



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
February 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Present: Pam Van Hook
Chris Calhoun
Tim Johnson
Fred Farley

Absent: Murry Dixon

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

Minutes: January 22, 2024 – Regular Meeting - Approved

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets: Andy Emmert

Attached

Mr. Emmert informed the Council that he is very concerned about the PFAS results that the Town has recently received. He feels there was a false positive in well #4. He stated when they received the testing material from Taft Law, there were not proper instructions on how to use the testing material. Unfortunately, they unintentionally violated several instructions (not provided) that would cause a false test result. He would like the council to consider opting out of the lawsuit. He would like to wait until I.D.E.M. has set standards for this testing. In the meantime, he would also like for the town to take another test to clear up the false test results. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Nickloy suggested talking to Taft Law concerning the lack of instructions and possibly having them pay for the second test that will cost the town around \$4000.00. Mr. Johnson made a motion to take the second test and follow up with Taft Law. Mr. Calhoun, Seconded.

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

Mr. Emmert would like the Council to think about reviewing our Capacity Fees, as it has been several years since they have been increased.

While dealing with a problem at 100 S. John Street, Mr. Emmert found the resident has a camper on the property that has been used as living quarters. They are putting their waste into our storm drain. While investigating this matter, Mr. Emmert found an unknown manhole at the west end of Main Street. He received a quote from Watson Excavating to install a new storm drain manhole for \$5000.00. After a short discussion Mr. Calhoun made a motion to proceed with a new manhole. Mr. Johnson, Seconded.

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

In the meantime, Mr. Nickloy will send a letter to the resident addressing the sewer issues.

Building Commissioner: Andy Emmert

Attached

Mr. Emmert informed the council the gas station by Northwind Estates will be starting soon. The previous hold-up was related to road cut permits. Mrs. Farley shared a petition against the gas station by a young girl in the subdivision that was completing the petition for a school project. Farley stated that the girl's mother understood that the gas station was final but since it was for a project, the mother wanted the council to have it anyway.

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Mrs. Farley informed the council that she is working on the Annual Report, Debt Report, Cancellation of Warrants, Dormant Fund Resolutions and has transferred \$46,258.00 from our Debt Service Reserve Fund to Trust Indiana to receive a better interest rate. She has also been in touch with Mark Dollase concerning the process of having the Carnegie Library put on the Historic Register.

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown

Attached

Mr. Brown reported that the chicken neglect issue discussed in the last meeting has been properly taken care of.

Attorney: Alex Nickloy

Updated Ordinances:

Mr. Nickloy brought 3 updated Ordinances for Council review (Travel Emergencies, Garbage Collection Fee, and Parking Ordinance).

Annexation/Roads:

Mr. Nickloy finally reached the County Attorney, who suggested the Town annex the property around the roads, in doing this, the County would allow the town to obtain the roads. After a short discussion, Council agreed this would be the best way to move forward.

OLD BUSINESS

Triad Invoice:

The town has received the long-awaited as-builts from Triad. The council approved their final invoice in the amount of \$7200.00. Mr. Johnson made the motion with Mr. Farley, Seconding.

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

Appraisals: Tabled for further review.

Cameras:

Mr. Well attended the meeting to help with setting up council emails.

He informed the council all cameras have been installed and are working. After a few questions from the council, it was decided to put a camera behind the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Hamilton County Emergency Management:

Mr. Shane Booker, Executive Director of Hamilton County Emergency Management, prepared a presentation for the Council. Mr. Booker explained that there will be an update made to the technology that they use to sound our siren to insure better monitoring, alerting, and safety for dangerous storm activity. Presentation materials and an updated memorandum of agreement have been given to the council and town attorney for

review. Mr. Booker also shared that the County Council will be covering the fee for the update, there will be no cost for the town. The first week of March will resume the outdoor siren tests, once the town's is reinstalled. Emergency Management will come up and run a special test. Mr. Farley inquired about the availability of grants for a new siren. Mr. Booker gave the information that he had off hand regarding cost and the absence of grants to help with sirens.

Shelter House Water Leak / Elections:

Mrs. Farley inquired about a polling location for the election due to the Shelter House having a water leak that may be in the process of repair at the time of voting. Mr. Emmert explained the details of the leak to the council and shared what he would like to see happen with needed updates to the Shelter House in light of this leak. Mr. Johnson inquired about voting in Town Hall, Mrs. Farley did not know if the current Town Hall would be considered eligible anymore. Mr. Emmert stated that they could turn the water back on for the election at the cost of 7,000 gallons. The kitchen will not be available for use. After a somewhat lengthy discussion, it was decided that the election will take place in the Shelter House and Mr. Emmert will try to get some pricing together for repairs and updates.

Easter Egg Hunt:

The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Town, Atlanta Wesleyan and Christian Church has been set for March 30th at 1:00 p.m. - Dolles Park. The council approved a \$500.00 expenditure. Mr. Johnson made a motion with Mr. Calhoun, Seconded and the motion carried.

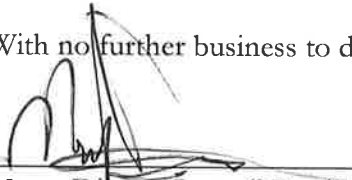
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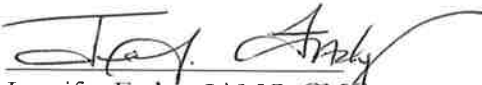
Council approved **Resolution #02-2024-01**. A Resolution Designating September 28th & 29th, 2024 as the Atlanta New Earth Festival Dates and Adopting General Rules and Regulations. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Calhoun, Seconded and the motion carried out, followed by a quick festival update from Mrs. Farley.

Sewer Adjust: 625 S. Indiana – Approved - \$128.20
140 W. Main St. – Approved – \$23.16

Utility Assistance: 625 S. Indiana – Approved- \$153.00

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

