

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

3-14-2022

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

Those present at the meeting were: Council Members; Mr. Larry Grant, Mr. Scott Voorhees, Mrs. Patricia Hargan, and Mrs. Kaylie Carnahan. Also, present were Attorney Jud Barce, Mayor Duane Roderick, and Deputy Clerk Mikki Hubbard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- Carnahan made a motion to approve both sets of minutes from the February 14th and February 28th, 2022, council meetings, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Damon DeSutter, a member of the Park Board was present. DeSutter stated that we did not qualify for the North Central Health Services Grant for the pool, so they are going forward with updating park equipment in Ravine Park. NICHES is working in Arms Woods and will be doing a controlled burn at some point. The Council thought this may be something the Clerk's office could put on the utility bills to inform the citizens. Larry Grant mentioned there are a lot of down trees in Arms Woods.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- was not present

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- The department is in full overhaul mode, painting has begun, and the security door has been fixed and the new flooring is to begin on March 23, 2022.
- The department responded to 273 calls in February.
- Officer Fesler has been doing very well at the Academy and will graduate April and will begin on the road sometime in July.
- Merit Board interviews for a new officer will be held Wednesday March 16, 2022, there are 3 applicants.

- Chief Miller reported that Officer Swisher will probably be coming off the road in April.
- Chief Miller praised our part-time officers for stepping in and helping while we have officers gone/off.
- K-9 Nico and Chief Miller are now certified in Narcotics, they are now a fully certified patrol team.
- 3 body camera quotes were presented and discussed, 2 options from Pro-Vision and the third from Body Worn. Chief Miller feels Body Worn offers a better product for the department needs. He has done negotiations with Body Worn to get the cost reduced to 85K/7years. Year 1 would cost \$30,000 and years 2-7 would be \$10,000 per year, money would be used from Public Safety Funds. Mayor Roderick asked when Miller would need a decision, and Miller stated the sooner the better. Grant stated he felt the Body Worn would be the best option for longevity.
- **Voorhees is supportive of this as well and made a motion to proceed with the 7-year commitment with Body Worn, Grant seconded, all were in favor, motion was passed.**

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- Was not present, Chris Beedle and Troy Routzhan were representing the AFD
- Beedle reported for February they had 38 runs, 29 were medical, 5 car wrecks and 4 fires. To date in March, they have had 17 runs.
- April 5, 2022, AFD will be participating in Every 15 Minutes that will be held at AHS.
- The Attica Fire Department has **FREE** smoke detectors available at the station, an information sheet for installation is also included. There are plans to have an Open House at the station this summer.
- There are 4 firefighters currently in Fire 1-2 Class, once they have all completed, every member of AFD will be Fire 1-2 Certified.
- The Council thanked the department for all the med runs they respond to.

Rod Bannon, Economic Development Director:

- Was not present.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Was not present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Ross Hagen with Bakertilly was present and presented the Council with an Executive Summary for the Water Rate Study. Hagen stated that the City is in a "healthy cash" position. We have very low water rates and to secure the SRF loan, an increase to the rates would need to happen. Its estimated that for a minimum user the increase would be around \$4.00 per month.
- Hargan asked if any progress has been made with the apartments in the downtown storefronts. Atty Barce stated not yet but he would have something ready for the April Meeting.
- Voorhees asked if we are still working on the asbestos check, Roderick reported that he had not been notified of the results.
- Atty Barce was asked about C&D and if there has been a solution, he stated they want to be treated like they are under Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and would only be charged back one year. Most smaller communities opt out of this, and the Council and Mayor stated that they can not make exceptions for C&D.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cindy Mason spoke to Mayor Roderick regarding the Christmas light pole decorations; she would like to hire an outside company to take care of putting these up and taking them down. Mayor Roderick stated that the City could eliminate the fireworks in the fall and use that money to cover the cost of this, all were in favor.
- Atty Barce received an email from Tom Pittman regarding a Residential TIFF District. The City must seek and obtain approval from the Attica Consolidated School Corporation. The school officials are already aware of this, Barce will forward the email on to Superintendent Hardman.

MISCELANOUS:

- Mr. Grant said the Zoning Advisory Board is requesting the Zoning maps be available to them at their meeting on Wednesday April 13, 2022. Roderick stated he would make sure they are in the Courtroom for them. They plan to invite key stay holders to the May meeting.

ADJORNMENT:

Roderick stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. Grant made the motion to adjourn, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed, meeting adjourned.

The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, April 11th, 2022, at 6:00pm.

Duane Roderick

Duane Roderick, Mayor

ATTEST: Joanne Broadwater

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer