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

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

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

Mark and Vicki Johnson and Robin Olson were present to ask the City Council to approve the vacating of South Sherrill Street from Lincoln Street to South Street. The street was never developed but the approach for the street is there. There is a storm drain located behind the two properties that flows into the Mill Race. Vicki Johnson stated that Nebraska Public Power District has an easement for a power pole that is located between the two properties. Gary Thurlow, Utilities Supervisor, reported to Shelly Wieneke, City Clerk, earlier that the city only has the storm sewer drain located in that area, but no other city utilities are there. An ordinance to vacate South Sherrill Street from Lincoln Street to South Street will be on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda.

Jacque Anson was present to discuss the current agreement for the rodeo grounds between the City of Atkinson and the High School Rodeo Association. He stated that the rodeo

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grounds are the property of the city and therefore the city should be responsible for the upkeep as they only lease the grounds for the month they use it for the High School Rodeo that is hosted in Atkinson. They would like to reduce the lease to only the weekend that the rodeo is held instead of the entire month. The money that is placed in the city budget for the rodeo grounds would be used for the upkeep of the property and equipment placed on it. He stated that maybe a fee could be charged for renting the grounds to help with property upkeep, just as is done at the Community Center. This issue will be discussed at a Park Board meeting yet to be scheduled in the coming month with a recommendation to then be given to the council.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by R. Olson to approve a Special Designated Liquor license for DJJC, LLC for a wedding reception/dance at the Community Center on September 23, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Shane to approve a Special Designated Liquor license for the Knight's of Columbus #4707 for a wedding dance on October 7, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. RCV: Ayes: H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Osborne to approve Erin Jelinek to finish the remainder of the term for Randy Goeke, who has resigned from the Elkhorn Meadows board. RCV: Ayes: R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding the Holt County Economic Development (HCED) dues for the 2023/2024 budget year of \$8,242.00. It was suggested by Ron Krysl not to pay these dues for the coming budget year because the City of Atkinson employs their own Economic Development employee and with the current budget concerns. Other members of the council were also open to not being members of HCED. Members of the council do not see the benefits of belonging to HCED currently. The issue will be voted on at the next council meeting.

Discussion regarding the payment of the Boyd/Holt E911 dues for the 2023/2024 budget year of \$65,300.00 was also discussed at this meeting. The new amount reflects an increase of \$10,715.00 dollars over last year. The last meeting minutes received from the organization were from the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and the council has not received a report of revenues and expenses as requested previously from the Boyd/Holt E911 Board. The council feels that there should be a report available to the participating towns regarding the spending of taxpayer money by the E911 board. City Council member Ron Krysl would like to take the money that the city pays to Boyd/Holt E911 and put it in a savings account until there is some accountability for the money that is being spent. City Attorney, Michael Sholes, stated that Boyd/Holt E911 is a non-profit entity and therefore is not directly receiving the taxpayer money from Holt County as

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the city does. It was then asked if there is a department in the State of Nebraska to contact about the City's request to Boyd/Holt E911 for financial reports to justify the increased spending of the organization. This item will be looked into further before the next city council meeting.

Discussion regarding the City of Atkinson ordinance for sidewalks was discussed. It was noted that there are sidewalks being replaced by citizens that were notified by city personnel to replace them and how nice the neighborhood looks now that the sidewalks are back in place. It was agreed upon by the council to enforce all the ordinances on the books, including the sidewalk ordinance. The Atkinson Police Department will work together with Gary Thurlow, Utilities Supervisor, to continue to enforce the ordinances.

Moved by Osborne, seconded by R. Olson to approve the delinquent utilities report in the amount of \$1,182.26. RCV: Ayes: Osborne, Shane, Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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

