

Present: Glass, Schmitt, Karnik, Elsbernd, Schneider.,  
Absent: None.

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

Mayor Herold announced the public hearing for the FY2013/2014 Budget was now open for any questions or comments. There were no written comments or objections submitted, nor were there any comments or objections from those present. After which time, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Kris Timp, representing Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, explained the organization was established in 1972. It serves five counties and fifty-two cities of which includes Fort Atkinson. Timp went on to point out the various programs and services they offer.

James Krivachek presented the completed GIS mapping of Oak Hill Cemetery. He demonstrated how to use the system and the capabilities available.

Greg Barta reported there is a problem with outside water leaking into the Community Center kitchen area. He hopes his temporary fix will work until he can do a better job of investigating the problem after the snow melts. Barta explained new DNR regulations will require the water being pumped at the tower will have to be monitored daily. Also in Jan. 2014 no lead will be allowed in any fittings, water meters or valves the City uses.

Barta made the Mayor and Council aware that most of the water meters installed are between fifteen and twenty years old which is pretty much the meters life span. He explained when meters get that old the gears start wearing out and the meter begins to slow down. As a result the water reading is usually less than the actual water going through the meter. Barta suggested randomly pulling some meters and have them tested for accuracy. He also recommended the City start putting money aside to replace all the water meters.

The Mayor and Council discussed the water meter issue with Barta. Another concern besides age of the meters is the fact the meters and fittings contain lead. It was the consensus of the Council that the meters should be replaced in the near future. Implementing both water and sewer system improvement fees will be considered to raise revenue to help fund larger projects. This fee would help defray costs that go beyond the everyday water and sewer system expenses .

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

Barta discussed the options with the Mayor and Council for the improvements needed at the sewer lift station. It was agreed the lift pumps should include digital controls, a transducer and a web based monitoring system. The City's engineer will be contacted to prepare the necessary paperwork to send to the DNR. DNR approval will be needed before the project can proceed.

Elsbernd made a motion introducing **Resolution #246**, a resolution approving the FY2013/2014 Budget, seconded by Schneider.

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

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

Nays: None.

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

The Clerk was directed to post a notice to hire summer part time help.

The Mayor and Council discussed sponsoring a city wide spring clean up day. The event for Fort Atkinson residents will be held on Saturday May 4, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to noon and will be located east of the hay auction location. Fort Atkinson residents will be provided details of the event in the near future.

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 needed to water the plants and donations to help fund the plants.

Consideration to trade or keep the City's riding lawn mower was discussed. Because of a dry summer last year, the mower had lower than normal hours of use. Therefore it was decided not to trade in the mower this year.

Due to lack of documentation the 5th St. right-of-way reversion and acquisition was tabled.

Glass made a motion approving the renewal of Woody's Liquor/Beer/Sunday Sales/Outdoor Service Area Permit, seconded by Schneiter, carried with Karnik abstaining.

Elsbernd made a motion introducing **Resolution #247**, a resolution setting a hearing to consider vacation of a city street and potential conveyance of city property by the City of Fort Atkinson, Iowa., seconded by Schneiter.

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

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

Nays: None.

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

Schneiter explained there are used lights available for sale that would work at the City's baseball field . It was agreed it would be nice to add lights to the baseball field. but it will need to be accomplished without City funds. The City's budget does not have any extra monies available for such a project.

Glass made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Schmitt, carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Attest:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

<b>February 2013 Expenses</b>		Road Use	2161.72
Ace-phone service	189.12	Employee Benefits	275.00
Alliant-elect utility	2017.16	Water	2633.52
Baker & Taylor-library books & videos	645.40	Sewer	3785.86
Calmar Courier-publication & ad	89.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>21632.96</b>
Chris Bodensteiner-supp reimb	32.06	<b>February 2013 Revenues</b>	
IRS-February Fed deposit	1175.31	General	12044.47
City Laundering Co	145.95	Library Trust	500.00
Darin Barta-rental fee	35.00	Road Use Tax	2558.86
David Huinker-library services	300.00	Local Option Tax	2889.35
Entertainment-subscription	20.00	Water	4248.45
Erdman Engineering-services	1828.30	Sewer	4912.79
Farmers Union Coop-supplies	41.16	<b>Total</b>	<b>27153.92</b>
Fort Atkinson Rental-monthly rent	45.00		
Franzen Sales & Service-supp & repair	359.58		
Good Housekeeping-subscription	21.37		
Greg Barta-insur reimburse	275.00		
Hach Co-operating supplies	96.15		
Hawkeye Sanitation-garbage service	2071.53		
Hovey LP Gas-LP gas	2128.00		
Hubers Store-maint/operating supp.	256.05		
IPERS-February IPERS	734.76		
Keystone Lab-lab fees	10.50		
Lees Repair-snow removal	1194.00		
Marv Smith Elect- service & repair	191.57		
Matt Parrott/Storey Kenworthy-supp.	490.81		
Mediacom-internet service	55.30		
Mihm Transp.Co-operating supplies	58.34		
Municipal Suppl.-operating supplies	200.96		
Napa Auto Parts-repair	29.99		
Perry Novak Elect.-maint supplies	119.70		
US Post Office-postage	66.00		
Region 1 AWWA-mtg fee	20.00		
Rite Price Office Suppl-cabinets	876.83		
Sam Hageman Const-sidewalk maint	1632.00		
Penworthy Co-library books	154.91		
US Cellular-phone services	80.51		
Winn. Co. Engineer-supplies	140.00		
February Payroll	3805.64		
<b>Total</b>	<b>21632.96</b>		
<b>February 2013 Expenses by Fund</b>			
General	12776.86		