

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

Ron Franzen was in attendance. Dan Donlan from Concrete Foundations had submitted a cost estimate to pave 10th St. and was present at the meeting.

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

Mayor Herold announced the public hearing for the FY13 Budget Amendment 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.

Tom Bushman and Tara Hoffert from Bushman Insurance noted the City's insurance renewal has taken a substantial increase. Their recommendation to the Council is to get an additional insurance quote. After discussing the matter, the Council told Bushman and Hoffert to check into other insurance options for the City.

Lee Bjerke, Winneshiek Engineer, explained options being considered for the new bridge being proposed on 150th Street, the county road adjacent to the Fort Atkinson Community Park. There was a lengthy discussion between Bjerke, the Mayor, Council and Mark Kuhn, Winneshiek County Supervisor, on matters concerning both bridges. Bjerke told the Mayor and Council the old bridge is closed due to structural issues that make travel on it unsafe. He also noted the bridges historical significance may impact how the old bridge is removed from its present location. Bjerke suggested if the Council was interested in including a pedestrian walk-way on the new bridge they should meet with the Winneshiek County Supervisors to discuss the matter. The city clerk was directed to contact the Winneshiek County Auditor's office requesting the City of Fort Atkinson be placed on their next meeting agenda to discuss issues pertaining to the new bridge.

Rachelle Howe, director of Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. She told the Mayor and Council the lift station project is a venture that would be eligible for a CDBG application. Fort Atkinson's LMI rate also qualifies the City to make such an application. Howe indicated those grants are very competitive but there are factors in the project that may help strengthen the application if the City chooses to apply.

Greg Barta presented cost estimates to pave 10th Ave. south of the railroad tracks. The Council also gave consideration to other streets in the city needing repairs. After discussing the matter, the Council suggested Barta obtain additional cost estimates to pave 11th Street south of 4th Street. A special meeting was scheduled for May 15th to review the cost estimates so a decision can be made as to what street(s) may be paved.

Barta told the Council he is seeding areas of the ball diamond and may need to add more seed to the dike.

Motion by Elsbernd to approve the following consent items: April 3, 2013 council minutes, clerk's reports, and monthly bills, seconded by Schmitt, carried.

After further discussing the sewer lift project, the Council decided to contact Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission for their assistance in applying for a CDBG to possibly help fund the project.

The 5th St. Right-of-way reversion and acquisition was tabled.

The Council held a general discussion concerning the hanging plant baskets being placed in the down town area; a few donations have been received; volunteers are needed to help water the plants, especially on weekends and utility vehicle needed to water the plants.

Elsbernd made a motion introducing **Ordinance #13** for the second reading, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Atkinson, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to service charges for water service by adding a monthly \$5.00 fee for capital improvements, seconded by Schmitt.

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

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

Nays: None.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Schneiter made a motion introducing **Ordinance #14** for the second reading, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Atkinson, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to service charges for sewer rental, by adding a monthly \$5.00 fee for capital improvements, seconded by Glass.

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

Ayes: Glass, Schneiter, Schmitt, Karnik, Elsbernd.
Nays: None.
Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Schneiter made a motion introducing **Resolution #249**, a resolution approving the FY 13 Budget Amendment, seconded by Glass. The Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council members voted:

Ayes: Glass, Schneiter, Schmitt, Karnik, Elsbernd.
Nays: None

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

Schneiter reported he has secured \$1500.00 in donations to purchase used lighting for the City's baseball field. Additional donations and grant opportunities will be sought to pay for installation costs.

Glass made a motion approving the renewal of Huber's Store Inc. Alcoholic Beverages Permit, seconded by Schneiter, carried.

Next months agenda items will include; cigarette permits, final readings of Ordinance #13 & #14, review city insurance quotes, the 5th St acquisition/reversion and the sewer lift project .

Glass made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Karnik, carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

April 2013 Expenses		IAMU-2nd qtr NISA fee	192.42	April 2013 Expenses by Fund	
Ace-phone service	224.99	IPERS-April IPERS	768.69	General	11296.87
Alliant-elect utility	1643.39	John Deer Financial-operating supp.	54.63	Road Use	2153.06
Baker & Taylor-library books & videos	184.70	Keystone Lab-lab fees	11.00	Employee Benefits	275.00
Calmar Courier-publication & ad	76.54	L&R Mfg-operating supplies	70.45	Water	2523.30
Chris Bodensteiner-supp reimb	10.50	Lees Repair-snow removal	1108.50	Sewer	1368.14
IRS-March Fed deposit	1225.91	Lickety Split-vehicle fuel	966.63	Total	17616.37
City of Ossian-office supplies	73.53	Marv Smith Elect- maint/repair	43.78	April 2013 Revenues	
Darin Barta-rental fee	35.00	Mediacom-internet service	55.30	General	36731.30
Decorah Newspapers-subscription	35.00	Mississippi Welders-operating supp.	51.42	Museum	22.00
Fort Atkinson Rental-monthly rent	45.00	Movie Licensing USA-library service	225.00	Historic Preservation	350.00
Franzen Sales & Service-supplies	36.31	Mr. Computers-computer services	192.95	Road Use Tax	2150.24
Greg Barta-insur/mtg reimburse	286.77	People-subscription	116.07	Employee Benefits	2896.32
Gundersen Lutheran-member fee	75.00	US Post Office-postage	162.00	Emergency Levy	812.13
Hawkeye Sanitation-garbage service	2089.75	Treasurer State of Iowa-1st qtr s/tax	958.00	Local Option Tax	2536.72
Hovey LP Gas-LP gas	2408.00	US Cellular-phone services	80.38	Debt Service	2189.77
Hubers Store-maint/operating supp.	122.48	April Payroll	3986.28	Water	4335.90
		Total	17616.37	Sewer	4861.78
				Total	56886.16