

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

6-13-2022

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on June 13, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Voorhees made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9th, 2022, council meeting, Maus seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Aaron Vredenburg requested use of the Pavilion at Oubache Park for June 18, 2022, for his class reunion. They would need access to the restrooms as well as the electric. He also requested they block off the lane beside the Pavilion. Council was in favor with this request.
- Tammy Smith requesting to have a DJ at Ravine Park on August 6, 2022, from 6:00 – 10:00 PM for a birthday party, all were in favor.
- Sarah Mattern requesting blocking off Avenue Two on Friday June 25, 2022, for a multi-family rummage sale, all were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- EJP was represented by Josh Sheers, our local sales representative, and Dave York who is a meter specialist. They presented to the Council information regarding upgrading our current water reading process to radio reads.
- Barb Foster requested \$4,595.00, the Park Board has been asked to do Twilight Music Series, this was not in the original budget, she is requesting Council approval for an additional appropriation. **Hargan made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request, Maus seconded, all were in favor.**
- Dancing in the Streets and Fireworks at the High School are scheduled for July 2, 2022

- **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Eric Swank Director of Public Works: Present

- Swank reported to the council Oubache Park camping is becoming a homeless village, as well as drug use is being reported.

Police Chief Garret Miller: Present

- Chief Miller reported they had around 400 calls last month.
- Officer Fesler has completed 2 of the 3 phases of training and should be released to be patrolling in 2 weeks.
- Officer Dillion is out patrolling in his phase 1 of training.
- Body Worn cameras are fully active, the department received 2 days of training and have had great support from the trainer.
- Attorney Ingrid Barce stated that there is usually a fee for a public request for body camera footage. A motion was made by Grant to create an Ordinance charging a fee of \$150.00 for requested body camera footage, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor.
- Chief Miller stated the department was able to get 3 new Tahoe's ordered, he has no expectations on when these will arrive. GM will give the same pricing to everyone across the country.
- Orange vehicle stickers have arrived, and the department is working to get more vehicles in town compliant with the city ordinances.
- Voorhees asked Chief Miller about the laws regarding the city charging for ATV's on city streets. Attorney Ingrid Barce addressed that we are making changes to our current ordinance to be in compliance with this.

Fire Chief Mike Little: Not Present

- Mayor Roderick stated that if we decide to go with a Part-Time Fire Chief position, we would probably be paying around \$33.00 per hour.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer: Not Present

- Deputy Clerk Mikki Hubbard present the Council with an Agreement for Financial and Accounting Consultation Services with Larry Tippin. Mr. Tippin would be working with Broadwater to update the Capital Assets records that are owned by the City and City's Utilities. **Hargan made a motion to approve the agreement and Maus seconded, all were in favor, the agreement was signed.**

