

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

10-10-2022

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on October 10th, 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 (by phone). 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 September 12th and 26th council meetings, Grant seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

Fountain County Deputy Clerk Patty Smith addressed the council. She handed out information explaining certain cities with populations with less than 3500 can change their elections to even numbered years. Currently the city of Attica holds elections in odd numbered years. Patty provided details on how the city could do this and why it would be beneficial.

CITIZEN'S PETITIONS:

- Roderick announced that the concerns regarding Golf Ridge would be deferred to the Golf Ridge Architecture committee on the advice of the city attorney. Attorney Barce elaborated on the role of the Architecture committee.

Attorney Barbara Delanis, representing Don Mustafi, spoke on behalf of her client. She asked if the Architecture committee is responsible for the housing of the pigeons as well, Barce stated it is.

Additional educational information was presented to the council and public by Attorney Delanis regarding carrier pigeons.

City Attorney Barce explained that the Architecture committee is more restrictive than the city ordinance, therefore the Architecture committee needs to address the neighborhood concerns before the city addresses it through their nuisance ordinance.

There were additional citizen questions about the length of time it took the council to defer the issue back to the Architecture committee. Attorney Barce explained that process of determining which entity was responsible for addressing the issue, and why it took so long.

Citizen Jennifer Wakeman stated at the last council meeting the owners of the pigeons were told they needed to apply for a city permit to keep the pigeons and now the city is not addressing the neighbor concerns. Voorhees replied, the

owners of the pigeons did file a permit application, but on the advice of the city attorney the council is referring the issue back to the Architecture committee of the subdivision for a decision.

Additional discussion regarding the pigeons continued, the decision to defer to the neighborhood Architecture committee, the issue of whether the homeowner could continue to house the pigeons on his property, stood.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Roderick stated the General Obligation bond was next on the agenda. Attorney Barce stated the council needs to discuss two ordinances and a resolution.

Attorney Barce handed out Resolution No 2022-1010A, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Attica Indiana making a preliminary determination to issue General Obligation bonds of the City of Attica for the council to consider.

Heidi Amsbaugh of Baker Tilly provided additional information to the council to consider regarding the GO bonds. Amsbaugh stated the 7-year bond would be the more conservative option in case Net Asset Values of properties decreased in the next year.

Voorhees made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-1010A with up to a 15-year bond term, Maus seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Attorney Barce introduced Ordinance No 2022-1010B an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Attica Indiana authorizing the issuance of General Obligation bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay for certain capital projects and incidental expenses in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of the bonds in appropriating the proceeds thereof.

Attorney Barce stated this ordinance is being introduced tonight and will be considered at the November Council meeting.

Attorney Barce presented Ordinance No 2022-1010C to be considered and passed tonight. An amended and restated Ordinance of the City of Attica Indiana authorizing the acquisition, construction, and installation by the City of Attica Indiana of certain improvements and extensions to the city's waterworks. The issuance and sale of revenue bonds to provide funds for the payment of the cost thereof, including the issuance of notes in anticipation of such bonds and the collection, segregation, and distribution of the revenues of such waterworks and other related matters.

Attorney Barce explained that exhibit A of the ordinance describes the waterworks improvement project. Exhibit B is the drinking water revolving loan financial assistance agreement that the mayor will need to sign tonight if passed.

Voorhees made a motion to suspend the rules for 2022-1010C and pass the ordinance on the first reading, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Voorhees made a motion to adopt at the first reading, 2022-1010C, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Mayor Roderick asked the council to consider the acceptance of the donation of property located at 204 W. Columbia St. Attica, from Gloria Hoffa.

Voorhees made a motion to approve Resolution No 2022-1010D accepting the donation of property from Gloria Hoffa at 204 W. Columbia St. Attica, Grant seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Roderick asked for a motion to accept the agreement of the donation of Gloria Hoffa's property as written.

Maus made a motion to accept the agreement and enter a contract with Gloria Hoffa, in which she, Gloria Hoffa, will pay the 2022-2023 property taxes on the property located at 204 W. Columbia St., Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works/Building Commissioner:

- The Beaver property is down and filled in.

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- A trial was completed based on an APD investigation resulting in a level 2 dealing Methamphetamine conviction.
- A new process was put in place to track the types of calls the department is responding to.
- Officer evaluations have been implemented.
- Chief Miller will be attending officer certification training.
- Chief Miller is shopping for two bullet proof shields, one for the elementary and one for the high school, he believes there will be enough money left in the Public Safety budget to purchase these in 2022.
- The department is working on mandated training through the month of October.

- The radar systems that are installed in multiple cars are out of date and need to be replaced. Chief Miller is seeking grant funds and other sources to replace the radar systems.
- APD held a staff meeting detailing the new state VIN check program and fees, the funds will go into the police continuing education fund.

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- Was not present.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Financials were handed out.
- Broadwater provided additional information on the P-card. It is a city credit card that can be used by department heads for purchases, eliminating the need for individual business cards, such as Menards, Sam's etc.

The council discussed the benefits of the service. Several department heads spoke up in favor of the program.

Broadwater handed out the P-card ordinance required to apply for this card. Attorney Barce reviewed the ordinance.

Grant made a motion to approve the P-Card Ordinance No 2022-1010E as written, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The budget Ordinance was handed out to the Council. Broadwater stated there were no changes to the advertised copy.

Mayor Roderick called for a vote to approve the budget:

Larry Grant	Y
Valarie Maus	Y
Scott Voorhees	Y

Council women Carnahan and Hargan were not present to vote.

- Mayor Roderick presented an Ordinance No 2022-1010G transferring the remaining money in the CARES fund to the General fund, \$69,537.44.

Grant made the motion to transfer the remaining balance from the CARES fund to the General fund, 2022-1010G, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

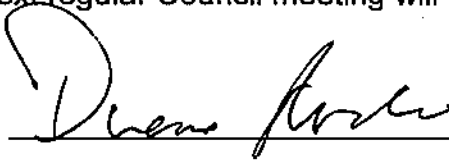
MISCELANOUS:

- None

ADJORNMENT:

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

The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, November 14th, 2022, at 6:00pm.



Duane Roderick, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer