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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 10th day of July, 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, 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 H. Olson to approve the minutes of the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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

The council acknowledged receipt of the June minutes of the Library, Chamber, Park Board/Tree Board meetings and the Union Street Duplex Financial Report.

Sheryl Hiatt with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development presented a Certificate to the City of Atkinson for completing all the requirements to recertify as a Leadership Certified Community.

Charlene Paris was present at the council to update the council on the Bluebird Trail progress after the joint Park and Tree Board meeting. She stated that a water line would be needed for just a brief time to help the new plants take root, but they should not need that line once the plants are established. Chuck Asher stated that he talked to the individual who would clear the brush and that the project would not be done until winter. Grants will be sought for the payment of these projects.

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Bev McConnell addressed the council regarding 621 South Main Street. She said that the property just keeps going downhill and the house has been empty now for several years. The house has missing windows and is unlivable. The council will have someone contact the property owner to address the issue, and if no progress is seen a nuisance will be filed against the property.

Bev McConnell addressed the council regarding the Boyd-Holt E911 Assessment. She is asking the council not to pay the assessment this year until some changes are made with the E911 Board. She stated that when she was a dispatcher, her former supervisor had the dispatch center operating in the black, but now it is operating in the red and has been for some time. Bev said that she feels the dispatchers are not being trained correctly and there is no retention of staff. Nick Schrunk stated that he does not want the city to not pay the assessment as we need the local dispatch center. He states that there will be more problems if the center is unable to remain open and dispatch services are moved to another area of the state. It was asked if Atkinson has a representative on the E911 Board and it was stated that we do not. Boyd-Holt E911 is a non-profit organization that contracts with counties and municipalities to manage the dispatch services in Boyd and Holt counties.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by Shane to approve Resolution 23-07, which authorizes the LARM participation discount of 5% for the October 1<sup>st</sup> renewal of the liability insurance policy. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Krysl, seconded by Shane to increase the restricted funds by 1% for the 2023-2024 budget year. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Krysl to approve a Special Designated Liquor permit for the Knights of Columbus #4707 at the Atkinson Farmers Market for the Hay Days Coronation Dance on August 18, 2023 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. RCV: Ayes: R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by H. Olson to approve a Special Designated Liquor permit for FIBR, Inc. for a concert at the Atkinson Farmers Market on July 28, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. RCV: Ayes: Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by H. Olson to approve a Special Designated Liquor permit for American Legion Farley-Tushla for a cornhole tournament at the ballfield behind the Legion

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Hall on August 18, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. RCV: Ayes: Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by H. Olson, seconded by Osborne to approve a building permit for Christy Deseive for a 24' x 50' x 14' wood frame building to be located at 1007 North Carberry Street. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Shane, seconded by H. Olson to approve LB840-136, Property Improvement Program reimbursement grant for Eclectic Taste, LLC for façade improvement in the amount of 50 percent of the project not to exceed \$10,000.00. The estimated request is \$7,923.32. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by R. Olson to rescind the previous full water main bid approval to re-evaluate it. After the previous meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> to approve the bid based on the knowledge that the city would be able to use General Obligation bonds, Lisa Giesbrecht, Environmental Specialist, with the State Revolving Fund Section of Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy stated that she gave us the wrong information and that only a third of the debt for the project could be funded by General Obligation bonds. The rest of the project after applied grants would have to be paid for with utility funds. This would cause utility rates to take an approximate \$3.66 increase per household per month. The council stated that we could possibly downsize the project and instructed Gary Thurlow to check with Miller and Associates, the city's engineer, to see what could be done. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Shane to approve hiring Officer Steven Binkerd part time to help fill shifts in the Atkinson Police Department. This will be in addition to the two part-time officers that were hired at the July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. RCV: Ayes: R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Osborne to change the status of Gabby Wright from part-time employee to full-time employee in the maintenance and parks departments. This will enable her to accrue paid time off and be eligible for benefits. Krysl felt that now was not the time to change the status of this employee as the council had just voted to reduce the hours of another employee due to budget concerns. Other members of the council felt that Gabby is doing a good job and is working full-time hours helping in both departments already. RCV: Ayes: Osborne, Shane, Asher, H. Olson, R. Olson. Nay: Krysl. Motion Carried.