Moved by H. Olson, seconded by Asher to go into executive session regarding personnel issues at 8:35 p.m. RCV: Ayes: Asher, Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Asher, seconded by Shane to come out of executive session regarding personnel issues at 9:30 p.m. RCV: Ayes: Krysl, H. Olson, R. Olson, Osborne, Shane, Asher. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by R. Olson, seconded by H. 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	517.96
AMERITAS INSURANCE	414h	5578.85
ATKINSON FERTILIZER	Mosquito Spray	700.00
ATKINSON GRAPHIC	Fee	380.48
ATKINSON LUMBER	Supplies	44.48
ATKINSON VET CLINIC	Fee	17.04
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books	886.30
BRAUN'S FOOD CENTER	Supplies	44.25
C O ENTERPRISES	Battery-Cross Walk Sign Hwy 20	774.13
CITY OF ATKINSON	PR Funds to TCB	12409.00
DON'S AUTO REPAIR	2004 Dodge A/C Repair	99.50
ERNIES BODY & SALVAGE	2008 Chevy/Inside Door Trim	169.23
FIRST STOP	Fuel	466.14
FIX, R. SCOTT	Med/Sup Reimb	621.70
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	Locate Fee	32.60

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HAGAN JUDY	Med/Sup Reimb	801.19
HOLT COUNTY INDEPENDENT	ED/Office Help Adv	323.10
K L & S INC	A/C Repair	2406.89
KOPEJTKA NANCY	Budget Assist	343.20
WM. KROTTER CO.	Cement Project- South St	427.64
MIDWEST LAB	Fee	254.30
MINCER DAVID	Health Claim	3916.23
MITCHELL EQUIPMENT	Gun Safe	2816.74
N M V C A	Conference Fee	100.00
N P P D	Electric	4726.41
NE PHE LAB	Fee	555.00
NE REVENUE DEPT	Sales Tax	3620.06
POST OFFICE	UB Postage	384.07
NIOBRARA VALLEY ELEC REA	Fee	407.50
SEGER & SONS REPAIR	Blue GMC Truck-Hydraulic Pump	85.00
STUART CONCRETE	South Street Rep	1871.25
TEAM LABORATORY	Degreaser	1510.00
THURLOW, GARY	Deductible Reimb	2061.52
TRIPLE R TIRE	Repairs	301.25
USA BLUE BOOK	PH Buffer Packs	668.29
VERIZON WIRELESS	Cell Phone	248.31
WELSH WELDING & REPAIR	Chain Guards-White Dump Truck	71.44
WHITES SERVICE	Fuel	2148.37
ZISKA CHERYL	Med/Sup Reimb	1063.01
L A R M	Liability Insurance	50.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	19030.77
HENDRICKS REPAIR	Hustler Mower steering repair	55.00
COLONIAL LIFE	Dental Insurance	889.88
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATION	Telephone	488.03
SIX STAR SANITATION	Dumpster	13404.00
HARTFORD	Life Insurance	39.84
LINCOLN NATL LIFE INSURE	LTD	113.58
BARTAK GLASS	Window Repair	152.00
VILLAGE OF STUART	Repair	855.60
TRI-CITY SIGN COMPANY	Lightning Strike-Sign Repair	1943.54
UNITED HEALTHCARE	Health Insurance	12962.78
WEST HOLT MEDICAL	CDBG-Mobile Med Unit	87614.75
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	Folders/Exp Files/File Holders	497.70
SCHMITZ TRAVIS	Uniform Reimb	40.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Heat	420.67
CORE & MAIN	Couplings/Fittings	1269.45
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS	GARNISHMENT	369.40
ERICKSON REPAIR	Plow Mount/Blue Dump Truck	187.90

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CITY OF NORFOLK	Fee	75.00
PRECISION IT	Fee	131.50
VISA-TCB	Supplies	294.90
GOTSCHALL & SHOLES PC	Council Meetings	778.56
SHAD'S ELECTRIC, LLC	Repair-Lift Station	2854.68
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	Solar Street Lights	1701.46
MASTERCARD	Books	720.13
COUNTRY EMBROIDERY	Uniforms	96.94
6-PACK LLC	LB840-PIP132 Teardown Grant	7850.00
NE UNEMPLOYMENT	Fee	191.04
ALSOENERGY	Solar Panel Monitoring 5 YR	4089.00
SCHMITZ TIMOTHY R	Consult/Audit	1876.50
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 08/23/2023	20.28
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/11/2023	29665.84
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/25/2023	22154.22
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 09/08/2023	17936.33
	CLAIMS TOTAL	284673.70

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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 September 11, 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

