	184.45
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	Supplies	30.63
NE GENERATOR SERVICE	Generator Inspections	1,084.50
PRECISION IT	Fee	238.25
PETERSON FARMS	Haul Sludge	1,725.00
GOTSCHALL & SHOLES PC	Fee	1,645.00
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	Bond-NeDak Road	530
BRUSH CREEK TECH, LLC	New laptop	4,100.00
MASTERCARD	Supplies	666.8
VOGEL GRAIN+, LLC	Snow Removal	3,300.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC OF	Supplies	277.97
KAUP'S PLUMBING	Repair	270
KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY	Ammunition	952.46
WRIGHT GABBY	Reimbursement	68.29
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND 12/21/2023	76.54
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CKS 12/13/2023	

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PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CKS 12/18/2023	4,639.83
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CKS 12/31/2023	14,311.38
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CKS 01/12/2024	16,217.08
	CLAIMS TOTAL	198,078.93

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 January 15, 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

