The Atkins City Council met September 9, 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 Attorney Jacob Phillips, City Clerk Angela Singleton, and aldermen present were Sean Rehm, Bro Price, Raymond Pearce, Daniel Dunn, JoAnn Spence, and Tim Waddle. Visitors: See attached sheet.

Bro Price moved to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Sean Rehm seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6-0

6. Committee Reports
   a. Police: Chief Pack reported Jacob Lee will be resigning and going to the Sheriff's Office. Cody Hubbard will also be leaving and going to the Sheriff's Office.
   b. Fire Dept: no report
   c. Street: Supervisor Mitchell Moore and Mayor Sweet presented the council with a $10,000 estimated repair for the sickle on the tractor. John Deere gave a quote on a 2020 tractor for $33,400. Council member Sean Rehm suggested looking at other places to see if repairs will be cheaper and continue to look for used tractors. Council member Bro Price asked about the gravel at the ball fields. Mitchell stated it is kids putting the gravel on the new sidewalks and it will be hard to completely keep the gravel off the sidewalks.
   d. Recreation: no report
   e. Planning Commission: 4 permits passed. See attached minutes
   f. Library: Kim Tise reported a significant increase in participants. They have been visiting the schools more, which has contributed to the increase. The Library will be celebrating their 50th Birthday on November 8th, and Kim has invited everyone to come out and celebrate.
   g. Mayor's Report: Mayor Sweet requested a motion to add 2 late items to the agenda. Raymond Pearce made a motion to add 2 late items to the agenda. Tim Waddle seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6-0
   Mayor Sweet announced the trash bids are coming due. A representative from LRS asked if we could just renew the contract. Mayor Sweet stated according to the Ordinance, it must be put out for bid. The Council agreed for the trash contract to be put out for bid.

7. City New Business:
   a. City's brush burning area: At the last meeting, Mitchell brought it to the council's attention that the brush only site is being used as a city dump, to where people are dumping all kinds of material other than brush. The council decided to put a sign and possible gate to help deter people from dumping.
   b. Christmas Lights (Entergy poles): Mayor Sweet stated the PBA will give $3000 towards purchasing new Christmas lights, and the council decided the City will give $15,000. The will consist of snowflakes, candy canes, and Christmas trees.
   c. Late Item 1: Debbie Canda presented to the council regarding her neighbor's tree eventually falling onto her property and causing damage to her AC unit and home. The neighbor was not present at the meeting. After Mrs. Canda asked the neighbor if he would be having the tree trimmed, his response was he would not have the tree trimmed, it is not his responsibility, and the Canda's could pay someone to have the tree trimmed. The council suggested the Canda's contact their insurance agency

about their homeowner's insurance due to the City is unable to resolve this matter for them.

d. Late item 2: Police salaries. Mayor Sweet and Chief Pack presented to the council a pay scale for Atkins Police Department and the surrounding police departments. Sean Rehm made a motion to go into an executive session. Bro Price seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6-0

Resolution 2025-13: A resolution appropriating funds from the City General Fund to the 2025 Budget. Bro Price made a motion to place Resolution 2025-13 on its reading. JoAnn Spence seconded the motion. Vote was:

Sean Rehm	Yes	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:
      i. Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation bid numbers: Mayor Sweet presented to the council 3 bids as follows: Blackstone Construction, LLC: $487,438.40; Thompson Construction Services: $499,994.00; and Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc: $1,001,510.00. A letter from McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc recommended the City awarding the bid to Blackstone Construction, LLC. See attached. Raymond Pearce made a motion to accept Blackstone Construction, LLC bid for the Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation at $487,438.40. Sean Rehm seconded the motion. Vote was:

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

      ii. Terry Bowden has been researching on switching from chlorine gas to bleach. Terry Bowden explained by doing this switch, using the bleach will be much safer. The possible cost of this switch will be about $20,000.

10. Executive Session: Department head/retirement and replacement. Terry Bowden will be retiring in December and will work part-time. They already have someone who can take Terry Bowden's position, but Mayor Sweet would like to discuss this with that person.
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 6-0
12. Announcements: Council member Sean Rehm asked if the City has an Ordinance regarding mini houses/sheds. He stated the Planning Commission passed a permit for a mini house. Mayor Sweet and City Attorney will look into this matter and bring forth to the next meeting.
13. Daniel Dunn moved the meeting adjourned. Tim Waddle seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6-0

Mayor, Rowdy Sweet

City Clerk, Angela Singleton

SEAL

FILED
Angela Singleton, City Clerk
City of Atkins
Date: 10-14-25

VISITORS PLEASE SIGN:

DATE: September 9, 2025

PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE and ORGANIZATION (if any)
Mitchell Moore	
Kim Tix	
Seth Cochran	Fire/EMS
Charles Cheek	
LUKE SANDY	
Brandon Harris	
Stephen Peck	
Terry Bowden	
Danny Webb	City of Atkins
MARTHA HERRON	
JOE JIRINEC	

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CITY OF ATKINS SEAL POPE COUNTY ARKANSAS

ATKINS CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Aug 2, 2025

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

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- Cheek Plumbing 103 NE 8th. Commercial addition .

-Passed- Floyd Magers motion to approve and Chris Martin 2nd. Approved 4-0

-Permit- Annette Marsh/James Duncan 303 SW 3rd. Portable building/garage.

-Passed- Floyd Magers motion to approve and Chris Martin 2nd. Approved 4-0

-Permit-Mark Martin 1503 Ave 3 SE. Storage building.

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

  Approved 4-0

-Permit-Amanda Wylie 604 Ave 1 SW. Mobile home.

- Passed-Louis Schmoll motion to approve and Floyd Magers 2nd.

  Approved 4-0

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS-N/A

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

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August 29, 2025

Mayor Rowdy Sweet
City of Atkins
310 NE First Street
Atkins, AR 72823

RE: City of Atkins Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation

Dear Mayor Sweet:

On August 26, 2025 we opened bids on the Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation and received three (3) responsive bids. Blackstone Construction, LLC from Russellville, AR is the low bidder with a bid in the amount of **$487,438.40**. The certified bid tabulation is attached for reference.

We have reviewed the bid and have experience with their work on several successful projects; therefore, we recommend awarding the bid to Blackstone Construction, LLC in the amount of $487,438.40.

Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions and as always, thank you for allowing us to be of service.

Sincerely,
McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Daniel Barnes, P.E.
President, Fayetteville

enclosure: Certified Bid Tabulation

McCLELLAND CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.
DESIGNED TO SERVE

Signature: _____
Daniel Barnes, P.E. # 12708
8/26/2025

Certified Bid Tabulation
City of Atkins Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation
MCE Project No. 25-8108
Bid Date: August 26, 2025 11:00 A.M.

Base Bid				Blackstone Construction, LLC		Thompson Construction Services		Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc.	
Item No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price Bid	Total Price	Unit Price Bid	Total Price	Unit Price Bid	Total Price
1	Mobilization	LS	1	$ 33,600.00	$ 33,600.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 75,000.00	$ 75,000.00
2	Bonds and Insurance	LS	1	$ 9,554.23	$ 9,554.23	$ 18,500.00	$ 18,500.00	$ 50,000.00	$ 50,000.00
3	Act 291, 1993 Trench and Excavation Safety System	LS	1	$ 6,900.00	$ 6,900.00	$ 11,500.00	$ 11,500.00	$ 75,000.00	$ 75,000.00
4	Maintenance of Traffic and Traffic Control	LS	1	$ 22,310.00	$ 22,310.00	$ 7,500.00	$ 7,500.00	$ 55,000.00	$ 55,000.00
5	Sewer Pipe (8-Inch, PVC SDR 26)	LF	560	$ 79.91	$ 44,749.60	$ 53.00	$ 29,680.00	$ 200.00	$ 112,000.00
6	Sewer Pipe (10-Inch, PVC SDR 26)	LF	150	$ 97.52	$ 14,628.00	$ 83.00	$ 12,450.00	$ 250.00	$ 37,500.00
7	Sewer Pipe (12-Inch, PVC SDR 26)	LF	700	$ 223.14	$ 156,198.00	$ 97.00	$ 67,900.00	$ 300.00	$ 210,000.00
8	Sewer Service Reconnection, Open Cut	EA	12	$ 1,394.42	$ 16,733.04	$ 700.00	$ 8,400.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 30,000.00
9	16-Inch Min. Diameter Steel Encasement by Open Cut	LF	21	$ 261.23	$ 5,485.83	$ 141.00	$ 2,961.00	$ 350.00	$ 7,350.00
10	Standard Depth Manhole (4-Foot Diameter, 6 Feet and Less)	EA	6	$ 4,990.97	$ 29,945.82	$ 4,150.00	$ 24,900.00	$ 8,000.00	$ 48,000.00
11	Additional Depth for Manhole (4-Foot Diameter)	VF	22	$ 207.60	$ 4,567.20	$ 209.00	$ 4,598.00	$ 500.00	$ 11,000.00
12	Tie Into Existing Manhole	EA	5	$ 1,317.64	$ 6,588.20	$ 295.00	$ 1,475.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 17,500.00
13	Heavy Cleaning (SSMH 0260:SSMH 0207)	LF	322	$ 12.59	$ 4,053.98	$ 35.00	$ 11,270.00	$ 20.00	$ 6,440.00
14	Heavy Cleaning (When Approved by Engineer)	LF	200	$ 13.11	$ 2,622.00	$ 27.00	$ 5,400.00	$ 20.00	$ 4,000.00
15	CIPP Sewer Main (10-Inch, Felt Liner)	LF	1,080	$ 44.85	$ 48,438.00	$ 130.00	$ 140,400.00	$ 50.00	$ 54,000.00
16	CIPP Sewer Main (12-Inch, Felt Liner)	LF	340	$ 56.06	$ 19,060.40	$ 171.00	$ 58,140.00	$ 65.00	$ 22,100.00
17	CIPP Sewer Service Reinstatement, Internal Cut	EA	6	$ 241.50	$ 1,449.00	$ 180.00	$ 1,080.00	$ 200.00	$ 1,200.00
18	CIPP Sewer Service Reinstatement, External Open Cut	EA	2	$ 6,210.00	$ 12,420.00	$ 540.00	$ 1,080.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 3,000.00
19	Post Construction CCTV	LF	2,830	$ 4.20	$ 11,886.00	$ 2.00	$ 5,660.00	$ 4.00	$ 11,320.00
20	Asphalt Repair	LF	475	$ 41.57	$ 19,745.75	$ 143.00	$ 67,925.00	$ 300.00	$ 142,500.00
21	Concrete Curb & Gutter Repair	LF	20	$ 81.60	$ 1,632.00	$ 135.00	$ 2,700.00	$ 65.00	$ 1,300.00
22	Concrete Driveway Repair	LF	65	$ 73.75	$ 4,793.75	$ 195.00	$ 12,675.00	$ 300.00	$ 19,500.00
23	Gravel Driveway Repair	LF	120	$ 83.98	$ 10,077.60	$ 15.00	$ 1,800.00	$ 65.00	$ 7,800.00
	TOTAL				**$ 487,438.40**		**$ 499,994.00**		**$ 1,001,510.00**