

Present: Bulgren, Glass, Schneiter, Elsbernd, Schmitt.
Absent: None.
Ron Franzen was present at the meeting.

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

Ron Franzen reported a tree grant has been awarded in the amount of \$1790.00. The grant is for 33 trees. Franzen also updated the Mayor and Council on the following: NIMS meeting in March; a county wide grant being applied for to update communications equipment for fire departments, first responders and law enforcement; progress continues to convert the military truck to a tanker for the fire department. Franzen also went over the financial report for the 2010 Rendezvous and noted he is planning to have a community meeting in the coming weeks to discuss Rendezvous.

Greg Barta presented the Mayor and Council with cost estimates for various items needing to be considered for the 2011/2012 Budget; sewer line cleaning and televising, cleaning the interior of the water tower, riding lawn mower, pickup w/blade and various power tools. Discussion followed.

Bulgren made a motion to approve the following consent items January 5, 2011 council minutes, clerk's reports, and the monthly bills, seconded by Schneiter, carried.

Ron Franzen told the Mayor and Council he has been communicating with DNR park ranger Scot Michelson and was informed the City should be receiving written confirmation stating the mowing agreement between the City and the DNR will be canceled; thus meaning the City will no longer be mowing "The Fort" property.

The City Clerk went over the revenue and expense figures for the 2011/2012 Budget with the Mayor and Council. The proposed tax levy is set at \$12.53/1000 of valuation. This is \$.14/1000 increase over the current year's levy of \$12.39. Along with routine expenditures it was the consensus of the Council to include the following expenditures in the budget; televising and cleaning sewer lines, a new pickup w/blade, cleaning the interior of the water tower, a new riding lawn mower, power tools and street maintenance. The extent as to what will be done with streets will be determined this spring. Wages were briefly discussed but no decision was made.

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.

Schneiter made a motion setting the public hearing date and time for the 2011/2012 Budget for March 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. seconded by Bulgren, carried.

Scot Michelson submitted a revised Management Agreement between the City of Fort Atkinson and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding responsibilities relating to the Fort Atkinson Rendezvous. The revised agreement basically turns over the responsibility to administer the event to the City of Fort Atkinson. Therefore if the event is to continue the citizens of Fort Atkinson will be in charge. The DNR is still responsible to maintain the grounds and buildings. Following discussion on the matter, the Council is recommending the agreement include stipulations the DNR maintain the grounds by following the mowing guidelines required in the City's Code of Ordinances.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the excessive snow fall this winter and dealing with the removal of the snow. The City is doing its best to keep the streets plowed and with narrow boulevards (city right of way) plus wind, snow piles up. The Council is asking residents to be aware of the following:

1. If residents choose to move snow from the city right of way in front of their homes, the snow needs to be pushed back onto their own property. The City deems it inappropriate to take snow from the city right of way and dump it on city right of way elsewhere.
2. For fire safety, shovel the snow away from fire hydrants.
3. You cannot park on any streets or parking areas during snow removal operations unless the street has been plowed.
4. You cannot push snow from private property, sidewalks or driveways onto the traveled portion of the street.

Bulgren made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Glass, carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

January 2011 Expenses	
Ace-phone service	166.13
Alliant-elect utility	1886.39
Allied Insurance-insurance bond	100.00
C.A.S.H-LP gas	2740.00
Calmar Courier-publication	98.37
Christina Bodensteiner-libr. Supplies	47.50
IRS-December fed deposit	1089.93
Data Technologies-operating supplies	117.99
Farmers Unio Coop-operating supp.	110.00
Franzen Sales & Services-repair/supp	745.64
Gledhill Road Machinery-repair	377.98
Greg Barta-insur reimburse	275.00
Hach Company-operating supplies	91.91
Hawkeye Sanitation-garbage service	2164.91
Hawkeye Truck-repair	66.87
Healthy Cooking-subscription	10.00
Heying Mfg-maintenance supplies	69.34
Hubers Store-maint/operating	278.56

supp.	
IAMU-safety group chgs	193.97
IA Municipal Finance Officers-dues	30.00
Iowa One Call-locate service	1.80
IPERS-January IPERS	578.11
Junior Library Guild-books	585.60
Keystone Lab-lab fees	26.40
Kirkeyby Welding-railling	1600.00
Lees Repair-snow removal	3773.75
Lickety Split-vehicle supplies	499.53
Marv Smith Electric-repair/maint	933.38
Mediacom-internet service	47.95
Mid America Books-library books	76.80
Ode Design-books	38.00
US Post Office-postage	98.04
ProBuild-building maintenance	2104.93
Sims TV & Electronics-supplies	19.99
Temple Display-supplies	69.33
State Treasurer-4th qtr s/tax	971.00
US Cellular-phone services	79.57
January Payroll	3914.24
Total	26078.91

Jan. 2010 Expenses by Fund	
General	16494.71
Road Use	4946.14
Employee Benefits	275.00
Water	3000.31
Sewer	1362.75
Total	26078.91
January 2011 Revenues	
General	10895.15
Road Use Tax	2576.31
Library Trust	17.00
Museum	15.00
Employee Benefits	7.18
Emergency Levy	2.12
Local Option Tax	2909.76
Debt Service	6.07
Water	4283.61
Sewer	4772.06
Total	25484.26