



City of Fort Atkinson
City Clerk/Treasurer's Office
101 N. Main Street
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023 – 5:30 PM
CITY HALL – SECOND FLOOR**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Becker, Jaeckel, Lescohier, Schultz and President Johnson. Also present: City Manager, City Clerk/Treasurer, Building Inspector, City Engineer, Police Chief and City Attorney.

3. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 94-432 OF THE CITY OF FORT ATKINSON MUNICIPAL CODE AND SECTIONS 15.03.28, 15.06.06(12), 15.06.06(19), 15.06.06(21), AND 15.0606(22) OF THE CITY OF FORT ATKINSON ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND ON PRIVATELY-OWNED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Inspector Draeger reviewed the amendments in detail and answered specific questions of the Council providing clarification.

4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 94-151 OF THE CITY OF FORT ATKINSON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE USE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVS) ON CITY STREETS

John Drake, President Jefferson Half Mile ATV Club (120 members, formed in 2004) – since March 2020 he has been active in getting ATV Ordinances passed within Jefferson County.

DL, 16-18 helmets, certificate of insurance, seatbelts, headlight, taillights, turn signals. Riding on county highway or city street, white fog line, left of white fog line, cannot ride in gravel. Obey speed limits. Jeff county posted speed limits.

City Attorney spoke on the varying hours of operation for ATV/UTV in the surrounding municipalities. Some areas restrict operation from 10 pm to 5 am.

Houseman asked on age restrictions, car seats, seatbelts for youth.
Becker asked on type of helmets. Motorcycle helmets approved by DOT.

Chief Bump inquired on ages, 12-15 can drive with an adult on trails,

Lescohier asked about riding on roads versus trails. Referenced the federal motor carriers and safety issues.

Schultz added there are no public trails around Fort Atkinson. Have to be a member to access private trails.

Lescohier, proof of insurance enforceable. Proof of insurance can be written into the Ordinance.

Johnson referenced OWI laws. Pending legislation, wants law enforcement to right tickets for alcohol in a vehicle. DNR ticket versus Municipal offense.

Schultz, price and average age, second-hand market as equipment ages, ownership cycles.

Permit to operate city streets? 'permit' to operate on private trails.

Lescohier, comment from a citizen not supporting the use of ATV/UTV and added there is no data that exists to support a positive impact on the economy.

Recommendations:

Jaeckel would like to see the hours of operation changed to reflect neighboring communities and to have a definitive time for ease of Police enforcement.

Potentially adding DNR safety courses for ages 16-18.

Section 347

Review every 6 months, have sunset clause

Bike trail specifically noted

Schultz, Bump, Another workshop

5. ADJOURNMENT

Schult moved, seconded by Becker. 704