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RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF ATKINS, ARE YOU IN?

ATKINS NEEDS RESIDENT INPUT ABOUT CITY FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, MEETING JULY 27TH

Atkins officials are asking the city's residents "Are You In?" to help provide input related to the city's growth and development. The city will be hosting a town hall meeting on Monday, July 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School Gymnasium to gather resident input, which will be put into the Atkins 2015 Comprehensive Plan.

The town meeting is the first in a series of meetings intended to facilitate public discussion on the future of the city. After additional town meetings, which will be scheduled as necessary, the planning committee expects to meet the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to work on the plan. Citizens are encouraged to attend any of these meetings to provide input and direction. The committee will also have a booth at the city's Garage Sale Days to gather additional input.

The meeting process will culminate in a document containing policies and goals to guide the city's long-term growth and development. As Chad Sands, Housing & Community Development Department Director with the ECICOG states, "By receiving broad public participation, the document will represent the needs and desires of the people in and around the city."

Atkins city officials retained the services of East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) to help the planning committee draft a 20-year comprehensive plan. This comprehensive plan will be the cornerstone of the city's growth management program. Topics to be covered in the plan include housing, infrastructure, parks, trails, economic development, and land use.

Those citizens wishing to provide input in the planning process should contact Chad Sands at 319-365-9941 ext. 127.

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