



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
August 29, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Present: Murry Dixon
Jody Price
Pam Van Hook

Absent:

Others Present: Andy Emmert, Utilities and Street Superintendent, Building Commissioner
Jennifer Farley, Clerk-Treasurer
Luke Brown, Code Enforcement Officer
Craig Siebe, Attorney

Public Hearing

Mr. Dixon opened the 2023 Budget Public Hearing by reading the attached Public Hearing Notice. Resident Mrs. Teal inquired about wanting a copy, Mrs. Farley gave her one. Budget adoption will be on September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. With no further comment, Mrs. VanHook made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and proceed with the normal Council Meeting. Mrs. Price, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. VanHook

Minutes: August 14th – Regular Meeting – Approved
August 18th – Special Meeting – Approved

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets: Andy Emmert
Attached

Building Commissioner: Andy Emmert
Attached

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Mrs. Farley informed the council the OCRA monitoring went very well. She also stated that the auditors had finished up with the 2021 – 2022 Federal audit. The Exit Conference for the Audit was scheduled for 11:00am the following day (August 30th) and all auditors would be present to speak with Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Farley and any of the other council members who would like to attend.

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown
Attached

Mr. Brown inquired about a resident letter for the festival. Mr. Dixon told Mr. Brown that he has one that was used last year, he will find it and give it to Mr. Brown.

Attorney: Craig Siebe

Library: Mr. Siebe informed the council the library purchase is moving forward; the next step is to sign the purchase agreement. Mr. Siebe inquired as to whether Mr. Dixon had received the Purchase Agreement from Mr. Nickloy. Mr. Dixon has not. Mr. Siebe stated that he will make sure it is sent.

He suggested a vote be made to allow Mr. Dixon to sign the completed agreement when it is received. Mrs. VanHook made a motion for Mr. Dixon to sign the Purchase Agreement when it is ready. Mrs. Price, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. VanHook

Fireworks:

Mr. Siebe brought up a few concerns the attorneys had about the contract for the fireworks at festival. After a short discussion, Mrs. Farley said that she will have Zach Bergman reach out to them directly to discuss further.

OLD BUSINESS

Fleis & Vandenbrink

The Town will be unable to proceed with pursuing a rerate until next year, after more data have been collected.

Gazebo:

Mrs. Farley informed the council that Eagle Scout Otto Drake will be working on the Gazebo over Labor Day Weekend. She has been in touch with some local nurseries and plant shops regarding the future landscaping at the Gazebo and is awaiting a response. Mr. Dixon inquired about a quote for the railing at the Gazebo that he had requested from Custom Blacksmithing; Mrs. Farley told him she had not received anything yet.

Republic Contract:

Tabled for further review.

NEW BUSINESS

Flag Poles on Main Street:

Mrs. Farley inquired about redrilling the old flagpole holes on Main Street, so they are available for use on special occasions and holidays. Mr. Dixon said he would be interested in having that done. He would look at the existing holes to see what it would take to get them ready to use.

PFAS

Mr. Dixon brought up Forever Chemicals (PFAS “polyfluoroalkyl substances”) Their presence in the aquifer is the result of contamination from production and use of certain common materials that leech into the ground over time. Mr. Dixon stated that EPA will push mandates through IDEM for testing and mitigation. Mr. Dixon would like to start doing further testing to see if we have any Forever Chemicals in our water supply. He explained the benefit of testing before it is mandated would be a chance at getting settlement money from the Multi District Litigation surrounding this issue to help pay for testing and treatment of these chemicals that will be mandated in the future. Mrs. Price made a motion to approve the additional testing and involvement in the Multi District Litigation. Mrs. VanHook seconded.

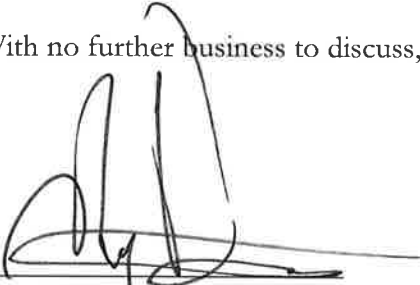
AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Price, Mrs. VanHook

Sewer Adjustment: 28850 N. State Road 19 - \$153.14 - Approved


Public Comment:

Mrs. Shannon Plumer inquired about a Dolles Park donation fund through QR Code or Venmo that would be tracked by a donation thermometer. Mrs. Farley will check into specifics with the State Board of Accounts. Mr. Dixon explained the Town has certain rules and restrictions on receiving money. Mrs. Plumer stated that she would be willing to host a fundraising event for the park fund in her facility. Mrs. Plumer also brought up the Feeding Team Food Box and her thoughts about it being on Main Street, she would like to see it moved for people in need of more privacy. Mrs. Price brought up the vandalism issues that have occurred with the food box. Mrs. Plumer would also like the council to address the charcoal grills and clutter on the Main Street sidewalks. Mr. Dixon will investigate all of Mrs. Plumer's concerns and proceed accordingly with Mr. Brown on ordinances. Lastly, Mrs. Plumer inquired about a bride using the alley temporarily in October to greet her wedding guests. Mr. Dixon stated they would have to close the half block with barricades for that specific circumstance. The Council agreed to make arrangements for Mrs. Plumer if they know far enough ahead of time.

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



Murry Dixon, Council President

ATTEST: 
Jennifer Farley, IAMC, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer

