

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

7-08-2024

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on July 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, Deputy Clerk Mikki Hubbard, and Attorney Ingrid Barce.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Voorhees made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10th, 2024, council meeting, Maus seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Denise Routzahn, spoke regarding the moving of the EMS location and what this would mean for the city.
- Patrick Runyon asked if the Council had decided on his animal permit regarding his pigs. **Mr. Maus made a motion to approve the request for the permit; Delong seconded, Voorhees, Maus and Roderick approved Carnahan abstained, motion passed with stipulations.**
- Citizens were here to make complaints about the upkeep of properties in their neighborhood. Chief Miller stated those complaints would need to be reported to the police department.
- Amanda Leonard requested that the council have her neighbor remove a tree. Mr. Swank has not met with the homeowners but does feel this tree needs to be removed. Attorney Barce said the City will need to send a letter to the homeowners requesting they have the tree removed.
- Jill Mandeville and Katie Crawford from the Attica Library reported some exciting things are going to be happening there and they would like the city involved. They will be on the August City Council agenda with more information.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORTS:

- None

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- Present, nothing to report

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- Present, nothing to report

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- Was not present

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Was not present

WEGA Updates (Rod Bannon)

- Was not present
- Mayor Grant updated the council

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mayor Grant spoke regarding Quabache Park and the priorities and budget for this project. The Park Board recommendation was for the amphitheater and the playground area. Mayor Grant spoke about the pickleball courts and the passion that citizens have for this sport, he stated a better place for these may be at Ravine Park. He is working with a group to form a non for profit for the swimming pool and hopes that the two groups can work together to do this. Grant money is available for non-profit organizations that aren't available for the city.
- Mayor Grant opened it up for discussion, several citizens spoke regarding the need for pickleball courts and the good it has brought to the city. They are in favor of working with other groups but want to be involved with decisions from the ground up.
- Kelly Wigley spoke about the city having a memorial for her 2 daughters and husband that she lost on February 26, 2013, to a house fire. This would be on the lot that the house stood. Jr. Council member Grace Hiller feels like the memorial park should come before anything else at Quabache Park.
- Mary Jordan, a citizen, stated she feels the parks need to be patrolled more to cut down on the vandalism.
- Cindy Mason was speaking on behalf of Attica Main Street, they would like to thank everyone who helped with the Dancing in the Streets, it was a huge success.

- We received a letter from Patriot Engineering & Environmental Inc., confirming the soil samples collected from the remediation of the 200 block fuel tanks has come back clean. They will send them on to IDEM.
- Sale of vacant city owned lots for new housing Attorney Barce is still waiting on an appraisal.
- Mr. Nathan Maus and Mr. Bob Maus spoke making recommendations on the Cemetery Rate Increase/Rule Changes. The Ordinance will go into effective 08/01/2024. **Mr. Roderick made a motion to approve the Ordinance with the changes that were outlined, Mr. Maus seconded, all were in favor.**
- 310 S. Market St. teardown, Mr. Swank said that it could be internally.
- Rental Housing Inspection Report was agreed to start September 1st, 2024.
- Mr. Grant reported that the Annexation of Harrison Hills needs to continue going forward
- Parking on the west side of McDonald St. from Jackson St. to Sycamore St., will now be a No Parking Zone. There will be no parking on Mill St. south side from Perry St. to Mill St. **Mr. Voorhees made a motion for Ordinance No. 2024-0708A, Mr. Roderick seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.**
- They would like for College St. from Jackson St. to Washington St. will switch back 2 ways.
- Salary Ordinance changes **Mr. Voorhees made a motion for Ordinance No. 2024-0708B amending A. salary pertaining to the Park Program Lead Assistant shall take effect June 10, 2024, and B. Police Department merit pay shall take effect July 1, 2024, Mr. Maus seconded, all were in favor.**
- Radar Speed Signs are in, they will be placed in both the north and south bond lanes on Sycamore St. and on Perry St. near Happy Walter Field.
- Fountain County Ambulance was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- 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.

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:

- Crestline Development representative James Wilson spoke about the development of workforce housing to be built on Sixth St. and their request to vacate the alley behind the church. Mr. Ken Jordan needs the alley to get access to his garage. Attorney Barce explained there is a tax credit available to developers until July 29, 2024, if they can secure certain commitments from the city. There is a Declaratory Resolution for a tax abatement, Mrs. **Carnahan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-0708C A Resolution Declaring An Economic Revitalization Area, Mr. Roderick seconded, all were in favor motion passed.**


MISCELANOUS:

- None

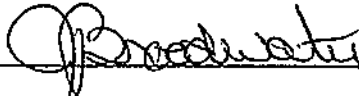
ADJORNMENT:

Grant stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held Monday August 12, 2024, at 6:00pm.

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



Larry Grant, Mayor

ATTEST: 

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