

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

4-8-2024

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on April 8, 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 was Eli French and Joslyn Barnett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- Roderick made a motion to approve the minutes from March 11th, 2024, council meeting, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Cindy Mason representing Attica Mainstreet stated Dancing in the Streets will be on Friday June 28th, 2024, and asked if the city will be having fireworks that evening. Grant stated he would check into fireworks for that date if the budget would support it.

Roderick stated he would like to see the fireworks continue.

- Rod Bannon of WEGA stated the marketplace construction schedule has been set.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Junior Council represented by Eli French, stated he has heard concerns about the park curfew being too early.

Police Chief Miller addressed the concerns and explained the reason for the curfew.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- Was not present.

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- Officer Albin starts on April 28th, 2024.
- Both Officer Albin and Officer Hartwig will go to the police academy in the fall.
- Mayor Grant swore in Officer Gabe Hartwig.

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- All the paperwork for the fire station expansion grant from OCRA has been completed. The amount of the grant is \$500,000.
- Chief Little will be advertising for the part-time fire department positions next week, each part-time employee will work approximately 16 hours per week and will be paid \$22,500 per year.
- If the number of calls the department responds to continues to increase the department call runs will surpass 700 calls this year.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Handed out the current financial report.
- Handed out the annual TIF report. Kyle Carlson from Bakertilly presented the report via Zoom.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Complaints regarding traffic on S. McDonald St. were tabled.
- The list of city owned properties was emailed to the council. Attorney Barce explained the process for selling the properties.

Voorhees made a motion to move forward with the sale of 7 properties, Roderick seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Attorney Barce stated he would have the paperwork ready for the next meeting.

- The updated WEGA MOU was presented for discussion and approval. Grant discussed the MOU going forward and stated the purpose of the revision was to tighten up the existing contract.

The council discussed the project and the updated MOU.

Attorney Barce gave an update on the soil samples of the contaminated property, stating we are waiting on a final letter from IDEM to resolve the issue, and lastly Barce stated he has the deed transfer for the market property to WEGA ready to be signed as soon as the MOU is resolved.

Voorhees voiced concern over the continued increase in cost of the downtown market project. Rod Bannon spoke about the scope of the project and his vision for the market.

The decision to deed the property over to WEGA and sign the updated WEGA MOU is tabled to Monday April 15th, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Shepard's Landing Residential TIF discussion. Attorney Tom Pitman from Barnes and Thornburg provided an overview of the establishment of a residential TIF area.


MISCELLANEOUS:

- The city-wide cleanup is Saturday May 11th, 2024.
- Cindy Mason said Shredit will be by the recycling center Saturday morning May 11th, 2024.

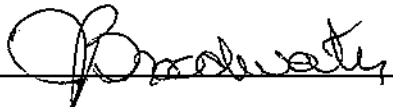
ADJORNMENT:

Grant stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held Monday April 15th, 2024, at 6:00pm.

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



Larry Grant, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer