

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

11-14-2022

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

Those present at the meeting were: Council Members; Mr. Larry Grant, Mrs. Kaylie Carnahan, Mr. Scott Voorhees, Mrs. Valarie Maus, Mrs. Patricia Hargan. Also, present were Attorney Ingrid 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 October 10th and 31st council meetings, Hargan seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

CITIZEN'S PETITIONS:

- Susie Fisher from the Crawfordsville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented information on the Military Banner Program. This program allows family members to purchase banners to be displayed on city light poles, to honor loved ones who have served or are currently serving our country, Fischer handed out detailed information about this program and asked the council to consider implementing the program in Attica. The council discussed the program but tabled the request.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DEMOLITION GRANT:

The regular meeting was suspended.

A separate set of detailed minutes of the hearing will be provided.

This was the second public hearing for this project. Kristy Jerrell (by phone) provided the details of this grant to the public and council.

Mayor Roderick stated the project this grant would fund is a top priority for the city.

Citizen Adam Bonebrake spoke up in favor of the downtown demolition project.

The public hearing ended at 6:18 pm.

The regular meeting was resumed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works/Building Commissioner:

- Had nothing to report.

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- APD responded to 422 calls for the month of October 2022, 4 were DUI arrests and 9 were narcotics arrests.
- Officer Viray is back on duty after taking personal time for the birth of his son.
- Chief Miller will be presenting information to Fountain County LCC for the application for a grant to help pay for the outfitting of the new police vehicles.
- All APD officers have completed their service weapon training.
- Officer evaluations are being completed.
- Multiple quotes have been received for bullet proof shields for the school.
- As a result of an APD investigation, a level 2 felony methamphetamine conviction resulted in a 25-year sentence.
- Officer Dillon will graduate from the Police Academy on 12-16-2022.
- The APD will be fully staffed in 2023.
- An ordinance meeting is scheduled with Attorney Barce to review ordinance packets created for the department and provide officer training.
- 2 of the new police vehicles were damaged in transport and will need repairs.

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- The AFD responded to 416 calls for service to date in 2022.
- Little reported there are more calls for service than ever that have no response due to fire department personnel being unavailable. To date there have been 25-30 calls with no response.
- People are not joining volunteer fire departments anymore; this is a major concern for Chief Little. The AFD currently has 15 volunteers.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Financials were handed out.
- Broadwater provided additional information on the city's cyber security measures and what still needs completed, as well as state provided resources available to assist local municipalities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Roderick asked the Council for discussion about the presentation from October regarding changing the local election cycle to match up with either the midterm or presidential election cycles to reduce the cost to the city.

The council discussed the options and agreed it would be beneficial to have staggered elections to avoid a complete turnover in city government at one time.

Two of the five council seats, (district 3 and 5) will run in 2023 for a 1-year term, the remaining council seats (district 2, 4 and at large), mayor and clerk, will run a 3-year term so that all local elections will match the midterm or the presidential election.

Attorney Barce stated she will have an ordinance ready for the December council meeting to reflect this change.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roderick presented the Obligation Bond Ordinance NO 2022-1114, authorizing the issuance of the general obligation bonds and asked for a motion to pass the ordinance.

Grant made a motion to pass Ordinance NO 2022-1114, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay for certain capital projects, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Roderick brought up that there are two people who work a rotation schedule at the sewage plant on the weekends, if there is a holiday during the pay period, they do not receive overtime pay for the weekends because our policy manual states all time after 40 worked hours receives time and a half pay. Roderick would like the council to consider changing this policy. Attorney Barce stated she would draft an ordinance for council consideration and bring it to the December meeting.

MISCELANOUS:

- Christmas in Attica is Thursday December 1st through Saturday December 3rd.

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, December 12th, 2022, at 6:00pm.



Duane Roderick, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer