

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

11-13-2023

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Maus made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2023, council meeting, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- Leaf season is in progress.
- The water project is moving forward but they have had some unexpected issues.

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- Officer Cheever will be leaving the Attica Police Force after the first of the year, Chief Miller will be opening the hiring process.
- Chief Miller asked the council to consider hiring an additional officer. He presented information to support this request.

The council discussed and supported the request to hire an additional officer for the police department.

Voorhees made a motion to hire an 8th officer for the Attica Police Department, Hargan seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- Reported they have made over 500 Fire Department runs this year an increase of over 100 runs from 2022.

- Chief Little will be applying for a SAVR grant in 2024 to help pay the AFD volunteers.
- Attica Fire Department plans on hiring 4 part-time firefighters in 2024 with Fire Territory dollars.
- There has been a large increase in times when there is no ambulance in Attica to cover emergency calls or there is only one individual on the ambulance, increasing the need for AFD assistance.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Handed out the city's financial report and stated that the necessary additional appropriations will be advertised in time for the public hearing to be held at the December 11th, 2023, council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Attorney Jud Barce handed out Resolution NO. 2023-1113, a preliminary resolution declaring an area in the city of Attica as an economic revitalization area and approving a personal property tax abatement for Harrison Steel Castings and discussed the Harrison Steel Abatement schedules prepared by Bakertilly Municipal Advisors.

The council discussed the presented schedules and agreed that they liked the modified 80/10 option.

Voorhees made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 2023-1113 as written using the 80/10 abatement schedule option, Carnahan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- WEGA Director Rod Bannon presented an update on the utility relocation project associated with the downtown marketplace.

After some discussion, the council asked Mr. Bannon to move forward with Duke Energy's recommended solution that will not cost the city additional money.

- Bannon brought up the topic of Christmas lights in the 200 block of downtown, he stated it will cost the city to repair connections that were cut during the demolition project to temporarily restore the power in that area, or they can wait until the new light fixtures are installed.

Cindy Mason representing Attica Mainstreet clarified Mainstreet's plans for Christmas lights downtown.

After additional discussion by the council of Mainstreet's plans for the November 30th community Christmas celebration, the council decided to provide limited funding to pay for temporary lighting to a 40-foot Christmas tree provided by the Badlands off road park.

Hargan made a motion to pay up to \$750.00 towards Christmas lights if needed in the 200 block of Perry St. Maus seconded, the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- Mayor Roderick reported that during the demolition process underground storage tanks were discovered on the Napa and Masonic Lodge lots that had fuel in them. The city is working with appropriate agencies to determine what remediation is necessary.

Attorney Barce explained the IDEM requirements for remediation of the underground storage tanks found on the Napa and Masonic Lodge properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Roderick presented Ordinance NO. 2023-1113B amending the membership of the Park Board of the city of Attica to include 4 members appointed by the city executive, 1 member of the governing body of the school corporation or an individual who resides in the school corporation area, and one member of the governing body of the library district, selected by that body.

Grant made a motion to approve Ordinance NO 2023-1113B as written, Hargan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Mayor Elect Grant presented the list of AHS students that were chosen to as student city council members. The student members include:
 - 1) Senior, Eli French, term ends August 31st, 2024.
 - 2) Senior, Natalee Jean, term ends August 31st, 2024.
 - 3) Junior, Joslyn Barnett, term ends December 31st, 2024,
 - 4) Sophomore, Grace Hiller, term ends December 31st, 2024.
 - 5) Freshman, Caiden Ashley, term ends December 31st, 2024.
 - 6) Sophomore, Morgan Wood, term starts September 1st, 2024, ends December 31st, 2024.
 - 7) Sophomore, Lillian Irwin, term starts September 1st, 2024, and ends December 31st, 2024.
 - 8) Sixth grade, Addison Hill, first alternate term ends December 31st, 2024.


MISCELANOUS:

- Roderick reminded everyone the Christmas parade is November 30th at 6:00pm.
- Attorney Barce asked for council permission to reach out to Rick Hall from Law Office Barnes and Thornburg to review the cities proposed agreement with Geenex Solar Farms. The council granted permission.

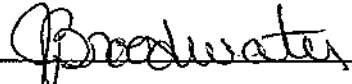
ADJORNMENT:

Roderick stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held Monday December 11, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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



Larry Grant, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:  _____

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer