

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

12-9-2024

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on December 9, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

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

The junior Council member present was Grace Hiller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Aaron Cooper is concerned that semi-trucks are not following the new "truck route" and are still driving on Perry St from the 200 block north through downtown.
- Lexxi Haddock the Attica Mainstreet Director thanked the council for their continued support of Attica Mainstreet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORTS:

- None

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- Was not present.

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- Officer Hartwig will graduate from the police academy December 13th, 2024
- The last payment was made on the SRO truck, the city now owns it.
- Addressed the council about encumbering unspent funds from the 2024 budget to be used in 2025 towards the purchase of police vehicles.
- The citizen complaint forms, and secure mailbox are available in the police station lobby. Any citizen wanting to file a complaint regarding an ordinance violation can complete the form and drop it in the locked box at the police station.

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- The pre-bid meeting was attended by 9 contractors, the bids are due 1-9-25 for phase 1, outside work. After January the bids will go out for phase 2.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Asked that a special council meeting be held on Monday December 23rd for a public hearing and approval of additional appropriations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Trash Ordinance 2024-1209. Grant summarized the new rates the trash company is charging and explained the new city wide cleanup process.

Voorhees made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2024-1209, trash rates, Carnahan seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.

- Grant told the council we are still waiting on the gas company, to schedule the city teardown of 310 Market St.
- A rental housing inspector has not been hired yet.
- Grant asked Attorney Barce for an annexation update. Barce stated he is waiting for an email response from the property owners.
- Broadwater provided information to the council on software from Boyce to replace the software that the clerk's office is currently using, and the cost of this software.

The city has had repeat audit findings that the state has attributed to our current software, so the council requested that alternate software be researched.

Voorhees recommended that the BOW approve switching to the software suite offered by Boyce Systems.

- The alley vacation request previously asked for between 200 and 204 Brady Street was rescinded.
- Bids for the replacement generator were handed out.

Maus made a motion to purchase the replacement generator, Delong seconded, all were in favor, the motion passed.

- A new Paws and Claws contract was presented to the council for consideration and approval.

The council discussed the proposed contract and the services that are provided through the city contract and the county contract. The council requested the mayor present a modified contract amount for the BOW to approve, instead of the \$38,000 (which is a \$6,000 increase) requested by Paws and Claws, the city should counter with \$35,000. The BOW will make the final decision on the contract.

- Employer contributions to HSA accounts. The mayor explained the decision-making process for the selected employee insurance plan options.

The council discussed the employees request for employer HSA contributions to offset the employee cost of the insurance plans, but decided to table the vote until the city received the premium notice for the new plan options to determine if funds are available to make contributions in 2025.

- Attorney Barce explained the Crown Castle cell phone tower renewal contract. The council discussed the renewal of the contract.

Voorhees made a motion to extend the contract for 2 additional terms of 5 years each, Maus seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- NONE


MISCELANOUS:

- NONE

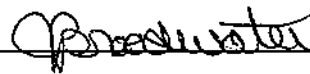
ADJORNMENT:

Grant stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday December 16th, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Maus 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