



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
January 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Present: Murry Dixon
Tim Johnson
Chris Calhoun
Pam Van Hook

Absent:

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

Mr. Dixon welcomed our 2 new Council Members, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Calhoun. He thanked them for being willing to serve the community.

2024 Appointments:

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

Town/Utilities/Street Superintendent: Mr. Calhoun made a motion to retain Mr. Emmert as Town/Utilities/Street Superintendent. Mr. Johnson seconded.

Building Commissioner: Mrs. Van Hook made a motion to retain Mr. Emmert as Building Commissioner. Mr. Johnson Seconded.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Johnson made a motion to retain Mr. Brown as Code Enforcement Officer. Mrs. VanHook seconded.

Financial Institution: Mr. Johnson made a motion to retain First Merchants Bank as the Town's Financial Institution. Mr. Calhoun seconded.

Town Attorney: Mrs. VanHook made a motion to retain Nickloy Albright & Gordon as the Town Attorneys. Mr. Johnson seconded.

Council Meetings: Mrs. VanHook made a motion to keep the meetings as the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 6:00pm. Mr. Johnson seconded.

Festival Meetings: Mr. Johnson made a motion to have the festival meetings on the 1st Monday of each month following the normal council meeting. Mr. Calhoun seconded.

Hamilton County EMA Representative: Mr. Johnson volunteered to attend meetings and represent the Town for Hamilton County Emergency Management. Mrs. VanHook made a motion for Mr. Johnson to be the representative. Mr. Calhoun seconded.

Festival Clerk: Mr. Johnson made a motion for Mrs. Farley to remain the Festival Clerk. Mrs. VanHook seconded.

Town Laborer: Mr. Johnson made a motion for Mr. Brown to keep his position as Town Laborer. Mr. Calhoun seconded.

Minutes: December 29, 2023 – Regular Meeting - Approved

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets: Andy Emmert

Attached

Wastewater Project:

Mr. Emmert informed the council Triad Associates has not completed the Virtual Inspection Report that they agreed to per their contract. They are requesting payment. Triad has told SRF that their work is complete, and they are waiting on Mr. Emmert. Since this is inaccurate, Mr. Emmert is going to make a report and send it to SRF. Mr. Dixon will call to follow up with Triad.

Mr. Johnson inquired about the Town's daily water usage. He also had questions pertaining to street salting and plowing procedures. Mr. Emmert answered all his questions.

Building Commissioner: Andy Emmert

Attached

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Library:

Mrs. Farley informed the council that she has been in contact with Mark Dollase with Indiana Landmarks concerning payoff procedures and remodeling the building. Mrs. Farley will wire the money this week. She also told the council that Mr. Dollase has contact information for architects and contractors for old buildings, he will be emailing that to Mrs. Farley. Mr. Nickloy would like to review the BOND Ordinance before she makes the payoff.

Trash Containers:

Mrs. Farley has received several requests for extra trash containers to be picked up. There has been a list made for Mr. Emmert and Mr. Brown and they will be picking them up sometime this week.

Eclipse:

Mrs. Farley and Annie Farley attended a meeting with Hamilton County Tourism concerning the eclipse that will take place on April 8th. They would like to advertise any events that we plan. Mrs. Farley is not sure if the town should plan something at this time. Mr. Dixon would like to have more community events; he is not sure that this is one of them. Mr. Johnson shared some of the projected statistics for this date.

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown

Attached Mrs. Teal asked about the previous parking tickets given to the frequent Main Street parking violators. Mr. Brown is going to pursue writing letters and contracting Miller towing to help with the issues of overnight parking, parking over the allotted time, and parking during the snow plowing season.

Attorney: Alex Nickloy

Annexation:

Mr. Dixon asked Mr. Nickloy if he heard anything from the county attorney. Mr. Nickloy said no, but he has located the office to hopefully pursue an in-person conversation.

OLD BUSINESS

Technology Solutions Midwest:

Mr. Dixon informed the new council that the camera installation has taken a long time and that they did not want to pursue re-signing the contract until his work was complete. Mrs. Farley informed the council that he had installed the final 2 cameras. Mr. Dixon stated that this item could be tabled until the next meeting so the new council members could evaluate the contract. Mrs. VanHook made a motion table this until the next meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. VanHook, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Calhoun

Ball Diamonds:

Mrs. Teal inquired about the Ball Diamonds. Mr. Dixon said that the contract has been given to the Tipton League to sign, he is just waiting to hear back.

NEW BUSINESS

Reorganization

Mr. Dixon informed the new council about the development towards U.S. 31 and Westfield's plan to annex as much as they can. Mr. Dixon said that Jackson Township and Cicero would like to combine Atlanta, Arcadia, and Cicero into Jackson Township as one same entity, Cicero and Jackson Township are planning to combine. Mr. Dixon stated that Arcadia wants no part of this deal, and he is not convinced that it is a good idea. Jackson and Cicero have agreed to pay for our portion of the financial study that would have to be done as a next step in the reorganization. Mr. Dixon and Mrs. Farley informed the council about the next meetings happening about this topic. A somewhat lengthy discussion ensued.

Spring Market:

Mrs. Plumer informed everyone that on Saturday, March 16th a Spring Vendor Market will take place in Earthly Endearments. Mrs. Plumer has requested for the ½ block in front of her building to be barricaded from 8:00am-4:00pm. Mr. Calhoun made a motion. Mrs. VanHook seconded.

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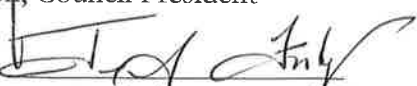
Public Comment:

Mrs. Plumer would like the Town to organize a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new BBQ restaurant opening in the old pub. Mr. Dixon said that the town would contact them.

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

