

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF ATTICA**

**2-14-2022**

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on February 14th, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

Those present at the meeting were: Council Members; Mr. Larry Grant, Mrs. Valarie Maus, and Mr. Scott Voorhees, and Mrs. Patricia Hargan, Mrs. Carnahan attended via phone call. Also, present were Attorney Jud 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 10<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, council meetings, Grant seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

**CITIZENS PETITIONS:**

- Jake Mediate requested permission to hold a car show on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, downtown. The Council gave Jake permission for the car show.
- Scott Gregory handed out documents for the council to review. Gregory thanked the city workers and council for the electricity installed downtown.

Gregory asked the council to approve an extension of the cement at the pavilion at Ouibache park. The improvement would create a bigger area for bands to play. Roderick stated the city would get some project estimates and move forward with the project if the council was favorable. Roderick stated the project could be funded with park or other funds if necessary. The council expressed agreement to the project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Eric Swank Director of Public Works:**

- Handed out copies of the second generator quote. He is still waiting on one additional quote. The council asked questions regarding details on the generator.
- Swank asked the council to consider granting all the DPW employees an additional week of vacation in 2022 for going above and beyond during the pandemic and storm in the fall of 2021. This request is for one year only. The council discussed this request.

Grant brought up essential vs non-essential employees and how they are paid during an emergency and feels a more structured policy needs to be considered in addition to Swanks request. The council further discussed the request. Roderick suggested that a retroactive essential vs non-essential employee pay policy in addition to an extra week's vacation to the DPW employees be approved.

Mikki Hubbard spoke up in support of essential and non-essential employee pay during declared emergencies.

**Hargan made a motion to give the DPW employees an additional 1-week vacation in 2022 to thank them for their extraordinary work over the last 18 months, Maus seconded, all were in favor motion passed.**

Roderick stated the emergency pay would be voted on at the next meeting.

**Police Chief Garret Miller:**

- The department has begun enforcing the two-hour parking limit downtown.
- Officer Viray will begin field officer training the end of the month, once complete he will be able to train new officers in the department.
- Officer new hire testing was just completed so interviews will be next.
- Chief Miller will attend Chief school beginning the third week of April.
- Chief Miller has requested quotes for a new secure entry system to the department as well as quotes for painting and new flooring.
- K-9 Nico and Chief Miller are now certified in American working dog apprehension.
- Hargan asked for an update on the body cameras. Miller stated there have been some adjustments on quotes and he will present them at the meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Hargan asked for an update on "no parking signs" on city owned property. The city attorney discussed the process for restricting parking on city properties that included fines.
- Chief Miller asked about updating the ordinance fees, Attorney Barce explained the most efficient changes to make. Attorney Barce stated he would send another copy of the recommended changes to the ordinance fee structure. The council discussed this process in more detail.

No action was taken regarding the parking on city property or changing the ordinance structure.

**Fire Chief Mike Little:**

- Was not present

**Rod Bannon, Economic Development Director:**

- Was not present.

**Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:**

- Clerk Broadwater handed out the current financials and discussed the need for additional appropriations for ARP money as well as a line item in the Fire Department budget.
- Explained an expense that was approved in November of 2021 and not invoiced until February of 2022.
- Carnahan asked about the free use of electricity at the Ouibache park and if we should be charging for this service. The council discussed this but did not make any changes at this time.
- Mayor Roderick asked about the Beaver property, Attorney Barce stated that the city acquisition is still in progress.
- Broadwater showed the council what funds could be used for the upgrades to the cement pad at Ouibache pavilion.
- Broadwater handed out pages from the draft capital asset plan from Bakertilly, showing what the department heads identified as wants and needs. Broadwater stated these are the items the council will discuss at the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Chief Miller pointed out that the cost on the needs and wants outlined for his department is not accurate and other items are needed such as new body cams that are not listed. He will provide Bakertilly with a more accurate list prior to the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Mayor Roderick asked for nominations for Council President for 2022, Carnahan made a motion to nominate Larry Grant, all council members were in favor, Larry Grant will continue as Council President for 2022.
- Valarie Maus resigned from the Redevelopment Commission at the January meeting and Mayor Roderick asked for a Council member to replace Mrs. Maus. Scott Voorhees volunteered for this position; Mayor Roderick appointed him to the redevelopment commission.
- Hargan asked if any progress has been made with the apartments in the downtown storefronts. Atty Barce stated not yet and explained the process to put a new ordinance in place if we don't already have one.

- Broadwater provided an update on the ordinance codification process.
- Mayor Roderick asked for an update on vehicles and trailers on the corner of McDonald and Lithia. Chief Miller stated all the vehicles are properly plated and operable and are in the side yard which follows our current ordinance.
- Carnahan asked for an update on the fence by Pizza Hut. Grant stated the homeowner was told she would need to shorten it or move it back further from the road. The zoning board asked the homeowner to work with Eric Swank on the completion timeline for this project.
- Roderick reported that the quote to check for asbestos in the downtown buildings owned by the city is \$9,750.00. This quote was from Patriot Engineering. **Voorhees made a motion to proceed with Patriot Engineering Environmental for the asbestos inspection for 209, 211, 215, 219, and 223 S. Perry St. and 126 N. Perry St., Grant seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Attorney Barce handed out the Cum Cap development reestablished documents and stated the council needs to hold a public hearing for this process.
- The mayor opened the floor for the public hearing, there were no public comments, the public hearing was closed. Roderick asked for a motion to adopt. **Maus made the motion to reestablish the cum cap development fund for the City of Attica to the maximum levy, Carnahan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.**

#### **MISCELANOUS:**

- Maus was contacted by a concerned citizen about a property at Pike and Brady, the property has large piles of cut up, storm damaged trees in the back yard and the property owner have not cleaned up the mess. The address is 600 S. Brady St. Attorney Barce stated his office would send out a letter to the homeowner.
- Voorhees asked Attorney Barce if he has received a response from C&D regarding the lawsuit, Barce stated no.

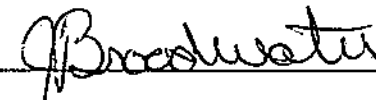
#### **ADJORNMENT:**

Roderick stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, February 28th, 2022, at 6:00pm.

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

  
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Duane Roderick, Mayor

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Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer