

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF ATTICA**

1-13-2025

The Common Council for the City of Attica met on January 13, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

Those present at the meeting were: Council Members, Mr. Nathan Maus, Mr. Scott Voorhees, Mr. John Smith and Mr. Duane Roderick. Also, present were Mayor Larry Grant, Clerk Treasurer, Joanne Broadwater, and Attorney Ingrid Barce.

The junior Council member present were Grace Hiller and Joslyn Barnett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Voorhees made a motion to approve the minutes from December 9 and 23, 2024, council meetings, Maus seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**
- **Roderick made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2024, council meeting, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

- Mayor Grant asked for a nomination for Council President for 2025. Roderick nominated Mr. Maus, the motion did not receive a second, the motion didn't pass. The council president election was tabled to the February 10th meeting.

CITIZENS PETITIONS:

- Daniel Tibbet asked the council why he cannot pull in a house trailer on a lot he owns. Grant explained the city ordinance won't allow it.
- Lexxi Haddock from Attica Mainstreet asked what the trick or treating date will be in 2025 so she can include it on the 2025 event calendar.
- **Maus made a motion to set the trick or treat date as October 31, Voorhees seconded, all were in favor motion passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORTS:

- None

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Eric Swank Director of Public Works:

- Was not present.

Police Chief Garret Miller:

- Was not present.

Fire Chief Mike Little:

- Was not present.

Joanne Broadwater, Clerk-Treasurer:

- Presented an overview of city finances and explained the budget report and process.
- Handed out current nepotism and conflict of interest forms.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Grant asked the council to confirm the dollar commitment from the GO bond to build pickleball courts.

Roderick made a motion to allocate \$125,000 to pickleball courts, Voorhees seconded the motion, Roderick, Maus and Voorhees voted in favor of the motion, Smith abstained. The motion passed.

Voorhees made a motion to allocate \$15,000 to a dog park, Smith seconded the motion, Roderick, Maus Voorhees and Smith voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Voorhees made a motion to allocate \$150,000 to playground equipment, Roderick seconded the motion, Roderick, Maus and Voorhees voted in favor of the motion, Smith abstained. The motion passed.

- The rental inspection program is on hold until an inspector can be hired.
- No update on the annexation of Harrison Hills and properties south.
- Discussion regarding city contributions to participating employee HSAs for 2025.

Voorhees made a motion to contribute \$1300 in 2025 to participating employee HSA accounts, Smith seconded the motion, Smith, Maus and Voorhees voted in favor of the motion, Roderick abstained due to his conflict of interest. The motion passed.

Grant clarified the terms of the city HSA contributions.

- Grant provided an update on the ongoing discussions regarding housing solutions in Attica for the county ambulance service.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The council made the following designations for 2025 by vote:
 1. The Fountain County Neighbor is the official city newspaper.
 2. Barce and Redlin was named city attorney for 2025.
 3. Fountain Trust Bank was named the city bank for 2025.

Roderick made a motion to designate the official newspaper, attorney and bank for the city for 2025, Maus seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.

- Grant gave an update on the city council redistricting.
- Ordinance 2025-0113, amending the salary ordinance to correct a pay calculation for the police was presented.

Maus made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2025-0113, Voorhees seconded the motion, Roderick, Maus and Voorhees voted in favor of the motion, Smith abstained. The motion passed.

- Cindy Mason, RDC President addressed the council about an RDC project to create shovel ready properties within the city for future development. Mason stated the RDC would like to start with the 200 block of Perry St, downtown.

Mason provided details and answered council questions. The council gave the RDC permission to move forward with the project.

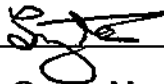
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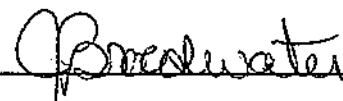
ADJORNMENT:

Grant stated he had no further business and requested a motion to adjourn. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday February 10, 2025, at 6:00pm.

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



Larry Grant, Mayor

ATTEST: 

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