

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF ATTICA**

**6-10-2024**

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on June 10, 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 and Natalee Jean.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

- **Voorhees made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, council meeting, Delong seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

**CITIZENS PETITIONS:**

- Patrick Runyon addressed the council regarding a ticket he received for having pigs living at his property.

The clerk requested he complete an animal permit so that the council could decide on whether he can keep it in city limits at their July council meeting.

- Aaron Haddock addressed the council regarding cars parked near his house and provided his opinion on one side of the street parking. Police Chief Miller and Fire Chief Little addressed his comments.
- Cindy Mason representing Mainstreet asked that a section of downtown streets be closed on June 28<sup>th</sup> for Dancing in the Streets Festival.

**Roderick made a motion to close the requested streets, Maus seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.**

- Cindy Mason Representing Mainstreet, asked to council for \$25,000 to fund the Attica Mainstreet Director position for another year.

**Carnahan made a motion to approve \$25,000 for the Attica Mainstreet Director position, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None

**JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- None

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

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

- Provided an update on current city projects.
- Requested the council to consider increasing wages and benefits for DPW employees to retain current and attract new employees.

CT Broadwater addressed the concerns expressed regarding the current employee health insurance coverage.

- Voorhees asked for an update on the new generator, Grant Administrator Kristy Jerrell addressed his question.

### **Police Chief Garret Miller:**

- Reported that ordinance violations continue to be addressed. Chief Miller asked the council to consider using the revenues generated from the ordinance violations to hire outside contractors as needed to clean up properties to help the DPW department.

### **Fire Chief Mike Little:**

- Chief Little thanked Attica citizens for their letters of support for the fire department grant application.
- Reported that two part time fire fighters have been hired and they extended the application deadline for the two remaining positions.

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

- Provided an audit update.
- Broadwater asked Attorney Jud Barce to review Harrison Steel's CF-1 review and approval.

Attorney Barce explained what the CF-1 is and the council's duties with respect to review, and approval. Barce stated HS was compliant with their statement of intent from the abatement application.

**Voorhees made a motion to approve the CF-1, Maus seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Wabash Economic Growth Alliance Director Rod Bannon provided a market construction update. He also asked the city for an easement for market access.

Bannon reported WEGA received a \$100,000 grant from IN Landmarks to remodel the "Doug's studio" building.

Voorhees asked about Mill St. becoming two-way, Attorney Barce stated an ordinance would be drafted to make this change once the council approved the change.

- Vacation of High Street by Cottrell Village:

The public hearing was opened:

The mayor requested public comments regarding the proposed vacation. There were no public comments.

**Voorhees made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2024-0610, vacation of part of High Street, Roderick seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.**

**Roderick made a motion to change the Ordinance No to 2024-0610A, Delong seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.**

- Kristy Jerrell, of Jerrell Consulting, the Grant Administrator for the Fire Station CCMG grant held the second public hearing for the grant application.

The regular council meeting was suspended for the public meeting.

Cindy Mason, a citizen, spoke in support of the project.

Denise Routzhan, a citizen, spoke in support of the project.

The public meeting was closed.

Chief Little commented on the project.

- The sale of vacant properties was brought up, Attorney Barce asked this to be tabled until the next meeting, he is waiting on appraisals from a second person.
- 310 S. Market St. sale agreement was signed and given to Attorney Barce to record.
- Council Discussion regarding rental property inspections.
- Annexation of the Harrison Steel golf course and property south of the city was discussed.
- Grant presented Ordinance No 2024-0610B, amendment to the 2024 salary ordinance to reflect the approved police years of service pay effective 7-1-2024 and the increase to the hourly pay rate for the park program lead counselor effective immediately.

**Voorhees made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2024-0610B amending the salary ordinance, Maus seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Grant presented a proposal to increase cemetery rates, the council discussed, but tabled it to the July meeting.
- 1104 N. Perry St.- Attorney Barce stated to take care of the property and lien the title.
- Grant provided an update on the downtown streetlights. Bakertilly recommended the city pay for the lights via the 3-year Duke Energy contract.
- Grant presented an option to move the ambulance service to the Little Beverage Building. The council discussed this option but didn't decide.
- Grant reported he received a quote for remediation in the 200 block of Perry St. in the amount of \$32,650.

**Voorhees made a motion to move forward with remediation of the fuel tanks in the 200 block of Perry St, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.**

- Grant reported he ordered 4 solar digital speed signs for Sycamore and S. Perry Streets.
- Grant reported that a developer wants to purchase the Free Methodist Church property and build workforce housing. They will be requesting a tax abatement. Grant stated the property is already zoned R-3 which will allow this type of development.
- Grant reported the Ouabache park update quotes came in higher than anticipated and this project will need to be reworked.

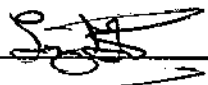
## **MISCELANOUS:**


- None

## **ADJORNMENT:**

Grant stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00pm.

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

  
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Larry Grant, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer  
Mikki Hubbard, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer