



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
April 22, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Present: Murry Dixon
Fred Farley
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

Minutes: April 8, 2024 – Regular Meeting - Approved

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets: Andy Emmert

Attached

Mr. Emmert Shared his frustration with the council concerning an Early Ban Warning letter from I.D.E.M.. He informed the council we have had zero violations; we are not even close to our peak capacity, and he has been dealing with this same letter for years. After a short discussion it was decided to contact Fleis & Vandenbrink to continue with the rerating for our sewer plant.

Building Commissioner: Andy Emmert

Attached

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Mrs. Farley congratulated Deputy Clerk Annie Farley for receiving her first certification form **ILMCT**. Mrs. Farley has spoken with Steve Brock concerning our water BOND payment. He suggested passing a Resolution concerning making the payment from both Water and Sewer funds. The attorneys are working on this. She would like the council to keep a Policy Handbook and a Park Board on their radar.

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown

Attached

Mr. Dixon offered to help Mr. Bown with the process of turning tickets over to the prosecutor's office. Mr. Brown is still working on collecting extra trash cans from residents. Republic allows for residents to have 1 trash and 1 recycle, a total of 3 cans, with a \$7.00 charge for the 3rd can.

Attorney: Alex Nickloy

Foreclosure: Mr. Nickloy attended a commissioner meeting to enquire about the property at 315 S. Railroad. The Commissioners informed him they would like the town to follow a different state statute than what we

suggested, to obtain the property. They first would like the property to go up for tax sale. Once it has not sold, they will deem it not "suitable for sale". Once this is done, they will have the court sign off on it and at that time they will give us a tax certificate of ownership. This process is very timely and will start after the May 10th property tax due date. This foreclosure has been in the process for over 2 years.

Annexation/ Roads: Mr. Nickloy informed the council, assuming all residents are on board with the annexation, this would be a voluntary annexation. All landowners will need to file a petition with the town council asking that they be annexed in. Mr. Nickloy has prepared the petition. Once the landowners have signed off, the next steps will be adopting an annexation ordinance and a fiscal plan. Once this is completed the road will become ours.

OLD BUSINESS

Shelter House Remodel: The Shelter House project is still in progress. The water leak has been repaired and the kitchen floor has been replaced. It was decided to order cabinets and flooring. After a short discussion, Mr. Johnson made a motion to allocate \$6000.00 for cabinets, flooring, paint, and materials. Mr. Calhoun, Seconded.

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

Library: Mr. Dixon and Mrs. Farley met with Stephen Allen from Architecture Trio concerning the library. Once we receive a quote from them, Mr. Dixon would like to set up a Special Meeting to review all quotes.

Phifer Invoice: Council approved an invoice from Rick Phifer for replacing 2 doors at the Town Hall and 1 at the shelter house in the amount of \$651.33.

Appraisals: Mr. Dixon presented to the council 3 more appraisers to use for the 2 properties in town. After a short discussion, Mr. Farley made a motion to go with the least expensive one which was Lonnie Miller for a price of \$700 for residential (315 S. Railroad) and \$1,500 for the commercial property (355 S. John). Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded.

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

Red Cross Agreement: Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the agreement with the Red Cross using our Shelter House as an emergency facility. Mr. Farley, Seconded and the motion carried.

Sewer Adjust: 600 S. Indiana St. (trailer park)- \$596.72- Denied. After a short discussion it was decided the repair was unverifiable.

NEW BUSINESS

Festival

Restrooms: After a short discussion, Mr. Johnson made a motion to use Service Sanitation at a price of \$9,555.00 for restrooms and up to an additional \$2000 for cleaning attendants. Mr. Calhoun, Seconded.

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

Bounce House: Mr. Farley made a motion to us Big Bounce Company, LLC in the amount of \$5000.00 for the free Kids Zone. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded.

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

Parking: There was a discussion about the Tipton Baseball league using the water plant as a parking fund raiser during festival. There are several factors that would determine if this could be done.

Video Advertising: Waiting for a quote from WWKI for a video commercial for advertising.

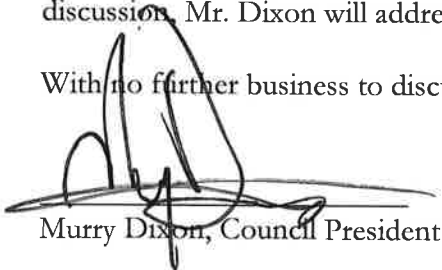
Tree Removal: The new residents located at 200 S. Indiana would like to have 2 trees removed in front of their home for parking (letter attached). The trees are on the town's property. This was tabled for further review. Resident Neila Teal brought to the council's attention a couple of trees that need to be checked out. Mr. Emmert will take care of this.

CDBG Grant: Eligibility for Community Block Grants through the County. Mr. Johnson made a motion to sign the agreement. Mr. Farley, Seconded and the motion carried.


Paving: Mr. Emmert inquired about paving. Mrs. Farley suggested waiting for another year to utilize the CCMG. Council agreed.

Public Comment: Mr. Alan Farley attended the meeting with complaints concerning parking at the ball diamond. He would like for the town to address what is theirs to be used and not used. Visitors have been parking on his property and have dumped dirt on it (that he had to take care of). They have also used it as a practice field. He would like to have the rocks and poles moved to where they would match the property line at the recorder's office. Mr. Farley does not want to be put in the position of a lawsuit. After a short discussion, Mr. Dixon will address the issues.

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

