



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
October 14, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Present: Murry Dixon
Fred Farley
Tim Johnson
Chris Calhoun
Pam Van Hook

Absent:

Others Present: Jennifer Farley, Clerk-Treasurer
Craig Sebie, Attorney
Luke Brown, Code Enforcement Officer

Minutes: September 23, 2024 – Regular Meeting – Approved
October 7, 2024 – Executive Session – Approved
October 7, 2024 - Special Meeting - Approved

Investigation: State Police Superintendent Doug Carter attended the meeting to address the residents concerning the recent investigation of employee Andy Emmert. He realizes there are a lot of rumors and speculation concerning the recent search warrants that were served. He informed the residents: "Our system of Justice does not and should not allow him to talk about anything they are currently doing". He hoped that they could understand this. He asked for patience and empathy for the position that the Council has found themselves in. Following his briefing, resident Mr. Ron Stamps inquired about Mr. Emmert's suspension with pay. Mr. Dixon informed him this is not a long-term decision. It is an ongoing discussion.

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets: Luke Brown

Attached

Following Mr. Brown's report, Mr. Dixon thanked the Town of Arcadia for allowing their operator Al Schultz to perform duties for us under his license.

Building Commissioner: Rick Phifer (Interim)

Absent

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Mrs. Farley is working on final figures for the festival. She is hoping to have a report at the next meeting.

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown

Attached

Attorney: Craig Siebe

Mr. Siebe gave a short update on a few ongoing matters (Annexation, Policy Handbook and contract review). No new information at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Festival:

Mr. Dixon thanked the staff that worked hard to make the festival a success. He also thanked the council and our faithful volunteers: Neila Teal, Ed Worl, John Phifer, Steve Plumer, Paul and Jack Morgan, Mazie Emmert, Andy Farley, Bri Dixon, Murry Dixon Sr., Greg Wilson, and anyone that may have been missed.

Baseball Diamonds:

Christine Smith from the Tipton Baseball Leagues attended the meeting and would like an update on renewing a contract to use Atlanta ball diamonds for next year. She acknowledged the issues that residents had with them last season and stated that there were a lot of unknowns. The council was not prepared to provide an answer, it will be discussed at the next meeting. The Town has received two appraisals on the Ball Diamond property. The sale of the property is another decision they will be looking at. They will continue to review all options.

NEW BUSINESS

Trick or Treat Hours:

Council set Trick or Treat hours from 6:00pm-8:00pm on October 31st. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the hours. Mr. Calhoun, Seconded and the motion passed.

Trunk or Treat:

Mr. Johnson would like to have a Trunk or Treat for the community. He has spoken with Pastor Brown from the Christian Church and Mrs. Farley about organizing a lunch for the community during the event. After a brief discussion, the date and time was set for October 26th at 1:00p.m. The council was eager to proceed with this event for the children and to give people the opportunity to see the newly remodeled Shelter House. Mr. Farley made a motion to move forward. Mrs. VanHook, Seconded.

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

Larry Dautrich:

Mr. Johnson informed the council that resident, Larry Dautrich, had passed away. Mr. Farley shared that in the early 70's Dautrich was a deputy for the Town, and his father was a bus driver as well. Mr. Dixon thanked Mr. Johnson for recognizing his passing.

355 S. John St.:

Mr. Dixon and Mr. Brown will be clearing out the old town garage, in preparation of the sale of the property. They have made a list of old equipment and miscellaneous items, including the old dump truck, that are no longer in use but are being stored at the garage. Mr. Dixon would like to have a "yard sale" to give the community an opportunity to purchase these things. Mr. Siebe will investigate the proper process for the sale of these items.

Resident, Bill Malott, inquired about the Old Town Garage and the reason the sale was not advertised. Mr. Dixon gave a brief statement and Mr. Siebe added there is a state statute that outlines the standards, and the town has used their best judgement for the sale of the property.

Following this, Eli Haskett with Emergency Vehicles Plus, who is in the process of working with the Town to purchase the garage, introduced himself and made those in attendance aware of their plans for the property. They are working on a purchase agreement currently.

Generator:

Hamilton County Emergency Management is giving 3 used generators away. Mr. Johnson has been in contact with them concerning obtaining one for the town. He is waiting to hear back.

Leak Adjustment – 315 S. Broadway St.- \$165.05 – Approved contingent upon repair verification.

Public Comment:

Resident Greg Wilson thanked Mr. Dixon for removing some cement blocks from their driveway from the festival storm that hit on Friday.

Shop for Kids:


Lt. Dustin Dixon shared that the Shop for Kids Organization with the Sheriff's Department will be taking children shopping for gifts and necessities this Christmas. Their focus is on children in the community that are in need and will not have an opportunity to receive gifts or take part in other holiday-related festivities. Lt. Dixon invited everyone to reach out if they knew of any children in the Atlanta community that need assistance. Mr. Calhoun thanked Lt. Dixon for stepping up for the children as he has volunteered for this cause himself.

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

