

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FORT ATKINSON, WISCONSIN
SEPTEMBER 18, 2007**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by President Mielke at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

2. ROLL CALL

On call of the roll, members present were:

LaVerne Behrens
John Mielke
Jim Simdon
Steve Tesmer
Mark Zastrow

Also present were the City Manager, City Engineer, City Attorney, City Clerk/Treasurer, City Assistant Engineer and Wastewater Utility Supervisor.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Cm. Simdon, seconded by Cm. Tesmer, moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2007 regular Council meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- a. ORDINANCE DELETING HALF PRICE FEES FOR ANIMAL LICENSES OBTAINED AFTER JULY 1ST OF EACH YEAR.

The following ordinance was displayed on the overhead projector at this time:

ORDINANCE NO. 653

The City Council of the City of Fort Atkinson does hereby ordain as follows:

That Chapter 110, FEE SCHEDULE, Sec. 110-3, Animal licenses, (a) Dog licenses, (3) New license after July 1, subparagraphs a. and b.; and (b) Cat licenses, (3) New license after July 1, subparagraphs a. and b. be deleted in their entirety.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage and publication.

Dated: September 18, 2007.

The City Clerk/Treasurer stated the City was informed by the Jefferson County Humane Society that all 17 other communities in the County collect full price for the entire year. Fort Atkinson only collecting half price after July 1st causes confusion at times and the full amount is collected by the Humane Society anyway. Collecting half price can also be a hassle for City staff when adjusting the fees in the pet licensing software program.

In order to eliminate confusion, encourage early licensure and establish a uniform practice throughout the County, City staff recommends revision of the current fee schedule to discontinue the practice of collecting only half price for pets licensed after the first of July.

Cm. Tesmer, seconded by Cm. Simdon, moved to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance deleting half price fees for animal licenses obtained after July 1st of each year through its second and third readings. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Cm. Tesmer, seconded by Cm. Simdon, moved to adopt the ordinance deleting half price fees for animal licenses obtained after July 1st of each year. On call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cwmn. Behrens, moved to accept and file the Electrical, Building and Plumbing Permit reports for August, 2007; the minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held July 3, 2007; the minutes of the Dwight Foster Public Library Board meeting held August 6, 2007; and the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held September 11, 2007. The motion carried on a voice vote.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. REVIEW AND APPROVE ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WITH VEOLIA WASTE SERVICES FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PICKUP.

The City Manager reviewed the change items in the contract addendum with the Council. The Council then discussed the appropriate quantity of refuse to allow for the monthly bulk pickup. It was decided that in addition to the regular garbage container provided by Veolia, one cubic yard, or approximately two 95-gallon containers would also be collected per residential unit on bulk pickup days.

It was noted that residents would also be able to call Veolia and arrange a private pickup or take waste to the transfer station on their own.

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cwmn. Behrens, moved to approve the addendum to the contract with Veolia Waste Services for solid waste and recycling pickup with noted changes regarding the allowed quantity of solid waste for monthly bulk collection. On call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. REVISION TO EAST SHERMAN AVENUE AT NORTH MAIN STREET PARKING LOT PLAN TO REVIEW VISUAL AESTHETICS.

The Assistant City Engineer presented the changes and additions made to the previous plan. Cwmn. Behrens thanked Mr. Bushcott for his time and effort in improving the plan.

Cwmn. Behrens, seconded by Cm. Zastrow, moved to approve the revision to the East Sherman Avenue at North Main Street parking lot plan. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Resident Mike Reynders voiced his concern relating to the potential overflow of parking from tenants of the adjacent apartment complex. The Council took note of his concern and referred the issue to the Traffic Review Committee.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. REVIEW AND APPROVE QUOTES FOR DISINFECTION EQUIPMENT FOR WASTEWATER UTILITY AS BUDGETED.

The City Manager stated \$10,000 was budgeted for this item and the bid from Hawkins Water Treatment came in slightly under at \$9,984.95.

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cm. Simdon, moved to approve the quote from Hawkins Water Treatment in an amount not to exceed \$9,984.95 for disinfection equipment for the Wastewater Utility. On call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

a. GRANTING OPERATOR LICENSES.

Cm. Tesmer, seconded by Cm. Simdon, moved to approve the following list of applicants for operator licenses for the 2006-2008 license period:

REGULAR:	Kelly R. Froehlich	for use at	Blackhawk Tavern
	Jonathan R. Morkved	“ “	South Side Shell
	David V. McKee	“ “	Bienfang’s
	April J. Stark	“ “	Loeder Oil Co.
	Alison L. Yager	“ “	Rock River Lanes

The motion carried on a voice vote.

b. SET DATE FOR DEDICATION OF NEW BICENTENNIAL PARK.

The dedication for the new Bicentennial Park was set for Saturday, October 6, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

11. CLAIMS, APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

a. VERIFIED CLAIMS.

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cwmn. Behrens, moved the bills in the amounts of \$350,100.90 for the City (Fund 1); \$22,584.84 for the Sewer Utility (Fund 2); \$22,780.97 for the Water Utility (Fund 3); \$460.00 for 1901 Water Tower (Fund 8); \$2,293.91 for Downtown Economic Development (Fund 13); and \$129,541.10 for Payroll 18 as per Schedule N-54 on file in the office of the City Clerk/Treasurer and as audited and approved by the Finance Committee be allowed and orders be authorized drawn on the proper funds for their payment. On call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Cm. Zastrow, seconded by Cwmn. Behrens, moved to adjourn the September 18, 2007 regular City of Fort Atkinson Council meeting at 7:38 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote.

/s/ Matt Trebatoski
City Clerk/Treasurer

