

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF ATTICA**

**5-8-2023**

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on May 8th, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

- Hargan made a motion to approve the minutes from October 3, 2022, April 10, and April 25, 2023, council meetings, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

**CITIZENS PETITIONS:**


- Greg Watkins addressed the council with concerns about his driveway being washed away with stormwater drainage from an adjacent property. Swank stated the city could install a water catch basin to alleviate the problem.
- Dave Foster told the council that West Elm Street needs repaired or paved.
- Debbie Jones reported a concern with scrap junk and trash sitting on a neighbor's property on Avenue 8. Police Chief Miller stated the property owners have been mailed a notice regarding cleanup of the property.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Eric Swank Director of Public Works:**

- The contractor, Graves Construction, has started the city water upgrade project. Director Swank asked the council if Graves could use the parking lot across from the Attica Hotel to store the dirt and gravel needed for the project, the council granted permission. 
- The water tower cleaning should be complete and back online Tuesday May 9th, 2023.
- Voorhees asked DPW Director Swank for an update on the building generator. Swank reported he is still waiting on information for the potential Fire Department expansion.

**Police Chief Garret Miller:**

- The Milo training simulator room is up and running. Officer training has started.
- Chief Miller will be at the school this week for a K-9 demonstration.
- Two officers have completed Instructor development training, they can provide training to other officers.

**Fire Chief Mike Little:**

- Troy Routzahn reported for the AFD that District 4 wants to build a fire training facility in Attica. There are certain requirements needed for a location to work.

**Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:**

- Broadwater handed out the city's financial reports and explained that new expense categories have been added to track the current city project expenses separately from the general budget expenditures.
- Reported the city received \$147,932.15 for the CCMG 2022 grant.
- Council email addresses – the cost will be \$2.00 per month, per mailbox. The council requested Broadwater move forward and set up city email address for each council member.
- Reported that the Redevelopment Commission annual letters have been mailed to the overlapping taxing units, and a copy of the letter was provided to the council.
- The annual TIF report was submitted to Gateway on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- The annual ARPA report due April 30<sup>th</sup> was submitted on April 11<sup>th</sup>. This report is to provide the U.S. Treasury with an annual spending update on the funds the city received.
- The annual drinking water report is due by June 30<sup>th</sup> and will be posted on the city website and available in our office, on Facebook, and will be mailed to anyone that would like a copy.
- Broadwater reported that her office is working on getting the ordinances codified through code enforcement.
- Carnahan asked Broadwater if the city can do fundraising for a new pool through crowdfunding sites like go fund me. Attorney Barce responded, stating yes, the city can and explained the process.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Rental inspection ordinance – Barce stated he could tailor the template ordinance he has to Attica and present it at the next meeting.

Hargan stated her neighbor does housing inspections for a living and has expressed concern over the conditions of some houses in Attica and has offered his services with inspections.

Attorney Barce explained the options the city has to address this issue. Council members asked questions and discussed at length ways to address housing inspections.

Rod Bannon, WEGA Director, and Brian Craft also spoke up in favor of property inspections.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Rod Bannon WEGA Director – reported that WEGA will now provide services countywide. He will bring a new contract for the city of Attica that will be specific to the downtown market. Bannon provided an update on the downtown project.

Bannon gave an update on the housing development south of the high school, the projection is for 47 single family homes to be built.

Bannon stated the WEGA website will be online in two weeks, and the target opening date for the downtown farm market and co-working space is fall 2024.

Voorhees questioned the delayed timeline for the project. Bannon explained the delay in the CCMG in 2022 created the current delay.

Voorhees expressed concerns over all the delays in the project.

- Grant brought a request to the council to pay for a stage for the group “The Flying Toasters” that will perform at Mainstreet’s Dancing in the Streets celebration on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The city has agreed to provide the stage for the band to use, but the band is requesting a specific type of stage that will cost approximately \$3000.

The council discussed the request, and multiple council members expressed concern over the cost.

**Hargan made a motion to pay for the stage, Maus seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

- Rod Bannon – stated WEGA does not own the land the market will be built on; the lot needs to be transferred to WEGA prior to WEGA applying for permits. Rod is asking the city to pay to have the land compacted then transfer it to WEGA for development.
- Brian Craft approached the council with a request from a real estate client of his, to accept the donation of a land parcel at 205 N. Perry St. The property is developing a sink hole down to the underground creek. This property formerly had businesses that could have contaminated the property. Attorney Barce cautioned

the city against accepting a land donation without testing for contamination first. The cost to the city to clean up contaminated property could be very high.

The council discussed this request at length and agreed to take it under consideration and possibly have an answer at the June meeting.

#### **MISCELANOUS:**


- Barce brought up the easement of property by the Attica HS owned by Dunham Woods. This property is required for the water project and Dunham Woods will not donate the property. The appraised value of the property is \$6750. To move forward with the water project in this location the city must purchase this easement.

After some discussion, **Hargan made a motion to purchase this easement for \$6750, Carnahan seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

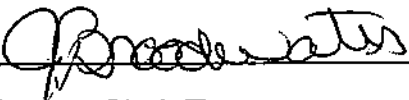
#### **ADJORNMENT:**

Grant stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held Monday June 12, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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

  
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Larry Grant, Council President

ATTEST:   
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Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer