MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
WORKS AND SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF ATTICA
December 6th, 2022

The Board of Works and Safety for the City of Attica met, pursuant to Public Notice, on Tuesday, December 6th, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. in the City Council Room.

Present was Board Members, Andy Smart, Chris Gayler, Attorney Mallory Redlin and Clerk-Treasurer Joanne Broadwater.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Gayler made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15th, 2022, meeting, Smart seconded, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Citizens petitions:

- Gerald Hutts asked the board to refund the $75 reconnect fee to several of his utility accounts that he paid after the 10th of the month disconnect deadline. Mr. Hutts stated that the utility workers had not physically disconnected the water so he should not have to pay a reconnect fee. Clerk Treasurer Broadwater explained that the Attica City Council interpretation of the Ordinance is that any water bill not paid by 8:00 am the morning following the 10th of the month is considered "terminated" regardless of, if the service is physically disconnected, and the $75 reconnect fee must be paid.

  The BOW did not grant the refund of the reconnect fee.

Department Head Reports:

Director of Public Works/Building Commissioner, Eric Swank:

- Was not present

Meeting Suspended for UBO review hearings:

- 206 W. Pike St – John Smith Owner, debris removal is all that needs done, he has not completed this and requested additional time to do so.

  Smart made a motion to review this property on January 3rd, 2023, Gayler seconded, motion passed.

- 424 E. Main St. – Wayne Tibbet was not present. **Smart made a motion to review this property at the January 3rd, 2023, BOW meeting, Gayler seconded, motion passed.**

- 1104 N. Perry St. – Kenny Bradbury owner. Attorney Redlin stated Mr. Bradburry has a property scheduled for a review hearing on March 7th, 2023, and recommended this hearing be moved to the same date.

  Smart made a motion to postpone this hearing until March 7th, 2023, Gayler seconded, motion passed.

Attica Fire Chief, Mike Little:

- Stated the AFD is having trouble meeting the run needs of the community due to lack of personnel availability.

  People are not volunteering for Volunteer Fire Departments like they used to. Chief Little stated daytime hours during the week are the time when there is the least amount of department coverage.

  Chief Little stated if the Fire Territory is approved this will allow the city to have some paid fire position coverage during the day. Smart asked what the response numbers are in Lafayette, Little stated up to 15 firemen respond to an active scene.

  Smart asked if additional funds are available from the state to support the department. Broadwater explained how property taxes are allocated to all departments in the general budget, but additional local funds are not available to support the cost of paid firemen.

  Little stated the city has two options, the fire territory or possibly a grant from the state that will fund 100% of salaries for 6 years, then the city will have to take over the cost.

Police Chief, Garret Miller -

- Was not present.

Unfinished Business:

- Smart asked if the property at the corner of Bond and S. Perry St. has been looked at for its safety. Attorney Redlin stated she has not sent any notices out for this property.

New Business:

Utility Credits:

Smart made a motion to approve utility credits, Gayler seconded, motion passed.

Utility Disconnects:

Smart made a motion to approve disconnects, Gayler seconded, motion passed.

Payroll Ledgers were presented for approval:

Gayler made a motion to approve the payroll ledgers, Smart seconded, motion passed.

Miscellaneous Business:

Claims:

The claims were presented by Clerk Treasurer Broadwater, **Gayler made a motion to approve claims, Smart seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

There being no further business, **Gayler made a motion to adjourn, Smart seconded, the meeting was adjourned.**

The next Board of Works meeting will be held on Tuesday December 20th, 2022, at 5:00pm, in person, in the City Council meeting room.

Approved: _____

Attest: _____