



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
January 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Present: Murry Dixon
Jody Price
Pam Van Hook

Absent: John Bengé

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

Mr. Dixon read the letter of resignation from Mr. Phifer, effective January 9, 2023. Mr. Dixon thanked Mr. Phifer for his service to the town. (attached)

2023 Appointments:

Council President: Murry Dixon- Mrs. Van Hook made a motion to retain Mr. Dixon as Council President.
Second- Mrs. Price

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Utilities and Street Superintendent: Mrs. Price made a motion to retain Mr. Emmert as Utilities and Street Superintendent. Second – Mrs. Van Hook

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Building commissioner: Mrs. Price made a motion to retain Mr. Emmert as Building Commissioner.
Second- Mrs. Van Hook

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Financial Institute: Mrs. Price made a motion to retain First Merchants Bank as our Financial Institute:
Second – Mrs. Van Hook.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Attorney: Nickloy, Albright & Gordon – Mrs. Van Hook made a motion to retain Nickloy, Albright & Gordon as our Attorney. Second – Mrs. Price.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Council Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. – Motion Mrs. Price, Second Mrs. Van Hook

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Festival Meetings: 4th Monday of each month, immediately following the Council meeting – Motion Mrs. Price, Second Mrs. Van Hook

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Mrs. Price accepted the position for advisory council for Hamilton County Emergency Management.

Minutes: December 29, 2022 – Regular meeting- Approved

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets: **Andy Emmert**

Attached

Mr. Emmert suggested having a trash can audit. He has noticed several residents having more than the allotted amount. Our contract states a 3 trash can limit. Mrs. Farley will contact Republic.

Building Commissioner: **Andy Emmert**

Attached

Clerk Treasurer: **Jennifer Farley**

Mrs. Farley informed the council; she has received a \$3000 donation from an anonymous donor to be used for a certain resident for 1 year and the remaining funds to be used for residents in need. After a short discussion, Mrs. Farley will keep these funds separate for the next year and what is left will be used for other residents.

Mr. Dixon acknowledged the kindness of the donor.

Attorney: **Alex Nickloy**

Salary Ordinance: Mr. Nickloy felt there was a disconnect in what the ordinance reads and what the truth is on the ground. He brought to the council examples from other municipalities for their review. After a short discussion, Mr. Nickloy suggested he would be willing to come to a workshop to review and work on the ordinance. Mr. Dixon would like to get this wrapped up soon. Council will continue to review.

Voting: Mr. Dixon questioned how voting works with having 4 board members. Mr. Emmert (former precinct committeemen) said the vote must be unanimous. Mrs. Van Hook ask how the position is filled. Mr. Emmert said, “it goes to the party”. Mrs. Van Hook told Mr. Dixon, since she did not run on the ballot, she is considered a “hold over” for the next 4 years, unless she does not want her position, then she would resign.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2023-01-01: Mr. Dixon had the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-01-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 73: Traffic Schedules Schedule V: prohibition of motorized and nonmotorized conveyance on certain unapproved rights-of-way. This will be in the Town Hall for public review.

Managed Technology Services Agreement: Mrs. Van Hook moved to accept the agreement from MWTS for an annual price of \$1500.00. Mrs. Price, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Cameras: Mr. Dixon will contact Mr. Wells concerning the completion of the cameras.

Code of Ordinances online: Tabled for further review. Mrs. Farley will contact American Legal Publishing for clarification on pricing.

Mural: Mrs. Farley informed Mrs. Van Hook, she attended a meeting at H.H.M.S. and the mural is in the beginning stages. They have set April 21 & 22 (weather permitting) to paint the mural. This will be the same weekend of the Bicentennial celebration. The town has also been awarded a \$500 grant to help with putting a sign up at the park. Mr. Emmert has a piece of pink granite that could be used to engrave the name on. He will call for pricing.

Annexation: Still waiting on the county roads from the County.

Ball Diamond: Mrs. Van Hook questioned keeping the ball diamonds. She would like to pursue selling them. She felt the council is being financially irresponsible in keeping them. Mrs. Teal would like to see the community informed about this decision, in hopes the community will support keeping them. After a lengthy discussion, Mrs. Van Hook will use social media to let the community know of this decision.

Asset Management Plan: Mr. Emmert gave the council a quick update concerning grant funds. The GIS system and equipment are underway. Mr. Emmert is recommending Silver Smith as the company. He will have their information at the next meeting.

Duke Energy: Waiting on information from Duke Energy for LED lighting and rebates.

NEW BUSINESS

Watson Excavating Pay Application #5: Mrs. Van Hook made a motion to approve the pay application #5 in the amount of \$219,0005.00. This is a split payment between SRF and County ARPA funds. Mrs. Price, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook


SRF Disbursement Request Form: Mrs. Van Hook made a motion to approve Watson Excavating SRF Pay Application in the amount of \$1000,000. Mrs. Price, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Water Rate Ordinance: Tabled for further review.

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


Murry Dixon, Council President

ATTEST: 
Jennifer Farley, AMC, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer

