

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

9-9-2024

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on September 9, 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 Ingrid Barce.

Junior Council members present were Joshlyn Barnett, Grace Hiller, Morgyn Wood and Lillian Irwin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Voorhees made a motion to approve the minutes from August 12, 2024, council meeting, Roderick seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Brian Craft spoke representing the owner of the cable lane property, the property is located behind Little Beverage, requesting the council grant permission to let the field grow so they don't have to mow it as often. The council discussed this and granted permission to reduce the frequency of mowing.

Roderick made a motion to approve a reduced mowing schedule, Delong seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Dave Clark spoke on behalf of the Attica Pickleball group. He asked the council to reconsider the amount of money allocated to build pickleball courts from \$125,000 to \$300,000. He stated the quotes came in much higher than expected and they would like to add lights. Clark handed out copies of the cost estimates and multiple other citizens spoke in favor of building 4 top-of-the-line courts in Attica.

Grant asked for a council discussion. A decision was not made, and the request was tabled to December 2024.

- John Hunt representing Heritage Days asked the council if they could have a car show at Perry St. and Main St. and if they could set up a stage on the street Thursday night.

The council granted permission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORTS:

- None
- Two new Junior Council members were sworn in they were Morgyn Wood and Lillian Irwin, they replaced Eli French and Natalee Jean.
- The junior council elected Grace Hiller as the new junior council president.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- Had nothing to report.

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- Had nothing to report.

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- Mike reported that the Attica Fire Territory received the OCRA grant for the fire station expansion. Bids will be requested in October.
- AFD will consider a bond issuance to cover the remaining cost that the grant doesn't cover for the expansion.
- The cost estimate for a city building generator was \$41,000 a few years ago, the city needs an updated estimate.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Handed out the current month's financial report.
- The audit exit interview was held on August 26, the official audit report will be provided to the council as soon as it is received.
- The budget will be presented at the September 23rd council meeting, this will be the public hearing.
- Bakertilly is working on cash flow projections and the updated financial analysis to incorporate all the additional project expenses that have come up and to determine if the request for additional funds for the Streetscape project is available and will be presented at the September 23rd council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mayor Grant reported the letter from IDEM was received regarding the fuel tanks in the 200 block of Perry St. stating no further action is required.

- Attorney Ingrid Barce stated she has an unsigned ordinance from May 13th declaring the city lots as surplus, but asked the council if they would like to make the motion again.

Carnahan made the motion declaring the listed city lots as surplus, Roderick seconded all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

- Attorney Barce explained the process for selling surplus properties and presented the appraised values for each parcel. After council discussion tracts 2 and 3 were removed from the ordinance. Attorney Barce stated written bids for the tracts will be accepted up till 6:00 pm October 14th.

Mayor Grant suggested the lowest appraised price be used as the minimum bid for each property. Grant asked for a motion.

- Resolution No 2024-0909A, a resolution of the city of Attica to sell surplus real estate by public sale.
- **Maus made the motion to pass Resolution No 2024-0909A as amended, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.**
- Grant asked for an update on the tear down of 310 Market St. Swank stated he is waiting on the gas company to disconnect the gas line.
- Rental Inspections- Grant suggested a part time position to conduct these inspections. He stated he will add this position to the salary ordinance. Grant explained his thoughts on how this position would work. The council discussed this new position.
- Grant stated he doesn't have an update on annexation of property south of Attica.
- The signs for restricted parking on McDonald Street will be ordered.
- Grant stated he is still waiting for a response from Fountain County regarding the ambulance housing proposal.
- Ordinance No 2024-0909B- designation of a 4-way stop at Summit and 6th Street and Brady and Washington St.

Roderick made a motion to pass Ordinance No 2024-0909B designation of 4-way stops, Maus seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Ordinance No 2024-0909C repealing a portion of Ordinance No 2020-0928D relating to one-way streets. Designating College St from Jackson to Washington as a one-way street.

Roderick made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2024-0909C repealing the one-way street designation for College, from Jackson to Washington St, Maus seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Attorney Barce presented Ordinance No 2024-0909D changing the code book to reflect that pay periods will change from weekly to bi-weekly.

The council discussed this at length and asked for input from the department heads. Voorhees made a motion to pass Ordinance No 2024-0909D, but it was not seconded. After further discussion Voorhees withdrew the motion. The council decided to change the effective date to April 1st, 2025.

Roderick made a motion to pass Ordinance No 2024-0909D with a new effective date of April 1st, 2025, Delong seconded, all were in favor, the motion passed.

- Attorney Barce presented Resolution No 2024-0909E, a resolution to purchase real estate located at 207 Short St.

Maus made a motion to pass Resolution No 2024-0909E to purchase real estate located at 207 Short St., Carnahan seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Attorney Barce presented Ordinance No 2024-0909F amending employee vacation time, adding extra vacation days for civil employees.

Carnahan made the motion to approve Ordinance No 2024-0909F amending employee vacation time, Maus seconded, all were in favor except Roderick who abstained from the vote because of his wife's employment with the city, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Brittney Hays, the Attica Public Library Director, addressed the council about the library's bond issuance. She presented Resolution No 2024-0909G approving the Attica Public Library's issuance of bonds.

Maus made the motion to approve Resolution No 2024-0909G approving the Attica Public Library's issuance of bonds, Roderick seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Mayor Grant presented health insurance information through the AIM Medical Trust as an alternative to the city's current plan. He explained how the AIM Medical Trust works to reduce premium increases by spreading the risk over a larger group.

The council discussed the information presented.

Roderick made a motion to table the discussion until the September 23rd meeting, Maus seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Ordinance No 2024-0909H an ordinance amending chapter 8.10 garbage and rubbish, Article 1 Rates and Regulation, Section 8.10.060 is amended to add a sub-section stating a \$5.00 per extra trashcan charge will be assessed. This ordinance is retroactive to 7-1-2020.

Maus made the motion to approve Ordinance No 2024-0909H as written, Roderick seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

- Mayor Grant asked for a clarification of the city ordinance regarding dead or dying trees on streets between the sidewalk and street. Attorney Barce said it is the homeowner's responsibility for those trees. Mayor Grant suggested sending a notice to the homeowner that has trees that need addressed.


MISCELANOUS:

- WEGA will have a public meeting on September 19th, 2024, in the council room of city hall.
- September 23rd, 2024, at 6:00 pm will be the public hearing for the cities 2025 budget.
- Carnahan asked if the county cancels WEGA's contract with them will it affect the city of Attica. Grant stated no, our contract is separate from the counties.

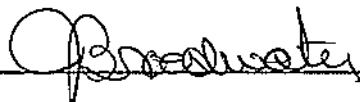
ADJORNMENT:

Grant stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday September 23, 2024, at 6:00pm.

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



Larry Grant, Mayor

ATTEST: 

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