

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS CITY OF ATTICA

2-12-2024

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on February 12, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

Those present at the meeting were: Council Members; Mrs. Ronda Delong, Mr. Nathan Maus, Mr. Scott Voorhees, Mrs. Kaylie Carnahan, and Mr. Duane Roderick. Also, present were Mayor Larry Grant, Clerk Treasurer Joanne Broadwater, and Attorney Jud Barce.

Junior Council members present were Eli French, Natalee Jean, Joslyn Barnett and Grace Hiller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Voorhees made a motion to approve the minutes from January 8th, council meeting, Roderick seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Susan Fischer – Representing Veterans Banners, requested approval to use light poles for the 2025 year as well as an increase in the number of poles made available for use from 13 to 16. The council will consider the request.
- The owners of 129 N. Perry St. introduced themselves to the council and presented their plans for the downtown building. They plan to open a museum featuring Attica history and artifacts.
- Tom Farley asked the council if a decision had been made regarding the damage to the roof of his building because of the hotel demolition. Voorhees spoke with Mr. Farley and requested proof that the damage was a result of the demolition.
- Lexxi Haddock asked the city to establish a “Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area” or DORA, in Attica. Lexxi provided information on this new opportunity along with a recommendation on the perimeter of this new area. Lexxi stated the next step would be for the council to approve an ordinance approving the DORA area.

Roderick made a motion to designate a DORA area within the city limits, Voorhees seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Junior Council represented by Eli French, expressed a concern over the Park Program supply storage area in the pool building. He stated it is not sanitary and asked the council for other options.

Grant asked Eli to bring recommendations for a solution to the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- 200 block compaction will be complete on Wednesday February 14.
- The water project is at a standstill waiting for parts to come in.
- Swank met with Duke Energy about tree removal at Ouabache Park, the city will still be responsible for removing some of the trees.
- Carnahan asked for an update on the water reservoir up by the water tower. Swank stated that a decision on whether to repair the existing one or replace it needs to be made.

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- Reported he is working with the Police Merit Board to update the department's standard operating procedures to comply with new state mandates.
- The paperwork for two new police officers has been submitted to INPRS for review and approval.

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- Little is working with the Mayor and Grant Administrator Kristy Jerrell, on the Fire Department grant.

Little stated the grant will only cover an extra bay and back wall.

- Reported that a location for a local fire training facility could not be secured so it likely won't be built in Attica.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Handed out the current financial report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Grant stated he received complaints regarding parking on S. McDonald St. but didn't have any updates to present. Attorney Barce stated she would reach out to Purdue to inquire about a traffic study for that street from the 900 block to Sycamore St. and will provide an update on this at a future meeting.

Roderick made a motion to table the discussion to the March meeting, Maus seconded, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A representative from HWC Engineering and Attorney Barce gave an introductory presentation on Shepards Landing housing development for the council to consider the final plat approval.

Roderick made a motion to approve the final plat for Shepards Landing Subdivision, Carnahan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Attorney Barce presented Ordinance No 2024-0212A, Zoning Change for Shepards Landing so the Ordinance matches the Survey that was done by the developer.

Roderick made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2024-0212A, zoning map change, Delong seconded the motion, motion passed.

- Grant discussed city owned properties and the process to determine which properties the city would like to sell.
- Grant presented Ordinance No 2024-0212B, creating a truck route to reduce truck traffic on Perry St. when the streetscape project is complete.

The council discussed the presented ordinance.

Roderick made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No 2024-0212B on the first reading, approving a designated truck route within the city limits, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Grant presented a proposal to create a non-profit entity to take on the responsibility of finding a solution to the city pool. The non-profit would be set up by the city but would be made up of volunteer community members.

The council discussed this idea and were in favor of it. Citizen Tim Kimple volunteered to be part of this non-profit, and the Junior City Council also pledged to be actively involved in this project and help with fundraisers.

- The council discussed this proposal and approved for the mayor to move forward with the non-profit and public meeting.
- Grant introduced an amendment to the park board ordinance removing the requirement to have equal members of different political parties as members due to the difficulty of getting board members, this will allow the vacancies to be filled easier.

Carnahan made the motion to amend the Park Board Ordinance No 2024-0212C, removing the requirement for the board to consist of equal members

of different political parties, Voorhees seconded the motion, all were in favor the motion passed.

- Grant presented an idea that the City of Attica have a phone app developed as an additional way for citizens and visitors to access information about the city.

Voorhees made a motion to approve a city app, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.


MISCELANOUS:

- None.

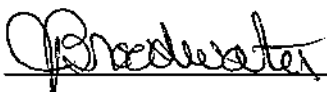
ADJORNMENT:

Grant stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held Monday March 11, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Voorhees made the motion to adjourn, Roderick seconded, all were in favor, motion passed, meeting adjourned.



Larry Grant, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer