



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
August 22, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Present: John Bengé
John Phifer
Jody Price
Pam Van Hook

Absent: Murry Dixon

Others Present: Andy Emmert, Utilities and Street Superintendent, Building Commissioner
Jennifer Farley, Clerk-Treasurer
John Albright, Attorney

Public Hearing: Mr. Phifer opened the 2022 Budget Public Hearing with Mrs. Farley reading the attached budget proposal. Mr. Phifer ask for public comments. Mrs. Teal ask if our taxes were going down. Mrs. Farley explained that our Net Assessed Value was up this year due to the N. W. E. subdivision. The budget will be adopted on September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Van Hook made a motion to close the Public Hearing with Mrs. Price, Seconding.

Minutes: August 8, 2022 – regular meeting – approved

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets: Andy Emmert

Attached

Mr. Emmert presented to the council a quote from The Sign Guy for vehicle, barricade, and billboard signage. Mr. Bengé made a motion to accept the quote from the Sign Guy in the amount of \$3475.00 for a festival billboard. Mrs. Price, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Phifer, Mr. Bengé, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Mrs. Price made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$1209.00 for the barricade graphics. Mr. Bengé, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Phifer, Mr. Bengé, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Building Commissioner: Andy Emmert

Attached

Mr. Emmert has received the new zoning maps. They will need corrections to the corporate boundary lines. He will contact them concerning this.

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Mrs. Farley informed the council; the town has received their second distribution of ARPA funds in the amount of \$84,418.60. To use the funds, we will need to do an additional appropriation. A Public Hearing has been set for September 12th at 6:45.

Festival Update:

Booth rental: \$32, 275.00

Sponsors: \$16,040.00

Vendors (Main & Broadway): 24 booths available

Food vendors: 2 available

Health Dept: ready to submit

Homeland Security Entertainment Permit: Applied and ready for approval

Nickel Plate Express: Mrs. Dickover informed the council; they are unable to pick up passengers at Hamilton Heights due to the accessibility. However, they will be doing caboose rides on Saturday and Sunday. Once Mrs. Farley knows the exact times, she will begin advertising.

Dunk Tank: Council suggested filling the dunk tank on Thursday before the festival. They can contact Mr. Emmert for assistance.

Attorney: Mr. Dixon has been in contact with Mr. Albright concerning amending chapter 73, schedule 3 on weight restricted roadways, to add 1 street and 1 alley to the schedule. After a short discussion, Mr. Bengé made a motion to table the matter for further review. Mrs. Price, Seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Phifer suggested contacting Mr. Albright with their thoughts or comments concerning this matter. Mr. Albright would like either Mr. Dixon or Mrs. Farley to be the central point of contact. (this would keep from having multiple points of contact and keep our billing down.)

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer Adjust: 135 N. Central – approved - \$63.49

Cameras: Mr. Wells will be installing equipment next week.

Annexation/County roads: still in progress

NEW BUSINESS

Miller Pipeline: Mr. Emmert informed the council; to be put on Miller Pipeline’s schedule for sewer lining, they will need to accept the attached proposal. This will be funded with the County ARPA funds. Mr. Bengé made a motion to accept the proposal in the amount of \$303,393.00. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Phifer, Mr. Bengé, Mrs. Price, Mrs. VanHook

Nickel Plate Express: Mrs. Dickover attended the meeting to inform the council of a closure that will take place on September 12. The Hoosier Port Authority has been given approval by the Hamilton County Commissioners to repair the railroad crossing on St. Rd. 19. This will take approximately 10 days to complete. It will be complete before the festival. Once this is complete, they will have leftover funds that can be applied toward other tracks in town. After a short discussion, it was decided to use the funds for the Main St. crossing.

Fleis & Vandenbrink: Mr. Burgelin and Mr. Cicero attended the meeting to give an update on the following items:

Festival sponsorship: Kids Zone Sponsor for \$1000.00

Armory project: Still waiting on the final decision, but it looks like the project will not go forward.

Storm sewer Project: Potential project with funding from the County, SRF and OCRA. Deadline would be April 2023.

Transportation Asset Management Plan and Road Inventory update: One proposal for all services in the amount of \$7520.00 for their review.

Other projects that were discussed included, having a park board, park plan, DNR Grants and Sidewalk projects.

Certificate of Completion: Mr. Bengé made a motion to accept the Certificate of completion from Miller Pipeline for their retainage. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded and the motion carried. Mrs. Farley will have Mr. Dixon sign the document.

Republic Agreement: Mr. Bengé made a motion to accept the attached contract extension for 2023. Mrs. Price, Seconded and the motion carried.

4-Way Stop: Due to the future development of a gas station on St. Rd. 19, a few residents at N.W.E. would like to see a 4-way stop at Hopkins Dr. and Allison Dr. Mr. Phifer told the residents he would bring it before the board for their approval. Mr. Bengé made a motion to approve a 4-way stop at that location. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Emmert will put them up for a 90-day study.

BZA: Council approved for Nickloy, Albright & Gordon to be legal advisors for the BZA. Mr. Bengé made the motion with Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment: Mrs. Teal commented on the closure of our library. She attended the Public Hearing concerning this matter along with Mr. Dixon, who spoke in favor of the town purchasing the library. She was disappointed in the fact that the library board was not concerned with the towns offers.

With no further business to discuss the claims were signed and the meeting adjourned.


Murry Dixon, Council President
John Phifer COUNCIL member

JF -
ATTEST:


Jennifer Farley, IAMC, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer

