

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

6-14-2021

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on June 14th, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

Those present at the meeting were: Council Members; Mr. Larry Grant, Mrs. Kaylie Carnahan, Mrs. Patricia Hargan and Mr. Scott Voorhees, Also, present were Attorney Ingrid Barce, Mayor Duane Roderick, and Clerk-Treasurer Joanne Broadwater. Mrs. Valarie Maus was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10th, 2021, council meeting, Carnahan seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Lexxi Haddock, Attica Mainstreet President, asked the Council for a letter of support for Mainstreet's application for the Preserving Mainstreet Grant. The Council agreed to provide a letter of support to Mainstreet, Carnahan made the motion, Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
- Carnahan reported she was asked what the police departments operational range. Roderick explained that our officers participate in DUI programs paid for with grants. Officer Miller also explained that officers aid other officers as needed which can take them outside of the Attica city limits.
- Ronald Coffey - 501 E. Pike St. requested help with 4 wheelers exceeding the speed limit and golf carts not following the required ordinance on his street. Roderick stated he would have the officers patrol the area. Voorhees made a motion to replace the yield signs with stop signs at the intersection of Pike and College, Carnahan seconded, all were in favor motion passed. The Council discussed various concerns throughout town regarding the disregard of city rules by individuals operating ATV's. Roderick asked the Police Chief to have his officers enforce the city ordinances when they are not being followed. Also discussed is that riders at the Badlands are riding their ATV's into town without the proper city registration. The Council discussed several solutions and Voorhees agreed to discuss the problem with Kyle Knosp of the Badlands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NONE

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Chief Powell presented Officers Garret Miller and Brendon Cheever commendations for aiding Montgomery County officers in the apprehension of a

fleeing felon. Officer Miller and Cheever apprehended the suspect when he evaded the other pursuing officers. They were recognized for their heroic actions.

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- Handed out estimates for new cameras at Ravine Park and the Clerk's office. The total amount quoted for new cameras at all three locations is \$6750.00. Swank reported the pool pavilion was vandalized and fires were set. The current cameras are not clear enough to use in identifying suspects. Grant made a motion to purchase the high-resolution cameras for the park and clerks office, Hargan seconded, all were in favor motion passed.
- Hargan asked for an update on electricity at the riverfront. Swank stated he spoke with Duke and explained the process and that we would need permission from the DNR. The Council discussed different options for using electricity in this area.

Police Chief Powell:

- Reported he has made some changes in the department. Miller is now the K-9 officer and both handler and dog are being trained. Swisher is now the investigator for all sexual assault cases, she will attend training in July.

Chief Little, Fire Chief:

- Was not present.

Mr. Pycke, Building Commissioner:

- Was not present.

Rod Bannon, Economic Development Director:

- Provided an update on WEGA. Bannon discussed the Cities masterplan and the areas it will focus on. A special public meeting is scheduled for June 28th to discuss the WEGA contract and budget proposal.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Broadwater provided current Financials. There were no questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Parking Ordinance. Attorney Barce read the Ordinance. The meeting was opened for comments. Eric Haley asked for clarification on if the alleys near his home will be cleared by the city. Barce responded that the alley ways are for use by the city as they see fit and the city is not required to maintain them in any specific way. Swank stated he would look at the alley between Haley's and Gayler's house. Voorhees made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-0614, Carnahan seconded the motion passed. Carnahan made a motion to waive the

formality of a second reading of this Ordinance, Voorhees seconded, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roderick reported that the city received the assessments for repair from KJG on the downtown buildings that they could get into. Roderick stated the reports are available to anyone who wishes to read them. Voorhees stated the cost to stabilize the buildings is 1.2 to 1.3 million dollars. Voorhees wants the Council to be prepared to decide on these buildings at the August Council meeting.
- Eric Walsh from Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors presented a proposal to assist the City in creating a Comprehensive Financial Plan and Long-term Capital Asset Plan. Mr. Walsh explained the purpose of this type of plan is to identify the cities needs and wants then help them determine how to fund these items through grants, bonds etc. Strategic financial plans help the city be as efficient with taxpayer money as possible. Mr. Walsh explained how the plan is developed using the cities financials for the last two years and input from everyone involved in the city. Mr. Walsh estimated a timeline of 4+ months to create the plan. The Council discussed the presentation. Broadwater stated the city still has \$69,000 in Care's money and we can use this to pay for these services Mr Walsh estimated the initial cost of creating the plan would be around \$30,000, not to exceed \$35,000. Hargan made a motion to hire Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors to create a Comprehensive Financial Plan, Grant seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

MISCELANOUS:

- Roderick reported that he will be meeting with the cities grant writer, Kristy Jerrell, to discuss available grants for splash pads.
- Grant asked if the city owns the lot across from the downtown hotel. Grant stated there are abandoned vehicles, tents etc.... in this lot and it needs to be cleaned up. Roderick stated the city does own the lot and controls the use; he asked the police to talk to people who are using the lot for things not condoned by the city. Grant also brought up the alley between the vape shop and the building owned by Katy kays downtown stating it is being used improperly as living space by the residents of the apartments.
- Roderick reported he was approached by a citizen to purchase a city lot to park an RV, the Council agreed they are not interested in selling this lot for that purpose.
- An Ordinance was presented to the Council to change the park custodian from a salaried position to an hourly rate so that the city would be in compliance with Federal Labor Laws. The hourly rate that Broadwater presented is \$14,00 per hour for this position. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk worked with the employee in this position to insure she is being compensated at the same level as she was

when the position was being paid as a salary. The calculation using the \$14.00 per hour rate should compensate this employee slightly more than originally approved. Barce explained why this change is necessary. Hargan made a motion to amend the salary ordinance for the park custodian position from salary to \$14.00 per hour, Vorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

ADJORNMENT:

Roderick stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, June 14th, 2021, at 6:00pm.

Carnahan made the motion to adjourn, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed, meeting adjourned.



Duane Roderick, Mayor

ATTEST:  - Deputy Clerk

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer