

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS CITY OF ATTICA**

**6-12-2023**

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on June 12th, 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 Ingrid Barce, and Clerk Treasurer Joanne Broadwater.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

- **Maus made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, council meetings with corrections, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

### **CITIZENS PETITIONS:**

- Aaron Cooper, 300 N. Perry St. expressed concerns about a large hole in the asphalt on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Yount.
- Sandy Shonkwiler, 918 S. Brady St. complained about 914 S. Brady, kids are driving a large 4-wheeler in their yard making a lot of noise and dust. Grant asked attorney Barce to check the current city ordinances to see if the city can address this concern.
- Tim Kimple thanked the council for their hard work. He stated he emailed some recommendations for the council to consider. He provided the council with an overview of the recommendations that were emailed to them.
- Cindy Mason representing Attica Main Street, requested the streets downtown impacted by the Dancing in the Streets festival be closed by noon on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>. The council approved the closures.
- Delbert Story 110 Ruby Rd. asked the council to upgrade the play equipment and a basketball backboard in Circle Park.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

#### **Eric Swank Director of Public Works:**

- Hargan asked about Greg Watkins property on S. McDonald St. Eric stated the problem has been solved.

- Swank reported that the contractors for the water project discovered that the water reservoir by the tower is leaking. Repairs to the reservoir are not included in the water project estimated costs but will need to be made at an additional cost to the city.
- A new lead and copper rule is effective in 2024, and the city received a grant to map all the water lines in the city. The second phase is uncovering the lines and replacing lines that have lead joints.
- Carnahan asked if anything can be salvaged in the building slated to be demolished. Swank stated the buildings are not safe.
- Voorhees asked for an update on the City Hall generator, Swank stated he will get estimates once a decision is made on the potential expansion of the Fire Department. Swank wants to make sure the unit is large enough for the space.

**Police Chief Garret Miller:**

- Police Chief Miller and DPW Director Swank are doing an ordinance sweep of the city by section. Miller explained the process to the council.

Miller asked the council to direct citizens to Attica-in.gov website to the city contact form if they have questions about their ordinance notice of violation.

- APD worked with the clerk's office so officers have on hand, the camping registration forms necessary to camp. If a camper arrives after hours officers can provide the required permit and collect the camping fee.
- Grant asked about the complaint in Elmdale. Miller stated the ordinance violation citation has been issued and the owners are in their 10-day period to come into compliance.
- Miller told the council that the city can now use TRECS for ordinance violation payments. This is currently being used for delinquent utility bills. TRECS is a tax refund interception program through the state of Indiana.
- Miller reported increased juvenile activity throughout the city after hours. APD is knocking on doors and requiring parents to pick up their children if they are out past curfew.
- Carnahan asked if there were any more complaints about fireworks being set off during the city burn ban? Miller stated he was just made aware of the complaints and would address it if it occurs again.
- Voorhees reported that several businesses have been broken into and asked that everyone keep an eye out for people or things that seem out of place.

**Fire Chief Mike Little:**

- Was not present.

### **Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:**

- Handed out current financials.
- Handed out and discussed two estimates for council room upgrades to allow livestreaming of meetings. One from B2, Brandon Briles Promotions of Attica, the other from Sound Lab of Lafayette IN. Carnahan asked Broadwater to contact Brandon Briles of B2 about an upgraded camera, one that the Fountain County Commissioners use.
- Broadwater handed out ordinances that had been previously approved that didn't have all the necessary signatures on them.
- Broadwater gave an update on the process to destroy city records. The clerk's office just received an email from the Fountain County Clerk's office with an updated handbook, and 2023 deadlines. Broadwater explained that city records are currently inaccessible, therefore the clerk's office could not meet the 2023 deadline of July 13<sup>th</sup> to expunge records. This project will be completed later.
- Broadwater followed up with the council to see if they were able to access their new city email. Several council members are still having trouble.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Barce handed out a rental inspection ordinance. The council reviewed the ordinance. Barce stated the ordinance will need to be published if approved. Voorhees stated the inspection fee is listed as \$100 and asked if it could be lowered? Barce stated most cities charge \$125.00 for rental inspections, some charge as high as \$150.00.

Barce stated that all properties can be registered by 12-31-2023, then the inspections can be spread out to get all properties on a schedule.

**Voorhees made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2023-0612A, an Ordinance establishing a rental inspection program with the correction of the page numbers, Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.**

- Grant asked for an update on 205 N. Perry St, that was offered to the city as a donation. Barce stated they were waiting for quotes for an environmental study.
- Grant asked for an update on the property annexation south of town. Barce stated she is waiting for a couple signatures from the property owners as soon as the documents are signed the process will be complete.
- Downtown streetscape financing approval. Grant explained this is not a WEGA project, but the street improvements and parking lot.

The council discussed the cost and scope of the project and the cost projections handed out by Bakertilly Municipal Advisors at the June 8th meeting. Voorhees stated he supports the project, but feels the scope is greater than what Attica

needs. Other council members spoke in support of the project. Grant called for a motion.

**Hargan made a motion to fund the streetscape project, Maus seconded. The following votes were recorded, the motion passed.**

<b>Voorhees</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Grant</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Carnahan</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Maus</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Hargan</b>	<b>Y</b>

- Market property transfer agreement. Barce stated they are waiting on legal descriptions to finalize the paperwork. Grant stated if something happens to WEGA in the future he doesn't want the land to go to someone else besides the city. The council discussed options available to them. Voorhees asked Rod Bannon, WEGA Director of a lease would work for them. Bannon stated he has no problem with the property reverting to the city, but a lease creates a problem for WEGA to get a loan if needed on the property. Bannon also stated that a portion of the funds for market development is coming from the city but there will also be corporate and private donations to fund the project.

The council continued to discuss the request; Voorhees stated he is not in favor of transferring the property to WEGA.

Barce stated she would put together options for property transfer to present at the August meeting.

- Barce stated an attorney will not attend the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, so the tax abatement hearing for Harrison Steel will be held at the August meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Barce handed out 2023-0612B, an Ordinance to allow the establishment of a Go Fund Me Account so the city can collect donations towards the construction of a new pool.

**Carnahan made a motion to pass 2023-0612B allowing the city to establish a Go Fund Me account for the city to accept donations towards the construction of a new city pool, Hargan seconded, motion passed.**

Carnahan stated she would work with the clerk to establish this account. Tim Kimple committed a donation of \$100 towards the pool, and Voorhees stated Attica Coffeehouse will donate \$500.

- Grant stated Scott Gregory has asked if the city can put gravel at the riverfront. Swank stated the city would have to request and pay for a permit from the DNR to do this, Swank estimated the cost of the permit to be \$2000.

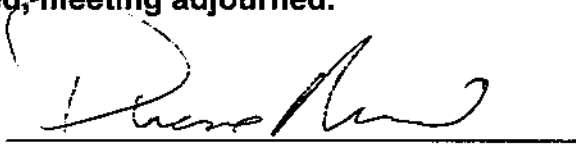
**MISCELANOUS:**

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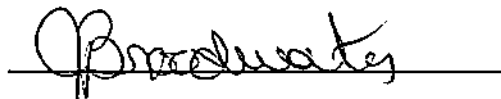
**ADJORNMENT:**

Grant stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held Monday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 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