

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

3-13-2023

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on March 13th, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

Those present at the meeting were: Council Members; Mr. Larry Grant, Mrs. Valarie Maus, Mrs. Patricia Hargan, and Mr. Scott Voorhees. Also, present were Attorney Jud Barce, Mayor Duane Roderick, and Clerk Treasurer Joanne Broadwater.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- Hargan made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023, council meeting, Maus seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- Reported that the demolition of the Evans and Piggott building downtown was complete, and Gates Excavating did a great job.
- Mayor Roderick reported that the city received an OCRA Blight Grant for the demolition of the remaining buildings downtown that the city owns.
- Mayor Roderick reported that Rockville offered to buy the pool lift chair from Attica for \$1500.00 if the council approved the sale. The council agreed to sell the lift chair for \$1500.00 to Rockville.

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- Ordinance violation paperwork for property located on North 3rd Street is being completed due to trash and junk on the property. DPW Director Swank and Police Chief Miller will work together on getting the property cleaned up.
- The APD located a missing 14-year-old girl in Attica that was the subject of a Silver Alert and missing from southern Indiana.
- The police training simulator will be set up on April 15th, 2023.

- The DPW and police department will be moving city records from the current storage room in the police department to an alternate location at the Attica Elementary school.
- The new school resource officer pickup truck is in operation and the new police Tahoe's will be completed Friday.
- Chief Miller handed out a monthly APD activity sheet.
- Chief Miller stated he would like to expand the area of approved take home vehicle use to Tippecanoe County. The council had questions about the cost to the city for this expansion. Chief Miller explained the metrics he uses to track off duty vehicle use, and he doesn't believe it will significantly increase the city's cost.

Chief Miller explained the vehicle tracking software that he uses to track the APD vehicles.

- Hargan asked the cost of the police simulator training system; Chief Miller stated it was \$23,000 to \$24,000 and was paid for with Public Safety money.

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- Reported that the Davis Township Trustee Board voted "yes" for the Fire Territory.
- Chief Little stated the city met with grant writer, Kristy Jerrell, about an OCRA grant to expand the existing fire station.
- Chief Little reached out to the Attica United Methodist Church regarding the empty building on their property and possibly using it for a new Med Shed.

The council had a brief discussion about constructing a new Fire Department vs expanding the existing building.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Reported that the city's annual financial report was submitted timely, and copies were emailed to the council. The AFR is public and can be viewed at <https://gateway.ifionline.org>.
- The city's project to update the capital assets is complete and the updated information has been entered into the city's financial software.
- All the sewer and water SRF loan information has been entered into the city's financial software from 2018 to present and has been correctly reported on the AFR.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Council person Grant asked DPW Director Swank for an update on the generator for the city building. Swank stated he wants to get updated estimates on cost to include the potential Fire Station expansion.
- Mayor Roderick asked for council feedback on the police vehicle take home policy expansion to Tippecanoe County. Grant stated he is supportive of the expansion, Voorhees agreed with Grant. Maus also expressed support for the expanded use. Hargan had additional questions that were addressed by Chief Miller. Chief Miller stated the Police Merit Board would be the governing body to approve the expanded take home policy with any input from the council.
- Attorney Barce handed out a resolution for council support of a county wide WEGA for signature that was voted on at the February meeting.
- The WEGA grant agreement was presented to the council for consideration. The council discussed the agreement request.

Hargan made a motion to approve the WEGA Grant Agreement for the South Perry St. Market 2023-0313A, Maus seconded the motion, and the following vote was taken:

Maus YES

Grant YES

Voorhees NO

Hargan YES

Motion passed on a vote of 3 yes, one no.

- Attorney Barce handed out Ordinance 2023-0313B, amending the rental policy for city park pavilions. The ordinance sets a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 for rental of any city park pavilions.

Maus made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-0313B, park pavilion rental policy, Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Grant stated he received a citizen's complaint regarding stray cats in the city. Hargan stated she previously spoke to Tracy Sudlow DVM from Countryside Veterinary Clinic about the problem without resolution.
- Grant voiced another citizens' complaint regarding flags within city limits that display profanity, particularly one very near the elementary school. Attorney Barce stated the city has no recourse with respect to citizen's displaying the flags.

MISCELANOUS:

- NONE

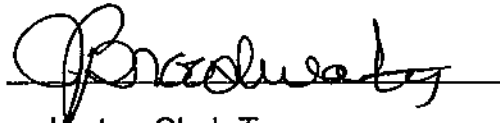
ADJORNMENT:

Roderick stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held Monday April 10th, 2023, at 6:00pm.

Hargan made the motion to adjourn, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed, meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Roderick", written over a horizontal line.

Duane Roderick, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer