

Present: Glass, Bulgren, Schneiter, Schmitt, Elsbernd.

Absent: None.

Nick Wemark and Ron Franzen were in attendance for the entire meeting. Nick Nienhaus was present for a short time reporting for the Decorah Newspaper.

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

Al Becker told the Mayor and Council the Fort Atkinson community was associated with receiving the benefits of four grants awarded by the Winneshiek County Community Foundation grant distribution committee; Fort Atkinson Fire Dept received \$10,000 for upgrades, City of Fort Atkinson \$5000 for replacing windows in the library/museum bldg, Winneshiek County Recycling Center received \$10,000 to put additional collection bins in Fort Atkinson, Calmar and Ossian, NE Iowa Food Bank received \$4000 to provide weekend food for needy Turkey Valley, South Winn, CFS and DeSales students.

Tara Hoffert and Tom Bushman, from Bushman Insurance, went over price quotations for the City's insurance renewal with the Mayor and Council. Companies compared were EMC, the City's current insurance carrier and ICAP. They noted both are very good companies with total cost and coverage comparisons being similar.

Ron Franzen asked the Council if the Fire Department could do some minor remodeling to the upper level in the fire department building. If the changes are to be made they should be done before the new carpet is installed. The Council told Franzen to make the changes as needed. Franzen also suggested it may be more cost effective to have the carpenter who is installing the windows in the library/museum window look at installing the new door in the fire station, too.

Greg Barta reported he is working on obtaining additional proposals for the windows and installation at the library/museum, drainage pipe has been purchased for the Phillips project, areas of curbing and sidewalk may need some maintenance. Discussion followed.

Glass made a motion to approve the following consent items March 2, 2011 council minutes, clerk's reports, and the monthly bills, seconded by Bulgren, carried.

Bulgren made a motion approving the Management Agreement Amendment, amending the original agreement dated June 3, 1996, between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the City of Fort Atkinson for the Fort Atkinson Rendezvous Days, seconded by Glass, carried.

Erdman Engineering submitted a written update to the Mayor and Council detailing what their firm has done thus far on evaluating the options for improving the City's water system. The Council had a general discussion on the matter.

Schneiter made a motion to increase FY2012 wages \$.35/hr for the Public Works Superintendent and the City Clerk, seconded by Bulgren, carried with Schmitt and Elsbernd voting no.

Elsbernd informed the Mayor and Council that at this time the City of Calmar is not interested in providing any type of police protection to the City of Fort Atkinson. They are concerned the extra workload may stretch their current police department too thin. Mayor Herold noted other options will continue to be explored.

Mayor Herold reported he has once again spoke to Winneshiek County Engineer Lee Bjerke to try and get a light installed at the intersection of County Road B32 and Hwy 24.

Glass made a motion approving the renewal of Lickety-Splits Beer/Sunday Sales Permit, seconded by Bulgren, carried.

Schmitt made a motion to continue using Hawkeye Sanitation as the City's garbage hauler, seconded by Elsbernd, carried.

Elsbernd made a motion setting a public hearing for May 4, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of amending the 2010/2011 Budget, seconded by Schmitt, carried.

A brief discussion was held concerning Mediacom's cable franchise with the City which expires 3/1/2014.

Elsbernd made a motion introducing **Resolution #235** a resolution adopting Winneshiek County, Iowa Multi-Jurisdiction (MJ-9) Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Schneider.

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

Ayes: Glass, Bulgren, Schneider, Schmitt, Elsbernd.

Nays: None.

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

After discussing the insurance proposals presented earlier in the meeting, the consensus of the Council is to continue with EMC, the City's current insurance carrier.

Ron Franzen gave a brief report on the Rendezvous meeting held in March. The 35th Rendezvous is scheduled for September 24th and 25th and the theme chosen is "Reflections of the Past".

Schmitt reported the 4-H is sponsoring an identity theft seminar for June 8th at the Fort Atkinson Community Center.

The Mayor and Council had a general discussion concerning: spring property clean up, no open burning in the City, and seasonal part-time help.

Schmitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Schneider, carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

March 2011 Expenses		Hubers Store-maint/operating supp.	227.30	Total	39018.88
Ace-phone service	204.30	IAMU-meeting fees	50.00	March 2011 Expenses by Fund	
Alliant-elect utility	1679.78	Iowa Patch-maintenance supplies	113.00	General	13135.58
Baker & Taylor-library books	342.33	IPERS-March IPERS	588.85	Library Trust	2611.99
C.A.S.H-LP gas	2911.25	Jean Franzen-reimbursement	9.96	Road Use	2364.36
Calmar Courier-publication	352.46	Keystone Lab-lab fees	10.50	Local Option Tax	7000.00
Centurion-library supplies	84.00	Lees Repair-equipment services	602.50	Water	7523.92
IRS-March fed deposit	1116.11	Lickety Split-vehicle fuel	745.10	Sewer	6383.03
Com-Tech Electronics-equip repair	195.50	Louis Smith-reimbursement	172.00	Total	39018.88
Country-subscription	19.98	Marco-computer supplies	79.99	March 2011 Revenues	
Data Technologies-meeting fee	47.50	Martin Hanson-operating supplies	25.80	General	6008.05
Dave Shatek-reimbursement	50.00	Martin's Flag Co-flag	58.71	Road Use Tax	2807.46
David Huinker-technology services	600.00	Marv Smith Electric-repair/maint	428.33	Library Trust	25.00
Dell Marketing-computer equipment	1848.00	Mediacom-internet service	47.95	Museum	15.00
Demco-library supplies	150.70	Lee Fisher-snow removal	855.00	Employee Benefits	224.84
Farmers Union Coop-operating supp	50.00	US Post Office-postage	101.16	Emergency Levy	66.40
Franzen Sales & Service-mower	17705.00	Raymond Lensing-services	87.00	Local Option Tax	2499.81
Greg Barta-insur/mtg reimburse	283.77	Riha Auto Repair-truck maint.	261.80	Debt Service	190.14
Gundersen Clinic-member fee	50.00	Sports Illustrated Kids-subscription	25.96	Water	4791.01
Hawkeye Sanitation-garbage service	2164.91	State Treasurer-state taxes	614.00	Sewer	5205.57
		US Cellular-phone services	79.57	Total	21833.28
		March Payroll	3978.81		