

Present: Glass, Schroeder, P. Schmitt, Schneider, and K. Schmitt  
Absent: Greg Barta

Mayor Paul Herold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dale Huber asked the Council for a guard rail to be installed in the northeast corner of the alley by his shop as there has been some cars close to entering his yard and he is worried for his safety. He does not feel there is enough room for rocks to be placed there with the lot line being so close to the building. Mayor Paul Herold advised he would discuss with Greg Barta.

Riccardo Rausch sent an email requesting city water access to his property west of town. He was unable to make it to the meeting. Herold advised we would need to have a Recorded Easement signed by the Proprietor, Specified location where hookup will be placed, Water System Plan Specifications including valve shutoffs at top and bottom, and DNR approval for the project to proceed. Amie Johansen, along with Herold and Barta will develop a letter and provide Rausch with specifications.

Miles Kupka spoke on behalf of the Museum and Historical Preservation Committee, and advised Jerry Schmitt will take over as Treasurer. Mary Moser has decided to Resign after serving 20 years on the committee. The committee is down to 5 members and would like to add some new members. Council asked them to post at the different places in town to recruit new interest.

Jerry Hildebrand, Iowa DNR, advised he is searching for grants to assist in some renovations at the Fort. Department of Cultural Affairs is willing to assist. The Council gave him permission to proceed with their backing on any grant that can assist.

Ron Franzen advised Council the Fire Department was recently awarded an Iowa DNR grant for \$1,740 towards Equipment. He has also applied for a FEMA grant for AirPaks, and is waiting to hear back on that.

Greg Barta was not present to give any reports.

Motion was made by K. Schmitt, seconded by Schroeder, to approve November 2, 2016 Minutes, Clerk's Reports, and the Monthly Bills. All Aye. Carried.

Herold has met with both State and Federal FEMA reps, as well as the Engineer and UERPC grant writer, regarding the flooding and the Sewer Project. FEMA first looks at the cost associated to restore to pre-flood state, then Mitigation plans, which would be moving the Lagoon to the north, and costs associated with that. The land needed to be purchased may possibly be reimbursed as well. The cross-section graphing has been done to see what level it's in the Flood Plain. Herold would like to see a drainage channel to alleviate some of the flooding issues in the trailer court as part of the mitigation plan.

This was the time and place set for the Public Hearing on Vacating the Alley from 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, and from 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue as previously requested. Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Glass, seconded by Schneider. All Aye. Carried. After no comments or questions were received, Motion was made by Schneider, seconded by Schroeder, to Close the Public Hearing. All Aye. Carried.

Motion was then made by K. Schmitt, seconded by Glass, to Pass Ordinance 19, to Vacate the Alley as stated. All Aye. Carried.

Motion was then made by Glass, seconded by Schneider, to approve Resolution 284, a Resolution approving the conveyance as previously stated. All Aye. Carried.

Herold advised Barta worked with FEMA on hauling out the sand from the flooding. He received 3 bids as required, and weighed each load. Nothing has been done on the Lagoon as of yet. Herold has provided pictures to FEMA, and praised the work Shawn, the EMA coordinator has done in assisting with everything related to the flood.

No building permits were submitted for review.

Lee's Repair was the only Snow Removal bid received. Bid was for \$70/hour for End loader and Road Grader, \$55/hour for Dump Truck, \$50/hour for Skid Loader with small bucket, and \$60/hour for Skid Loader with large bucket. Motion was made by P. Schmitt, seconded by Glass, to approve as submitted. All Aye. Carried.

Kay Schmitt advised the Turkey Valley Clovers talked to Barta asking what the 4-H group could do for a project for Fort Atkinson, and they discussed the perennial beds at the Ball Park, as they were ruined in the flood. Monsanto will provide matching funds from \$50-\$500. Johansen will write a letter of support by the Council.

Regular Meeting  
December 7, 2016

Stephanie Fromm, Winneshiek County Development Executive Director, sent a letter requesting Fort Atkinson to help fund an Affordable Housing Study for Winneshiek County. The contribution request is for \$421. Council agreed to pay our portion of the study.

Council advised Johansen to pay the Annual Support and License Renewal with Data Technologies for \$2,300.92. No motion needed, but they appreciate seeing the information for review.

Kay Schmitt offered to represent Fort Atkinson in making a proposal to Spectrum and Depot for request for funds for the dishwasher at the Community Center. Council gave their permission for her to proceed.

In new business, discussed the City website. Johansen advised she is having issues with adding information on it. Herold would like a meeting set up to discuss renovating the webpage, and advised he would be available the week after Christmas if that would work for Cory at IROC. Johansen will set up the meeting.

Future Agenda – Council would like to discuss Police coverage with Joe Ward, Calmar Police Chief. Schneiter advised we should contact the Mayor. Herold will make the contact.

Next meeting will be changed to Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Schneiter made a motion to adjourn, Schroeder seconded. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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

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Mayor

**November 2016 Expenses**

Acentek – Phone	435.22	Moellers Trucking – Flood Removal	7,620.00
Alliant – Electric	1,531.83	NEIA Tree Service – Stump Removal	100.00
Baker & Taylor-Books	260.93	Novak Insurance – Clerk Bond	100.00
Bank Iowa-HSA Account	100.00	US Postal – Postage	68.00
Bruening Rock-Rock	186.65	Pro-Hydro Testing – Testing	808.00
Calmar Courier – Publishing	74.93	Riley’s – Cartridges	65.99
Darin Barta – Rental	35.00	SEH – Engineering	1,095.54
Emergency Aparatus – Supplies	1,558.43	Sherwin Williams – Supplies	563.98
Farmers Union Cooperative-Supplies	174.27	Thompson Truck & Trailer – Repairs	487.13
Food Network – Subscription	29.97	Time Magazine – Subscription	34.75
Fort Atkinson Rentals-Rent Fee	45.00	US Cell – Phone	101.34
Franzen – UPS	36.27	Wellmark – Insurance	394.24
Gary Mihm -Pump Lagoon	457.60		
Greg Barta – Christmas Lights	26.22	Total Payroll	6,422.61
Hawkeye Sanitation – Garbage	2,094.39	Fed/FICA Taxes	1,909.01
Hawkins – Azone	239.00	IPERS	<u>1,030.49</u>
Heying Lumber – Light Repair	32.80	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,726.93</b>
Hubers – Supplies	320.44		
IAMWCA-Work Comp Insurance	903.00	<b>October2016 Revenues</b>	
Iowa Rural Water Assoc – Dues	225.00	General	9,969.91
Jay’s Auto-Tire Mounting	139.65	Library Trust	
John Deere Financial-Concrete Mix	45.58	Museum	
Keystone Lab-Testing	218.00	Road Use Tax	2,400.77
Lee’s Repair – Skid Loader	435.00	Employee Benefits	125.56
Luana Bank – Loan Interest	3,342.65	Emergency Levy	24.89
Martha Stewart – Subscription	19.00	Local Option Tax	3,033.30
Marv Smith – Parts	9.29	Debt Service	76.38
Mediacom – Internet	57.98	Capitol Project	
Mid America Books – Books	81.75	Water	6,461.03
		Sewer	<u>6,540.32</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,632.16</b>