



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
November 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Present: Murry Dixon
Fred Farley
Tim Johnson
Chris Calhoun
Pam VanHook

Absent:

Others Present: Jennifer Farley, Clerk-Treasurer
Craig Siebe, Attorney

Minutes: October 28, 2024 – Regular Meeting – Approved

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets:

No Report

Building Commissioner:

No Report

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Festival Update: Mrs. Farley presented to the Council a Festival Financial Report for their review (attached). Mr. Dixon would like to have a more in-depth meeting to evaluate this year's festival. Mrs. Farley also shared flyers created by Deputy Clerk, Annie Farley showcasing the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting that will be held Sunday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown

Absent

Attorney: Craig Siebe

Annexation: Mr. Siebe would like the Council to inform him whenever they are ready to move forward with the annexation process.

OLD BUSINESS

Availability Fee: Tabled for further review

Ball Diamond: Mrs. Van Hook inquired about the expiration time for the recent appraisals. Mr. Johnson would like to know what the right way is to come up with a selling price. Mr. Siebe will check on these questions. Mrs. Smith from the Tipton Baseball League attended the meeting to obtain an answer about leasing the fields. After a short discussion, Mrs. Van Hook made a motion to proceed with a lease for the Tipton Baseball League that would survive a sale thus the Town can proceed with the current appraisals and

pursue sales of the property. Mr. Farley, Seconded. Mr. Johnson abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Farley, Mr. Calhoun, Mrs. Van Hook

ABSTAIN: Mr. Johnson

Police Contract: Mr. Dixon and Mr. Farley met with Mashall Urick from the Arcadia Police Department to discuss protection. Arcadia would target patrolling and traffic stops. For three shifts with two patrols per shift and similar protection to the Sheriff's Dept., their contract price would be \$55,000.00 annually. The Council is awaiting an official contract from Arcadia. If the Town proceeds with the contract, service will start in January.

Policy Handbook: Continuing to review

Library: Mr. Johnson inquired about the remodeling progress on the library. Mr. Dixon thought we were still waiting for plans. Once they are received, they will be reviewed by the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Plan Commission: Monday, November 25th at 5:30 p.m. has been set for the next Plan Commission Meeting.

Council Meeting: The last Council Meeting of the year has been rescheduled for Monday, December 30th at 6:00 p.m. The regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 23rd has been cancelled.

Utility Operator: Arcadia Utility Operator Mr. Schultze has been helping the Town out with our utilities in Mr. Emmert's absence. Last week there were issues with the water plant that Mr. Schultze and Mr. Brown were trouble shooting. Mr. Dixon discussed the issues with several Council Members, and they decided rather than to continue to use Arcadia's time that it was best to reinstate Mr. Emmert as our Utility Operator. Mr. Emmert was reinstated on Tuesday, November 5th. He has resolved the majority of the problems. Mr. Dixon reiterated that there was never a safety concern with our water quality, but things were trending in a bad direction, and nobody could quickly identify the reason for it or put together a plan on how to fix it. Mr. Emmert came over and spent into the night working on it. He serviced things that immediately improved the results of the water. We are still waiting for lab results to fully identify what the problem was. Mr. Dixon asked for a motion to reinstate Mr. Emmert as our Utility Operation effective November 5th. Mr. Calhoun made a motion Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded. After a few questions from residents, Mr. Johnson made a motion to reinstate Mr. Emmert not only as Utility Operator but also Building Commissioner and Street Superintendent. Mr. Calhoun, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Calhoun, Mrs. Van Hook

NAY: Mr. Farley

Sewer Adjustment – 515 S. Central St. -\$180.98 – Approved contingent on leak verification

Public Comment: Mr. Malott inquired about the annexation process. Mr. Siebe explained the difference between voluntary and involuntary annexation.

Ms. Phifer informed the Council there was outdated information on the bulletin board in front of the Town Hall. The Council thanked Ms. Phifer.

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

