

Present: Glass, Elsbernd, Schmitt, Schneider,  
Absent: Karnik.

Mayor Paul Herold called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Herold announced the public hearing to consider vacation of a city street and potential conveyance of city property was now open for any questions or comments. Roger Franzen inquired whether an easement would be established to access the adjacent properties. Franzen was informed an access easement for ingress and egress was included in the deed. The Clerk reported there were no written comments or objections submitted. After which time, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Al Becker noted Fort Atkinson Historic Preservation received a donation and the Winneshiek County Historical Society will be meeting in Fort Atkinson on April 13th. Becker also commented on the recent awarding of Winneshiek County Community Foundation funds; a \$2000 grant to the City for community center doors and a \$6000 grant to the Fort Atkinson Fire Department for an imaging camera.

Ron Franzen made the Council aware the DNR will be making a stop in Fort Atkinson to verify the City's generator.

Winneshiek County Supervisor, Mark Kuhn, reported the bridge by the Community Park is closed. Thus no access to the Community Park from then north. Kuhn explained it will be approximately two years before a new bridge is installed and the road opened for through traffic. He urged the Mayor and Council to contact the Winneshiek County Engineer if they have any concerns regarding either the old or new bridge. Mayor Herold asked that Kuhn check into a street light request the City made some years ago to be installed at the intersection of Co. Rd B32 and Hwy 24.

John Hjelle, from Erdman Engineering, went over information he put together for upgrading the City's sewage lift station. Estimated costs put the project well over \$100,000. Before the project can proceed the DNR will have to give their approval and issue any necessary permits.

Greg Barta reported there is an on going problem with paper towels and other non-biodegradable products being run through the City's sanitary sewer system. These products plug up the floats in the lift station which can lead to serious problems.

Barta pointed out two curb stops on 10th Ave were installed last fall and the street will need to be repaired. The property owners will be responsible for those repairs, but due to the condition of the street, Barta is recommending the City make additional repairs to 10th Ave south of the railroad tracks. Barta presented cost estimates to overlay the street with asphalt. After discussing the matter, the Council suggested Barta also get a price estimate for concrete.

Motion by Glass to approve the following consent items: March 6, 2013 council minutes, clerk's reports, and monthly bills, seconded by Schmitt, carried, one absent.

Schneider made a motion to hire Michael R. Kuhn to fill the summer 2013 part-time seasonal position, seconded by Schmitt, carried, one absent. Kuhn will be paid \$8.50/hr.

The Council held a general discussion concerning the hanging plant baskets being placed in the down town area; the number being hung, utility vehicle needed to water the plants, volunteers to water the plants and the importance of donations to help fund the plants.

Elsbernd made a motion introducing **Ordinance #12**, an ordinance to vacate portions of a city street in the City of Fort Atkinson, Iowa, seconded by Glass.

The Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council members voted:

Ayes: Glass, Elsbernd, Schmitt, Schneider.

Nays: None. Absent: Karnik.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

A motion was made by Schneider to waive the second and third readings for **Ordinance #12**, an ordinance to vacate portions of a city street, seconded by Elsbernd.

The Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council members voted:

Ayes: Glass, Elsbernd, Schmitt, Schneider.

Nays: None. Absent: Karnik.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved with the ordinance becoming effective after posting.

The 5th St. right-of-way reversion and acquisition was tabled.

Barta was directed to try and sell an older Hobart mixer on Craig's List.

Glass made a motion approving the renewal of Lickety Split's Beer/Sunday Sales Permit, seconded by Schneiter, carried, one absent.

Schneiter made a motion introducing **Resolution #248**, a resolution approving the conveyance by the City of Fort Atkinson, Iowa, of its right, title and interest in certain land to Roger M. and Janet E. Franzen, seconded by Glass.

The Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council members voted:

Ayes: Glass, Elsbernd, Schmitt, Schneiter.

Nays: None. Absent: Karnik.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and the resolution approved.

Elsbernd made a motion setting a public hearing for May 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of amending the FY13 Budget, seconded by Glass, carried, one absent.

Glass made a motion introducing **Ordinance #13**, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Atkinson, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to service charges for water service by adding a monthly \$5.00 fee for capital improvements, seconded by Schneiter.

The Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council members voted:

Ayes: Glass, Elsbernd, Schmitt, Schneiter.

Nays: None. Absent: Karnik.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Elsbernd made a motion introducing **Ordinance #14**, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Atkinson, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to service charges for sewer rental, by adding a monthly \$5.00 fee for capital improvements, seconded by Schmitt.

The Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council members voted:

Ayes: Glass, Elsbernd, Schmitt, Schneiter.

Nays: None. Absent: Karnik.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

With the bridge closed on the county road north of the Community Park for approximately two year, Mayor Herold stressed the need for area residents to be aware of alternative routes in and out of the City. Especially if the highway bridge should be closed for some unforeseen reason.

The Mayor and Council discussed St. John's request to use the community center for their weekend mass while the church is being renovated. If no one has asked to rent the facility the church can hold their weekend mass at the community center at no charge. If someone wants to rent the facility the church will need to pay the normal rate charged or have their service some where else.

Next months agenda items will include, the budget amendment hearing, street maintenance, approve budget amendment, the 5th St acquisition/reversion, the sewer lift project and the second readings for Ordinances #13 and #14.

Schmitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Schneiter, carried, one absent. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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Mayor

March 2013 Expenses					
Ace-phone service	187.79	Darin Barta-rental fee	35.00	IAMU-meeting fee & member dues	430.99
Alliant-elect utility	1429.64	Data Tech-meeting fee	47.50	IA League of Cities-mtg fee	60.00
American Girl-subscription	22.95	Family Fun-subscription	14.95	IPERS-March IPERS	1113.69
Baker & Taylor-library books & videos	55.37	Farmers Union Coop-supplies	214.58	James krivachek-GIS services	600.00
Calmar Courier-publication & ad	154.50	Fort Atkinson Rental-montly rent	45.00	Keystone Lab-lab fees	11.00
Carquest-operating supplies	122.89	Greg Barta-insur/mtg reimburse	279.28	Knowbuddy Resources-library books	254.24
Chris Bodensteiner-supp reimb	84.90	Hawkeye Sanitation-garbage service	2082.96	Lees Repair-snow removal	1830.00
IRS-March Fed deposit	1796.31	Hawkins Inc-operating supplies	325.77	Marv Smith Elect- operating supplies	128.30
Cuisine at Home-subscription	28.00	Hubers Store-maint/operating supp.	185.49	Mcalls Quilting-subscription	17.98

Regular Meeting  
April 3, 2013

Mediacom-internet service	55.30
US Post Office-postage	112.00
Shriners-library services	50.00
Treasurer State of Iowa-state taxes	712.00
US Cellular-phone services	80.51
March Payroll	5745.15

**Total 18314.04**

**March 2013 Expenses by Fund**

General	10289.32
Road Use	2769.11
Employee Benefits	275.00
Water	2959.54
Sewer	2021.07

**Total 18314.04**

**March 2013 Revenues**

General	4951.77
Library Trust	250.00
Road Use Tax	3221.58
Employee Benefits	162.79
Emergency Levy	45.65
Local Option Tax	2536.72
Debt Service	123.09
Water	4493.01
Sewer	4907.80

**Total 20692.41**