**MINUTES**

**Town of Atkinson**

**Regular Meeting**

**April 01, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

**Honorable Mayor Wendell Newkirk; Honorable Mayor Pro tempore Dee Turner; Commissioner Denise Lewis; Commissioner Bryan Stewart; Commissioner Gary Alsup**

**Town Clerk, Becky Lanier**

**Robert Kenan, Town Attorney**

**(Mayor Newkirk, all commissioners, Becky Lanier, Town Clerk and Robert Kenan, Town Attorney were in attendance)**

1. **Honorable Mayor Wendell Newkirk called the 04/01/2021 Regular Meeting to order.**
2. **Commissioner Gary Alsup led Prayer.**
3. **Commissioner Denise Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
* **03/04/2021 Regular Meeting : Motion Commissioner Dee Turner 2nd Commissioner Bryan Stewart Motion Carried 4-0**
1. **Approval of the Agenda:**
* **Motion Commissioner Denise Lewis 2nd Commissioner Gary Alsup Motion Carried 4-0**
1. **Public Comments:**
* **None**
1. **Public Information:**
* **IPM Computers Raymond Spell and Greg Rogers presented the town with estimates for voice over internet phone system for the Town Hall, Library and Fire Department. Also in this presentation was the estimate for the handling of all IT support, emails, Wi-Fi, computer monitoring and doing a back-up of all departments each day/night and sending a report on each Saturday. IPM Computers also provide replaceable equipment such as computers, phones and routers. See attached estimates.**
1. **Fire Department: (Fire Chief Jason Turner)**
* **See Attachment**
1. **Financial/Clerk Report: (Becky Lanier, Town Clerk)**
* **S. Preston Douglas, Called and said that they could no longer represent the Town of Atkinson as our CPA, due to being short staffed. Austin Eubanks was in charge of our audit and he left to pursue a better opportunity. We were in the process of getting our books fixed when Austin left. I reached out to Austin and he is willing to continue to help us finish up on what we were working on at the price of $75.00 an hour.**

**Motion made to hire Austin Eubanks to finish helping us was made by Commissioner Bryan Stewart 2nd by Commissioner Gary Alsup motion carried 4-0**

1. **Library Report: Commissioner Gary Alsup**
* **Cards 0**
* **Visitors 35**
* **Books 25**
1. **Maintenance Report: (Commissioner Bryan Stewart)**
* **See attached Envirolink Report**
* **Cary Rivenbark gave a report on the tasks that Aaron and he performed for the town.**
* **Some concerns about Mrs. Diane Spencer drive way on 3rd Ave flooding.**
* **Also Frank Parnell’s ditch beside his house on Henry St. needs some work.**
* **The Town of Atkinson needs to look into purchasing a Back hoe.**
1. **Old Business:**
* **Old Drug Store: Mr. Woehr has an interest in purchasing this building. He is looking to spend his own money to do all the upgrades and will not be asking any monies from the town’s people. He has spoken with Pender County they own 70% and the Town of Atkinson hold the other 30%. Pender County has agreed to put this on their Agenda for the Commissioners Meeting Tuesday April 06, 2021.**
1. **New Business:**
* **Gym Rentals: we need to get up with Jay Howell and find out about the insurance for renting and what the proper procedures are for this.**
* **Renting Trash Container: it was voted on in the past that the Town would rent a container twice a year from GFL and GFL would send someone to man the containers.**
* **Use of Softball Field: Denise Lewis presented having a Town Co-Ed Adult 18 and older softball team and asked to be able to use the softball field. The Commissioners made a motion to have a Co-Ed Adult Softball team motion made Commissioner Bryan Stewart and 2nd by Commissioner Gary Alsup motion Carried 4-0**

**Motion to go into closed session made by Commissioner Dee Turner 2nd by Commissioner Gary Alsup motion carried 4-0**

**Motion to end the meeting made by Commissioner Gary Alsup 2nd by Commissioner Bryan Stewart motion carried 4-0 Meeting adjourned 9:30**