

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

7-11-2022

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on July 11, 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 Jud Barce, Mayor Duane Roderick, and Clerk Treasurer Joanne Broadwater.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Voorhees made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13th, June 20th and June 29th, 2022, council meetings with a correction to the June 20 2022 to reflect Maus' absence from that meeting, Grant seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Kaylie Carnahan stated she had a citizen approach her about the water sitting in the pool and the potential for it breeding mosquitos. Carnahan also expressed her concern about kids breaking into the pool and possibly falling in.

Swank stated he can periodically drain the water from the pool with a pump.

- Broadwater stated a citizen came into the clerk's office with a concern about golf carts driving on Perry St. He had an outdated ordinance; I explained a new ordinance allows for travel on both Perry St. and Sycamore St.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- Reported the Community Crossing Grant bids came in \$134,000 higher then estimated. The city can pay the additional cost or decline the 1st round grant and reapply for the second-round grant with a modified application. Roderick stated the city is planning on applying for the second-round grant.
- Hargan asked Swank if the open position in his department has been filled, Swank stated not yet.
- Grant asked about outstanding unsafe building orders and if the council could be provided a list on a regular basis with an updated status. Swank provided a brief update.

- Roderick reported that the Beaver property is now owned by the city, but the city is petitioning the county to relieve the property taxes.

Police Chief Garret Miller: Not Present

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- The AFD provided their first water rescue today, all boaters were safe.
- Little explained the new proposed part-time Fire Chief position and the respective duties. He will still respond to calls and be available when he is not at his full-time position with the Lafayette Fire Department. The position will only need to be funded from city revenues until the fire territory is approved, at that time the position will be funded through the new revenue stream.

Larry Grant made a motion to approve the part-time Fire Chief position as a salaried position at \$35,000 per year effective August 1st, 2022, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Little stated now that the AFD has a paid position it changes the departments classification for insurance purposes and makes it a combination department which should result in lower homeowner insurance premiums and attract new businesses to the city.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Had nothing to report.

WEGA Director, Rod Bannon: Was not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Roderick introduced an updated nuisance ordinance #2022-0711A, one ordinance addressing all the previously separate nuisance ordinances.

The council discussed at length the apparent restriction on the number of dogs a person can have under the new ordinance. Upon closer review the ordinance is not restricting the number of dogs a person can have but is restricting the number of dogs that can live outside a person's house. Barce stated he would more clearly define the definition of "kennel" in this ordinance.

- Swank reported he received a citizen complaint that a resident who purchased a house in the Golf Ridge subdivision is raising/keeping upwards of 50 pigeons on his property in sheds. The new ordinance being introduced addresses "fowl" and restricts the possession of them and requires a council approved permit to keep them in the city limits. The exception to the ordinance is chickens and the ordinance addresses the restrictions for chickens separately.

Roderick called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #2022-0711A. Grant made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2022-0711A as amended, Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- **Carnahan made a motion to suspend the second reading of Ordinance #2022-0711A and adopt tonight, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.**
- Attorney Barce explained the process to request the county to forgive property taxes on the Beaver property to the council. Roderick asked for a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-0711B giving permission to petition the County Auditor, Assessor, and Treasurer to petition to County Commissioners to forgive the property taxes on the Beaver property. **Hargan made the motion, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roderick was contacted by Rex Oteham about the slide at the pool, if it is not being used, he is interested in purchasing it or donating to the city. Grant asked if the city received the money from the pool go fund me account. Broadwater stated she would check on the funds. The council continued to discuss ways the city can accept donations or raise funds for a new pool. No decision was made on Mr. Oteham's request.
- Attorney Barce introduced an Ordinance setting fees for public record requests for council consideration. The council discussed the ordinance at length, **Voorhees made a motion to pass Ordinance #2022-0711C setting fees and establishing a process to access to public records including a \$5000 fine for the use of public records for commercial purposes , Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.**

Voorhees made a motion to suspend the rules allowing the Ordinance to be effective 7-11-2022, Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

MISCELANOUS:

- Voorhees thanked Sharon Negele for providing the WEGA financials. Voorhees asked what WEGA made donations for in the financials. Hargan, who is on the WEGA board, stated she would check with Sharon Negele and report back to the council.

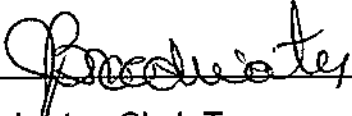
ADJORNMENT:

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, August 8th, 2022, at 6:00pm.

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Duane Roderick, Mayor

ATTEST: 

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Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer