

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

2-8-2021

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on February 8th, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

Those present at the meeting were: Council Members; Mr. Larry Grant, Mrs. Kaylie Carnahan, Mrs. Valarie Maus, Mrs. Patricia Hargan and Mr. Scott Voorhees, Also, present were Attorney Jud Barce, Attorney Ingrid Barce, Mayor Duane Roderick, and Clerk-Treasurer Joanne Broadwater.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- Hargan made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11th, 2021 council meeting, Maus seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

Jake Mediate asked the Council to allow the closure of 3 blocks of downtown for a car show on Saturday August 14th, 2021. The Council gave permission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NONE

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- Stated due to weather the water bills will be averaged in February 2021.
- Voorhees asked for an update on disconnects, Broadwater stated approximately 40 meters were disconnected in January. There was additional discussion about different ways to read meters and the cost to upgrade the city meters to a radio read system.
- Grant asked Swank about plowing the sidewalks on the Canada Street bridge so kids can safely to school. Roderick asked Swank to find a way to do this.

Chief Durnil, Police Chief:

- Officer Lucas Miller has taken a job with Warren County, his last day with the city will be February 19th. The department is in the process of hiring an officer and will be holding interviews with the Merit Board. Durnil asked the board to expand the number of part-time officers the department can have to help reduce overtime and fill in during times the department is not at full staff. Grant made a motion to hire 1 more part time officer, Carnahan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Chief Little, Fire Chief:

- Little gave an update on the new brush truck he is wanting to purchase. Little stated he has spoke to several other dealerships and the estimates from them are higher than what Alsop's has quoted. Grant asked Little to get the estimates in writing. Little stated the department would pay for outfitting the truck once it is purchased.
- Little inspected the new Tractor Supply Store to make sure modifications were up to code, he did not have any concerns. He stated the projected opening is March 2021.

Mr. Pycke, Building Commissioner:

Pycke had nothing to report.

Rod Bannon, Economic Development Director:

- Bannon reported that a new program that might benefit Attica has been delayed, Bannon is hoping to get an update in the next few weeks.
- The non-profit is moving forward. Bannon is working with an attorney on this. Bannon reported that he can use the Community Foundation as a pass-through organization for development funds until his not for profit is recognized.
- Bannon stated the not-for-profit board has been established and he needs a Council Board member as a representative. Hargan volunteered for this position. Roderick asked the Council if they agreed with Hargan representing the Council, all Council members agreed.
- Bannon is still pursuing the market area of the development and has interested vendors.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Broadwater passed out the current financials and explained the information contained in the reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Roderick presented a Resolution to approve the donation of land to Community Action. Carnahan made a motion to donate the land at 300 5th St. to Community Action for low-income housing, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
- Roderick presented a surplus property bid from Sharon Vail. The bid is for \$2500.00 for 3 city lots. The Council discussed the bid and conditions of the build on the property. The Vails agreed to provide drawings on the proposed construction project to the Council for consideration before the offer is accepted.

- Roderick brought up the issue of parking in the city. This was tabled from 2020. The Council continued to discuss this as a safety issue and possible solutions. Roderick suggested that this be tabled again to give the Council time to consider the solutions that were discussed at this meeting. Hargan asked Durnil, the police Chief, to identify the top ten areas where there is a safety concern due to parking. Some of the areas discussed at the meeting tonight are the Avenues off Jackson Street, E. Pike street, S. McDonald St., S. Brady St., David Dr., 5th St. and West St.
- Roderick brought up the Resolution to extend the FFCRA. Attorney Ingrid Barce stated she would get the updated Resolution with a continuation begin date of 1-1-21 and an end date of 3-31-21 to the Council for their signature.
- Roderick stated he did not want to discuss Broadband tonight but wants to keep it on the agenda. Voorhees reported that he has reached out to several people regarding this and is waiting to hear back from them. Attorney Ingrid Barce stated if Attica designates the city as a Broadband ready it will unlock potential eligibility for future grants in this area. The Council agreed to do this.
- Roderick thanked Scott Voorhees for setting up the equipment in the Council room that allows broadcasting the city meetings.
- Voorhees asked for an update on the agreement with Kyle Knosp, Attorney Barce stated it was being worked on and he would follow up with the attorney working on this.
- Carnahan asked for a clarification on the pool height requirement, not the fence height code. Atty Barce stated Attica is following the state guidelines where details can be found.
- Attorney Jud Barce updated the Council that a stop work order was issued on the construction by Mark Stepp because the city does not agree on the ownership boundaries Mr. Stepp has indicated.
- Attorney Jud Barce handed out a sick leave and comp time policy for the Council to review and discuss at a future meeting. Barce stated the city needs to have each employee make either a comp time or overtime election in writing between the employee and employer when they are hired. Also, a new election can be made annually by each employee.

Durnil explained how the department currently allows time off including comp time. The Council continued to discuss the cities current comp time policy. Voorhees stated he would like to see comp time discontinued, Roderick agreed and asked for a motion. Voorhees made the motion to eliminate the accrual of comp time for police officers effective February 8th, 2020, Carnahan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

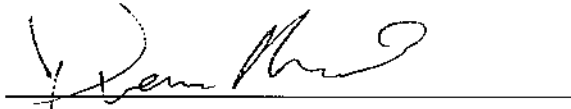
MISCELANOUS:

None

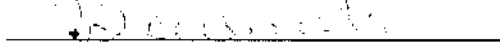
ADJORNMENT:

Roderick stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, March 8th, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Hargan made the motion to adjourn, Grant seconded, all were in favor, motion passed, meeting adjourned.



Duane Roderick, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer