January 6, 2014

Council met in regular session. Members present were: David Duball, Diane Herman, Connie Drahos, Tim Harbach and Kevin Korsmo. Absent: none. Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Also present: Bree Hepker, Molly Stark, Greg Walston ISU Extension, Mike Deklotz and Mike Jennings, Director of Public Works.

On a motion was made by Drahos, second by Korsmo, to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the minutes of December 16th and the list of bills for approval. Aye: Herman, Drahos, Duball, Harbach and Korsmo. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Bills approved:		
Atkins Lumber Co.	Water Supplies	\$44.97
دد دد	Road- Supplies	25.17
cc c cc	City Hall	15.49
دد دد	Fire Dept. Supplies	95.45
Atkins Telephone Co.	City Phone Service	244.99
	Fire Dept.	120.37
Benton County Engineer	Sand/Salt	605.74
Todd Damon	Wages	1,575.25
Data Technologies	Tax Forms	64.56
Furler Utility	Sewer testing	360.00
G & H Electric	Sewer Lift Station	665.78
MARCO	Copier Supplies	277.84
Menard's	Water Plant supplies	115.84
Hawkins Inc.	Water Plant Supplies	1,113.66
Mike Jennings	Health Insurance	138.95
Shane Frank	Haul Sand/Salt	107.50
Snyder & Associates	71 st St & Parkridge RD	3,680.00
دد دد	Wastewater treatment Plant Improvements	1,620.00
دد دد	Ridgeview 5 th Addition Construction Observation 4,812.98	
Van Meter Inc.	Fire Dept. Transfer Switch	1,300.00
	Fire DeptEmergency Lighting	601.54
Library bills:		
Cathy Becker	Wages	\$1,101.36
Vicky Myers	Wages	332.18
DP Properties LLC	Janitorial Services	180.00
Atkins Telephone Co.	Phone Service	56.91
	Tech support	105.00
Iowa Library Services	Training	15.00

Mayor Becker appointed Kevin Korsmo as Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Becker then asked that the council approve his appointment of Mike Jennings as Public Works Director and Art Taschner, Donna Scheer, LuAnn Anderson, Mike Less and Ruby Parris to the Library Board. Herman made a motion, second by Harbach, to approve the appointments. Aye: Korsmo, Herman, Harbach, Duball and Drahos. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Drahos made a motion to make the following appointments by the City Council; City Clerk/ Treasurer-Dick Lange, City Attorney- Don Hoskins, Planning & Zoning Commission- Rod Baxter, Linda Clark, Beverly Hayden, Dave McGovern and Bruce Visser, Zoning Administrator- Dick Lange, The Star Press Union as the official newspaper and Atkins Savings Bank & Trust as the official depository of funds for the city. Korsmo seconded the motion. Aye: Korsmo, Herman, Harbach, Duball and Drahos. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Walston, Program Director for the Benton County Extension Service- Summer Science Discovery Camp gave information about the camp to be held in Atkins again this summer. He said there were between 55-60 kids that attended the camp last summer. He asked the council to consider supporting the camp with a \$300 donation like they have done in the past. On motion by Korsmo, second by Herman, council voted to donate the \$300 for the camp. All Yes. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Becker opened the Public Hearing to consider a re-zoning request from Mike Deklotz to change Lot 3 of the Southwest Addition from Agricultural to Arterial Commercial. The Clerk reported no written protests were filed. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval on a 4 to 0 vote at their December 12th meeting. (One member was absent) Becker asked for comments from those in attendance. None were offered. Korsmo made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance # 192, which would allow the zoning change. Herman seconded the motion. Ayes: Aye: Herman, Harbach, Drahos, Duball and Korsmo. Nay: none. The first reading was approve the third and final reading of Ordinance # 192. Harbach seconded the motion. Ayes: Aye: Herman, Harbach, Drahos, Nay: none. The final reading was approved and the ordinance adopted.

City Engineer Kelli Scott submitted a update on the various projects Snyder & Associates are working on for the city. She plans on providing this on a monthly basis. They are 90% complete with the plans for the 71st Street realignment; beginning the design for the Cardinal Avenue extension; and preliminary data has been submitted to the IDNR for the wastewater treatment plant improvements. She hopes to attend the January 20th Council Meeting with additional information. She has not received a copy of the Final Plat for the Ridgeview 5th Addition. The contractor has ceased work for the winter.

Council member Drahos will represent the City on the Benton Community Foundation. No one volunteered to represent the City on the Benton Development Group.

The City Clerk has published notice for the Clerk position in the Gazette, and The Star Press Union. He has received eight replies. The public has until January 17th to submit resumes

The Clerk reported he is looking at a new computer and water billing software. He will have more information for the next meeting.

On motion by Harbach, second by Herman, council voted to adjourn. Ayes: Herman, Harbach, Drahos, Duball and Korsmo. Nays: none. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, January 20, 2014 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

David Becker, Mayor

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Richard Lange, Clerk