WEGA Director, Rod Bannon: On phone

- Rod asked Mike Reiss at the Troyer Group to provide a proposal for the curbs, sidewalks, and landscape areas on South Perry, this was part of the master plan. There is also a surveyor in the proposal the fee for them would be \$21,000.00, in that proposal. The Troyer Group would produce construction drawings as well as cover any permits required with INDOT, and they would produce a drawing which could go out for bid, which would run \$35,000. These costs would be included in the total proposal cost.
- The Readi Grant applications were based on qualifications IEDC at the state level but were using ARPA funds which are federal funds. They received all applications and realized for Readi and then had to redefine what was acceptable. Our group based out of Lafayette made some decisions that there were 6 projects that could be elevated to the top of the list that would comply with ARPA and have the most impact regionally. Rod believes The Market won't receive any Readi money in the first phase, he feels that if we receive funds from Readi 2 we would be able to build the service building next to the Market.
- Voorhees is getting concerned regarding the amount of money that is being requested from the city. Voorhees asked if maybe there was a better place for the Market to be located, Mayor Roderick stated that he believes it must be downtown because that is part of our Master Plan.
- Carnahan is concerned that the city is spending money that has not been budgeted and is the city following what Baker Tilly has set in place? Grant questioned that the meter project and the infrastructure downtown is above and beyond what was discussed before and is something that must be discussed with Baker Tilly. Mayor Roderick suggested that we table this and bring Baker Tilly in for discussion.
- Grant stated that there are housing projects in the east and south parts of town that are going to require some infrastructure in the future that is critical to the growth of the city. Voorhees stated that there has been a lot of discussion during the 2.5 years of the current term, and he would like to see us move forward on things before the end of the term. Bannon said the two things that are going to have the biggest impact on the city are the market and housing. Bannon is incredibly thankful for the trust they have put in WEGA and himself.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chief Miller stated most campers are coming and living at the river, he feels this is not the vision we had planned for the park. There are homeless, transients that have now contacted outsiders that they can "move in" at the river. We are seeing illegal activity, as well as people not cleaning up after themselves. Chief Miller and Eric have been patrolling and removing people frequently, it is deteriorating quickly, and people are using our electrical services, trashing restrooms, and not creating the habitat we are wanting. Carnahan stated a lock should be put on the electric and it should only be used when there are "special events". Swank stated there is electric at all parks, but feels the river is the only one we have with issues. He feels we need to come up with more stringent rules regarding the use of water, electric and so forth. Carnahan stated that our electric bill for the park is \$3,300., and we are over budget. YTD for 2022 is at \$4,500, and YTD for 2021 was only \$4,000.
- Attorney Ingrid Barce handed out 3 Ordinances,
The first Ordinance (2022-0613A) is to amend the City's Park and camping rules.
Carnahan made a motion to suspend the rules of procedure, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
Voorhees made a motion to adopt the rules and regulations for camping at the city parks 2022-0613A, Grant seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
- The council discussed the process to reserve pavilions and have access to the restrooms.
Carnahan made a motion to suspend the rules of procedure, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
Carnahan made a motion to adopt the new park pavilion rental procedures, Ordinance 2022-0613B, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
- The Plan Commission met on May 11th and voted to make a favorable recommendation to the Council to adopt the Downtown Revitalization plan as an amendment to the Master Plan.
Hargan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-0613C amending the cities Master Plan to incorporate the Downtown Revitalization plan, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
- The mayor swore in new Police Officer Zane Dillion. The Council welcomed Officer Dillon to the Attica Police Force.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The mayor explained to the council that Robie's has incurred a lot of expense for his business because of his sewer pipes not being connected correctly to the city's main sewer line, his insurance has paid for clean up due to the issue, but they will not cover the expense of the repair. The cost of the repair was submitted to the city's insurance, who also denied the claim.

Voorhees made a motion to reimburse Robie for repair expenses incurred up to a limit of \$16,000 pending review of receipts, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Mayor Roderick stated he was approached by Wade Harrison asking if the city would consider selling him the empty lot North of his property. Attorney Barce explained the process that would need to occur to sell this property. The council discussed this request but did not make a decision.
- Attorney Barce provided an update on the certificates of occupancy, they are still working on a draft they are satisfied with.
- Barce stated a hearing was advertised for this meeting regarding the repeal of the IURT tax.

The regular meeting was suspended to hold the advertised public hearing regarding the repeal of the IURT tax.

There were no public comments.

The regular meeting was resumed.

Roderick asked for a motion to approve the water rate reduction to reflect the repeal of the IURT tax, 2022-0613D, Maus made a motion to approve, Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Barce handed out an ordinance to repeal Ordinance 2018-5 restricting the use of the Public Safety fund.

Grant made a motion to suspend the rules allowing the Ordinance to be passed on the first reading, Carnahan, seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Voorhees made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-0613E repealing Ordinance 2018-5, Carnahan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Barce handed out Ordinance 2022-0613F amending the zone code in B-1 and B-2 zoned properties to prohibiting residential properties, rental or otherwise from occupying the front one-half of the ground floor.

Voorhees made a motion to suspend the rules allowing the ordinance to be passed on the first reading, Grant seconded, motion passed.

Voorhees made a motion to amend the City of Attica's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations as written, 2022-0613F, Carnahan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Attorney Barce handed out a nuisance ordinance for council review to replace existing nuisance ordinances and have them all in one place.

MISCELANOUS:

- None

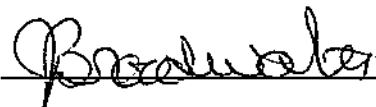
ADJORNMENT:

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

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



Duane Roderick, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer