The Atkins City Council met August 12, 2025 at 7pm at Atkins City Hall. Mayor Rowdy Sweet called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Raymond Pearce. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The City Clerk called the roll. Attending were Mayor Rowdy Sweet, City Clerk Angela Singleton, and aldermen present were Bro Price, Raymond Pearce, Daniel Dunn, JoAnn Spence, and Tim Waddle. Absent was City Attorney Jacob Phillips and alderman Sean Rehm. Visitors: See attached sheet.

Raymond Pearce moved to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Tim Waddle seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0

6. Committee Reports
   a. Police: Chief Pack reported Jacob Lee will be attending the Police Academy beginning August 25th. Chief Pack reported the department will be losing another employee soon. They will be moving to the Sheriff's Office.
   b. Fire Dept: no report
   c. Street: Supervisor Mitchell Moore reported the sickle casing of the tractor is broken and is non-repairable. One suggestion is getting a bushhog for the mini-ex and that would be around $9000. Another suggestion is looking for a used tractor.
   d. Recreation: no report
   e. Planning Commission: 4 permits passed. See attached minutes
   f. Library: Kim Tise reported 734 patrons came to the library for the month of July. The month of August is usually prepping for upcoming events. The month of September is national sign up month. Mrs. Tise is encouraging everyone to stop by and sign up.
   g. Mayor's Report: Mayor Sweet presented the council a copy of the Water and Sewer System independent accountants' compilation report on applying agreed-upon procedures and financial statements: June 30, 2024. Mayor Sweet stated nothing out of the ordinary was reported and if the council had any questions, they are more than welcome to bring them to the next meeting. Mayor Sweet and one of the Atkins Teachers are working together on a mural to be painted. The Pope County Quorum Court passed Ordinance 2025-O-036, an ordinance leasing a 2015 Ford F250 truck VIN# 1FT7W2A6XFEA41212, to the City of Atkins for $1.00 per year. See attachments. Mayor Sweet asked the council to start thinking about replacing so many Christmas lights per year. Mayor Sweet went over a few laws that has recently passed during the 2025 Legislative Session.. First, Act 505: the requirement of any municipality that maintains a website or social media page to publish the time, place, date, and the most current agenda for a public meeting online at least 3 days before a regular public meeting and at least 2 hours before an emergency or special public meeting. Act 371: the state will now pay the district court judge and the City of Atkins will no longer have to pay. Mayor Sweet submitted additional paperwork for the Fun Park Grant. This will be for the playground equipment only. Mayor Sweet has not heard an answer on the FEMA grant for the Fire Department. Mayor Sweet will be entering in a Brownfield project agreement with the County and the City of Russellville to see about receiving federal grants to fix historic buildings.
7. City New Business:
   a. Resolution 2025-12: A resolution appropriating funds from the Street Department fund to the 2025 Street Budget in the amount of $29,600. The following repairs will be done: 1) Avenue 3 NW and 2) McClaren Park-paving of 5024 square feet. Bro

Price made a motion to place Resolution 2025-12 on its reading. Tim Waddle seconded the motion. Vote was:

Sean Rehm	absent	Tim Waddle	Yes
Bro Price	Yes	JoAnn Spence	Yes
Raymond Pearce	Yes	Daniel Dunn	Yes

8. City Old Business: no report
9. Water/Sewer
   a. Old Business: no report
   b. New Business: no report
10. Executive Session: No report
11. Unpaid bills, financial statements, and approval for payment: Bro Price moved to approve the payments of the City Expenses listed on the City General Bank register and Water Expenses and the bill to McClellan. Tim Waddle seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0
12. Announcements: Mitchell asked if anything can be done to stop contractors and non residents from dumping additional trash to the brush pile behind the City Pool. The council decided to table until the next meeting.
13. Daniel Dunn moved the meeting adjourned. JoAnn Spence seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0

Mayor, Rowdy Sweet

City Clerk, Angela Singleton

CITY OF ATKINS SEAL POPE COUNTY ARKANSAS

FILED
Angela Singleton, City Clerk
City of Atkins
Date: 9-9-2025

VISITORS PLEASE SIGN: DATE: August 12, 2025

PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE and ORGANIZATION (if any)
Terry Bowden	Terry L Bowden
Stephen Pick	[illegible]
LUKE SAWDY	[illegible]
Brandon Harris	B Harris
Robert Galla	Robert Galla
Kim Tise	Atkins Library - [illegible]
Mitchell Moore	Mitchell Moore
Seth Cochran	Seth Cochran EMS
Danny R Wells	[illegible] C.J

FILED
Angela Singleton, City Clerk
City of Atkins
Date: 9-9-2025

CITY OF ATKINS SEAL POPE COUNTY ARKANSAS

ATKINS CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Aug 1, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL- Present- Jerry Don Barrett, Chris Martin and Floyd Magers
   Absent- Erin Horn and Louis Schmoll.

5. MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING/S: Motion to approve Chris Martin, second Floyd Magers

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7. OLD BUSINESS:
   No old business

A. NEW BUSINESS:

-Permit- Tonya Gibson 1704 West Main. Addition to residence.

-Passed-Chris Martin motion to approve and Floyd Magers 2nd.

Approved 3-0

-Permit- Jacob Merillat 405 NE 3rd Street. Portable building/garage.

-Passed-Chris Martin motion to approve and Floyd Magers 2nd.

Approved 3-0

-Permit-Cassandra Sotomayor 505 Ave 13th SW. Storage building.

- Passed-Ch. . Martin motion to approve and Floyd Magers 2nd.
Approved 3-0

-Permit-Jonathan Whittenburg 1115 Ave 4 NE. Storage building.

- Passed-Chris Martin motion to approve and Floyd Magers 2nd.
Approved 3-0

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS-N/A

C. ADJOURNMENT- Chris Martin motioned to adjourn Floyd Magers second.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O- 036

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF POPE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO LEASE A SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLE TO THE CITY OF ATKINS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: It has been brought to the attention of the Quorum Court that Pope County owns a vehicle which is not presently essential to the operation of the Pope County Sheriff's Department.

SECTION 2: The City of Atkins has a serious need for said vehicle.

SECTION 3: Arkansas State Statue § 14-16-116 authorizes the Quorum Court to exchange properties, real or personal, with other counties or with municipalities.

SECTION 4: It would be to the benefit of the citizens of Pope County for the citizens of Atkins to utilize said vehicle.

SECTION 5: This ordinance applies to the following vehicle:

2015 Ford F-250 Truck VIN # 1FT7W2A6XFEA41212

SECTION 6: The County Judge is authorized to enter into a lease with the City of Atkins under such terms and conditions as will be in the best interest of Pope County.

SECTION 7: It is hereby ordained by the Pope County Quorum Court that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DATE: 8-7-2025

APPROVED:

BEN D. CROSS, COUNTY JUDGE
DATE SIGNED: 8/8/25

ATTEST:

PAM ENNIS, COUNTY CLERK

VOTES FOR: 11 **VOTES AGAINST:** 0
ABSTAIN: 0 **PRESENT:** 11 **ABSENT:** 1
VACANT: 1

PAID FOR BY THE POPE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE $

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POPE COUNTY QUORUM COURT WORKSHEET

8-7 2025

AGENDA ITEM # Final Vote SPONSOR Sowers

ORDINANCE /RESOLUTION SECOND Ivy

MOTION TO SUSPEND READ 2nd READING _____ **MOTION TO SUSPEND READ 3rd READING** _____

SPONSOR _____ SPONSOR _____

SECOND _____ SECOND _____

MOTION 3RD AND FINAL TO ADOPT _____

SPONSOR _____ SECOND _____

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	PRESENT	ABSENT	vacant
MARGARET MOTLEY	✓					
~~LANE SCOTT~~	vacant					1
DOUG SKELTON (1)	✓					
JORDAN SOWERS	✓					
BILL SPARKS	✓					
BLAKE TARPLEY	✓					
TIM WHITTENBURG	✓					
RONNIE WILBANKS	✓					
PHILIP HANEY	✓					
JACKIE HEFLIN	✓					
DAVID IVY	✓					
JAMIE JACKSON	✓					
SUZANNE McCALL					1	
TOTAL:	11				1	1

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LEASE

1. PARTIES: The parties to this lease agreement are:

(a) Lessor: Pope County, hereinafter collectively called "Lessor", whether one or more.

(b) Lessee: City of Atkins hereinafter collectively called "Lessee", whether one or more.

2. THE LEASE: In consideration of the payments by the Lessee of the cash rental hereunder stipulated to be paid by said Lessee, promptly when and as due, and of the timely and faithful performance by Lessee of all the terms and conditions of this lease, Lessor does hereby lease unto Lessee, and Lessee hereby rents from Lessor for the term hereunder stipulated, and for the uses and purposed only hereunder stipulated, and subject to the terms and conditions hereunder set forth, the following described property, to-wit;

2015 FORD F250 Truck VIN # 1FT7W2A6XFEA41212

3. CASH VALUE: For the use and enjoyment of the automobile hereinbefore described during the term of this lease, the Lessee hereby promises to pay to Lessor the sum of One Dollar ($1.00) per year. All payments under this lease are to be made directly to Lessor, with monies receipted to the proper fund in the Treasurer's Office.

4. TERM: This lease will remain in effect until the Lessor or Lessee give a 30-day notice of cancellation.

5. MAINTENANCE OF THE AUTOMOBILE: Lessee covenants and agrees that the automobile will be kept in a clean and neat condition at all times and that the Lessee shall be responsible for the payment of all maintenance and repairs incurred as a result of the use of said automobile.

6. LIABILITY: During the term of this lease, or any renewal thereof, Lessee shall carry insurance meeting state requirements and be exclusively and solely responsible and liable for any injury to persons or loss or damage to property caused by Lessee's activities in using the leased automobile and Lessee shall hold the Lessor harmless against any loss, liability, or expense occasioned by any injury to persons or loss or damage caused by the use thereof by Lessee, its servants, agents, employees, invitees, or guests.

7. OBLIGATION OF LESSOR: Lessor covenants with and warrants unto the Lessee that Lessor has the right to lease the automobile hereinabove described, and that during the term of this lease, Lessee shall have undisturbed possession of the same.

8. CANCELLATION BY LESSOR: In the event that Lessee shall fail or refuse to pay the lease aforesaid at the time and in the manner set forth, or fail to do or perform any of the other covenants herein contained, or for any other reason determined by Lessor, the Lessor may, at Lessor's option, declare this lease terminated and have the right to repossess the automobile without the necessity of a court order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this 11th day of AUGUST, 2025.

LESSOR:

POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

BY _____
BEN D. CROSS
POPE COUNTY JUDGE

LESSEE:

BY _____
ROWDY SWEET
MAYOR OF ATKINS