

Prior to the regular council meeting Mayor Herold, council members; Karnik, Schmitt, Schneiter, Glass and Ron Franzen, Bruce Goetsch and the city clerk Bakewell met with Karla Organist to discuss the City of Fort Atkinson's section and their future needs and strategies as part of Winneshiek County's hazard mitigation plan. Due to the probability of a quorum of council at this meeting it was posted with the council meeting agenda.

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

Absent: None.

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

Phyllis Doubek expressed her appreciation to the Council for requiring fuel tanks to be anchored; noting the safety factor especially during flood situations. Doubek also said she was concerned with cars and other things sitting around that could cause problems if flooding should occur and asked if there was anything that could be done to remedy that. The Mayor and Council added the problem is on going and they continue to try and do what they can to make it better.

Casey Mai from Upper Explorerland Planning Commission explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Mayor and Council discussed the need to make improvements to the city's sewage lagoon and having an opportunity for grant funds would help to finance a project. Mai suggested if the City was interested in applying for a grant it would be a good time to start now. This allows for the grant process to move forward without rushing and gives ample time to prepare the application before the November deadline. The matter was discussed after which the Council asked Mai to assist the City in preparing a CDBG application to make improvements to the city's sewage lagoon. Mai also gave a progress report on the FEMA grant application for the sewage lift station.

Alan Becker reported the Fort Atkinson Historic Preservation Commission learned the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs awarded a grant in the amount of \$11,354.00 for an archaeological survey to see if there is a Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) Ridged Corn Field adjacent to the 1940's Hewitt-Olmsted Trading Post in Winneshiek County. The event will take place this summer.

Ron Franzen made the Mayor and Council aware the Fort Atkinson Fire Dept. and Friends of Fort are each submitting an application for a Community Foundation Grant.

Greg Barta gave his report; community center doors are installed, most of the city's sewer lines have now been cleaned and inspected, maintenance needs on various city properties.

Motion by Karnik to approve the following consent items: December 4, 2013 council minutes, clerk's reports, and monthly bills, seconded by Glass, carried.

An application to connect to the City's water utility was discussed. The Council tabled the matter until questions raised concerning the ownership of the waterline to be connected to can be clarified.

There was a general discussion regarding the FY15 Budget with plans to further discuss the matter at the February 5, 2014 council meeting.

Elsbernd made a motion approving the Fort Atkinson's Library Board's request to appoint Jeff Schmitt to the Library Board filling the opening left vacant when Stephen James Zbornik resigned, seconded by Schmitt, carried.

The Council decided that to equalize the insurance reimbursement stipend, which is now required to be included as taxable income, the city's full-time employee will be paid \$275.00 plus an additional \$83.00/month.

Elsbernd made a motion designating the Calmar Courier as the City of Fort Atkinson's official newspaper, seconded by Schmitt, carried.

Karnik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Glass, carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

Regular Meeting
January 8, 2014

December 2013 Expenses					
Ace-phone service	196.07	IPERS-December IPERS	970.20	General	11159.84
Alliant-elect utility	1582.28	John Deere Financial-operating supp.	193.88	Road Use Tax	4315.70
Allied Insurance-bond	100.00	Keystone Lab-lab fees	66.00	Employee Benefits	313.20
Baker & Taylor-library books	430.63	Kurt Anfinson-library supplies	168.14	Emergency Levy	89.21
Brian Zweibohmer-services	435.60	Lee's Repair-equip rent	279.00	Local Option Tax	2838.55
C.A.S.H.-entry doors	7848.00	Loren Franzen Const.-maint.services	980.00	Debt Service	232.40
Mid America Publishing-publishing/ad	104.82	Marv Smith Elect.-repair	32.57	Water	5614.89
IRS-December Fed deposit	1454.56	Mediacom-internet service	55.30	Sewer	6105.66
Darin Barta-rental fee	35.00	Mid America Books-library books	97.70	Total	30669.45
Denise Elsbernd-reimb library supplies	76.38	Midwest Living-subscription	19.97	2013 Gross Wages	
Farmers Union Coop-operating supp.	309.40	Olsgard Auto Sales-maint supplies	29.97	Joyce Bakewell	11937.12
Fauser Energy Resources-LP gas	1776.36	US Post Office-postage	112.00	Greg Barta	47459.35
Fine Gardening-subscription	49.95	Treas State of Iowa-4th qtr taxes	622.00	Chris Bodensteiner	9750.00
Fort Atkinson Nursery-supplies	38.30	Turkey Valley Clovers-supplies	60.00	Michele Elsbernd	250.00
Fort Atkinson Rental-monthly rent	45.00	US Cellular-phone services	83.74	Jean Franzen	2840.00
Franzen Sales & Service-rep/UPS chgs	91.99	Winn. Co. Auditor-election expense	879.78	Robert Glass	325.00
Gina Smith-reimb library supplies	140.26	December Payroll	6412.98	Paul Herold	1125.00
Hawkeye Sanitation-garbage service	2102.79	Total	28696.94	Kevin Karnik	300.00
Hawkins Inc-operating supplies	289.20	December 2013 Expenses by Fund		Michael Kuhn	4683.50
Hubers Store-maint/operating supp.	457.12	General	23758.82	Raymond Lensing	461.13
IMFOA-member dues	40.00	Road Use Tax	882.18	Cynthia Luzum	1798.13
Iowa Library Assoc-member dues	30.00	Water	2316.90	Ann Schaufenbuel	348.00
		Sewer	1739.04	Kay Schmitt	325.00
		Total	28696.94	David Schneider	325.00
		December 2013 Revenues		Total	81927.23