Moved by H. Olson, seconded by Osborne to approve the delinquent utilities report in the amount of \$1,462.36. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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

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

Claims:

AFLAC	Fee	652.00
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY	2023 Umpire Fees	600.00
AMERITAS INSURANCE	414h	5691.10
ASSOCIATED SUPPLY CO.	Supplies	214.51
ATKINSON FERTILIZER	Supplies	256.00
ATKINSON GRAPHIC	Fee	223.60
ATKINSON LUMBER	Supplies	129.18
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books	247.88
BRAUN'S FOOD CENTER	Supplies	238.39
C N E D D	WHMS-CDBG Grant	4080.00
C O ENTERPRISES	Supplies	626.66
CITY OF ATKINSON	PR Funds to TCB	73326.92
CORNHUSKER HOTEL	Finance Conf.-Shelly	238.00
DON'S AUTO REPAIR	Scott's Pickup Tire Rpr	15.50
ERNIES BODY & SALVAGE	Trim Panel-Tahoe	676.62
FIX, R. SCOTT	Reimbursement	621.70
GOEKE R F VARIE	Supplies	43.91
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	Locate Fee	53.86
GREAT PLAINS SMALL ENGINE	Supplies/Repairs	988.11
HAGAN JUDY	Reimbursement	801.19
JOHN DEERE CREDIT	444L 4wd Loader	15776.83
KENNYS SERVICE	Grant's Inceptor	197.68
KRAMER MFG. INC.	Repair	64.92
WM. KROTTER CO.	Supplies	2855.73
MIDWEST LAB	Fee	129.15
MITCHELL EQUIPMENT	Supplies	11.95
N P P D	Electric	8200.80
NE PHE LAB	Fee	1139.00
NE REVENUE DEPT	S/W Tax	4506.00
O'NEILL PEST CONTROL	Fee	140.00
PETTY CASH	Postage	9.60
POST OFFICE	UB Postage	313.50
NIORARA VALLEY ELEC REA	Mill Race	284.41
ROD'S LOCKSMITH	Keys	8.00
AIRPORT	Oct-June Property Tax	29233.37
STUART CONCRETE	Cement	2995.00

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TEAM LABORATORY	Supplies	1351.00
TRIPLE R TIRE	Tire Repair	25.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Cell Phone	248.28
WHITES SERVICE	Fuel	1476.10
ZISKA CHERYL	Reimbursement	1039.06
NE DED	Fee	2842.87
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	15914.90
GREAT AMERICA LEASING	Fee	172.50
COLONIAL LIFE	Fee	1079.30
WETTLAUFER LANDSCAPES	Repairs/Supplies	757.46
GREAT PLAINS COM.	Telephone	150.23
SIX STAR SANITATION	Fee	13214.25
HARTFORD	Fee	49.65
LINCOLN NATL LIFE INSURE	Fee	154.33
VILLAGE OF STUART	Cold Mix Patch	1605.60
UNITED HEALTHCARE	Fee	16974.40
C P L S	Meeting	10.00
WEST HOLT MEDICAL	Grant Reimb-State of NE Mob Me	175229.50
NORTHEAST COMM COLLEGE	CPR-Lifeguards	420.00
BARCO	Supplies	1614.75
FAMILY HANDYMAN	Subscription	39.60
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	Supplies	1086.15
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Fee	1030.63
CORE & MAIN	Supplies	967.26
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS	GARNISHMENT	184.70
ERICKSON REPAIR	Repair	187.90
ATKINSON ATHLETIC CLUB	2023 Umpire Fees	600.00
MLADY LANDYN	Mgr Cert Reimb	40.00
OLSON REPAIR	Repair	14316.27
CITY OF NORFOLK	Fee	150.00
PRECISION IT	Supplies	452.25
VISA-TCB	Supplies	798.12
ATLAS AUTOMATION LLC	Repair	594.00
GOTSCHALL & SHOLES PC	Fee	2372.50
A R S L	Fee	50.00
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	NEDAK Road	62493.75
BECKWITH BRITTANY	Mgr Cert Reimb	40.00
MASTERCARD	Supplies	735.86
COUNTRY EMBROIDERY	Supplies	399.30
NEBRASKA DHHS	LB840	30000.00
ITD	Supplies	30.00
CIRCLE M FEED & TRAILER S	Supplies	36.28

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TAYLOR MADE PRINTING	Supplies	92.75
WINSUPPLY NORFOLK NE CO	Supplies	473.57
HOFFMAN AVA	Lifeguard Cert Reimb	90.00
PANNING JACOB	Lifeguard Cert Reimb	125.00
RENTSCHLER DIANE	CC Deposit Refund	100.00
SHOLES EZRA	Lifeguard Cert Reimb	125.00
WALNOFER TAYLOR	Lifeguard Cert Reimb	90.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 06/26/2023	225.63
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 06/16/2023	28291.26
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 06/30/2023	31976.07
	CLAIMS TOTAL	568114.10

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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 July 10, 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.

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City Clerk/Treasurer

