

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS CITY OF ATTICA

10-9-2023

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on October 9th, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

Those present at the meeting were: Council Members; Mr. Larry Grant, Mrs. Valarie Maus, and Mrs. Patricia Hargan. 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 the September 11, 2023, council meeting, Maus seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Cindy Mason spoke on behalf of Mainstreet, she reported that the lighted Christmas parade will be on November 30th, 2023, at 6:00pm.
- Dave Watkins - representing the Attica Williamsport Senior Center presented quotes to the council for the replacement of lights. The quote was \$3093. Roderick asked where in the budget this expense could be paid from if the council approved it. Broadwater indicated that there is not an appropriation for this because the promotions appropriation is already overspent. Broadwater suggested an additional appropriation could be made from the Riverboat fund. This request was tabled until the November meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Ross from Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors presented the updated financial plan to the council.
- Harrison Steel Abatement update – the RDC meeting but did not have quorum so they could not vote on the request.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- The water and demolition projects are ongoing.

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- Provided an update on ordinance enforcement.
- Roderick asked Attorney Barce what the ordinance is regarding cars being plated and parked. Attorney Barce stated if they are on private property in public view and not plated or insured, after notice and 20 days they can be towed.

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- Had nothing to report.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Handed out the city's financial report, and stated any appropriations that are in the negative have already been addressed with the department heads and will be corrected before the end of the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mayor Roderick presented the 2024 salary Ordinance #2023-1009A for consideration and approval.

Grant made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance #2023-1009A as written, Maus seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Roderick presented a LEAP Resolution opposing the project for discussion and consideration. Mayor Roderick and Attorney Barce presented an overview of the proposed project to pump up to 100 million gallons of water a day or more out of the Wabash River aquifer, transferring it via a 35-to-50-mile pipeline to Boone County Indiana to support their economic development projects.

Grant made a motion to pass Resolution #2023-1009B, a Resolution opposing construction of a pipeline to divert water from the Wabash River Aquifer to the LEAP Innovation District, Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Attorney Barce provided an update on the economic agreement with Dolphin Solar Farms.
- Clerk Treasurer Broadwater presented the budget for approval as advertised; Mayor Roderick called for a motion to approve.

Maus made a motion to approve the 2024 budget as advertised, Ordinance #2023-1009C, Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

MISCELANOUS:

- Grant expressed concern about the number of people on the park board and meeting attendance, he would like the board increased by two, to include a representative from the school system and the Attica public library.

Roderick asked for a motion.

Grant made a motion to increase the number of park board members from 5 to 7 and to include a representative from the library and school, Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Roderick read a note from Barb Foster, Park Board President, that the quote to fix the tennis courts at McDonald Park is \$45,000. No action was taken.
- Roderick thanked the FFA for painting the bathrooms at Ravine Park.
- Roderick thanked the Askren's for the two park benches they purchased and installed at Ravine Park in honor of loved ones.
- Hargan asked for an update on the circle park equipment. Roderick stated he would check with the park board.
- Hargan asked for an update on the riverfront project, Roderick stated HWC Engineering would provide an update at the November meeting.
- Grant suggested to the council that the city install a plaque at the new riverfront park in memory of the children that passed away in a house fire near the new play area.

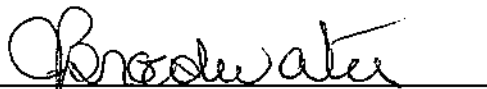
ADJORNMENT:

Roderick stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held Monday November 13, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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



Duane Roderick, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer