

City of Atkins Council Meeting

July 1, 2002

Atkins, Iowa

Council met in regular session. Members present: Lieb, Gilson, Carbaugh and Herman. Jacobsen joined the meeting at 7:38pm. Mayor Steffen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Also present were Ron Johnson, Hillard Aldrich, Maynard Krug, Cathy Becker and Ron Gaines.

Motion was made by Carbaugh, second by Lieb, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the minutes of June 17th, the June Financial Report and a list of bills. Ayes: Carbaugh, Herman, Gilson, and Lieb. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Bills approved:

Break Pointe Store	beer permit refund(over payment)	\$ 25.00
Cellcom	FD cell phone	10.70
Furler Utility Services	BOD Tests	252.00
G & H Electric	light at sewer lift station	159.54
J A Reno Assoc.	disability & health insurance	338.80
IA League of Cities	dues	445.00
Iowa Wireless	cell phones	25.62
Koch Brothers	maintenance contract on copier	132.00
Laser substrates	water bill forms	464.62
MidAmerican Energy	gas service	81.76
Lee Nelson	wages	66.50
Pool Tech	chlorine	400.00
Wells Fargo	bonding agent fees	737.50
Library bills:		
Cathy Becker	wages	\$481.56
" "	mileage	9.49
Penworthy	books	122.77
J A Reno Assoc	disability & health insurance	311.48

Mayor Steffen opened a Public Hearing to consider a request from Mark Ralston to change the zoning on 29 acres from Agricultural to 6-RS single family residential. The Clerk read a letter from Maynard Krug protesting the change due to the following a) concern about the natural and tiled drainage across the parcel, b) increased traffic flow on 71st St, c) the compatibility of residential and farm ground in adjoining areas.

Jacobsen joined the meeting. It was explained to Krug that these concerns would have to be dealt with by the developer in his preliminary plat and plan of improvements to the satisfaction of the council before he would be able to proceed with the development. The clerk reported the Planning and Zoning Board, at their May 30, 2002 meeting, voted to approve the rezoning request. The proposed residential development also meets the General Land Use Plan as adopted in 1991. The Public Hearing was closed. On motion by Carbaugh, seconds by Herman, Council voted to approve Resolution # 408, a resolution approving the zoning change from Agricultural to 6-RS single family residential. Aye: Carbaugh, Jacobsen, Herman, Lieb and Gilson. Resolution was approved.

John Skow resubmitted a request to purchase property north of his lot that is owned by the city. The area is smaller than the original request. On motion by Gilson, second by Jacobsen, council voted to deny the request. Ayes: Lieb Carbaugh, Herman, Gilson, and Jacobsen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

An application was received from Atkins Community Club for a Beer Permit and a lease agreement for the city park for Watermelon Days August 3, 2002. On motion by Lieb, second by Carbaugh, council voted to approve the application and lease agreement. Ayes: Lieb Carbaugh, Herman and Gilson. Nays: none. Abstain: Jacobsen do to the fact she is President of the Community Club. Motion carried.

Johnson requested the City allow a summer rate for water or separate meter to allow for water not entering the sewer. Clerk was directed to check with other towns to see how they handle it.

Aldrich expressed concern about excess rock on the shoulder of the city streets. City will look into brooming the rock back into the streets. He also asked about the water meter reading schedule. The clerk explained it is usually done over two days at the end of the month, but this can vary due to the other responsibilities of city workers and were the last day of the month falls in the week.

Cathy Becker, City Librarian, was present to report she is having problems with her computer at the library. On motion by Jacobsen, second by Carbaugh, council voted to approve \$500 for repairs or \$1500 to replace her computer with Gateway. Ayes: Lieb Carbaugh, Herman, Gilson, and Jacobsen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Water Consumer Confidence Report has been published as required by law. Copies are available at the Library or City Hall.

Clerk reported Joe Rabe will look at the areas effected by the recent rains to see what could be done to improve the problems.

On motion by Jacobsen, second by Herman, council voted to authorize up to \$500 toward a revision of the City's Strategic Plan with IDM. Ayes: Lieb Carbaugh, Herman, Gilson, and Jacobsen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The IDOT will let bids for asphalt overlay on Hwy # 279, July 16, 2002. The work will been done either this fall or next spring. The City try to get bids at the same time to overlay Park Ridge Road and Main Avenue. Cost of the project will determine how much work will be completed.

Mayor and Council reviewed the chapters 35 and 36 of the City Code. The City Attorney will be asked to review both chapters in their entirety. Chapters 37 & 39 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, on motion by Carbaugh, second by Lieb, Council voted to adjourn. Aye: Lieb, Carbaugh, Herman, Gilson and Jacobsen. Nay: none. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be Monday, July 15, 2002 at City Hall.

Shawn Steffen, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Richard Lange, Clerk



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