



# TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting  
105 E. Main Street  
May 28, 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  
Jon Albright, Attorney  
Luke Brown, Code Enforcement Officer

**Minutes:** Festival Meeting - May 13, 2024 – Approved with correction

## REPORTS

**Water, Wastewater, & Streets:** Andy Emmert

Attached

**Resident Sewer Line:** Mr. Emmert brought to the council's attention the resident located at 454 W. 600 S. had trouble while installing a sewer cleanout. They found the clay fitting was cracked. Mr. Emmert, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Dixon did the repair. Mr. Emmert said that the town should expect a bill from the homeowner for the work done by the plumber that they hired, however; the town will likely only need to pay a small portion.

**Sewer Plant:** Mr. Emmert spoke with Jones & Henry to have them re-rate our Sewer Plant. They estimated the cost to be around \$15,000.00. After a short discussion it was decided to have Mr. Emmert obtain a quote from them.

**Availability Fee:** Mr. Emmert spoke with Mr. Brock about reviewing our availability fees and a park impact fee. After a short discussion Mr. Emmert will have him put a quote together.

**Building Commissioner:** Andy Emmert

Attached

**Clerk Treasurer:** Jennifer Farley

Mrs. Farley presented a letter to the council from resident Ed Wright at 115 W. Main St. He was disputing his water bill in the amount of \$482.95. After having his meter audited it showed a continuous leak which was thought to be a running toilet. After a short discussion the council voted to take no action on the letter. They informed Mrs. Farley if he wanted to continue to dispute the bill, he would need to attend a council meeting.

**Code Enforcement:** Luke Brown

Attached

Mr. Brown informed the council of a situation at 100 & 110 W. Adams St. that he has been working on for months. Mr. Brown gave the homeowner his last 30-day notice and wanted to make the council aware so they could look into making an abatement. Mr. Albright told Mr. Brown that he will do a legal letter before that abatement process comes into play.

**Attorney: Jon Albright**

**Annexation:**

Annexation letters have not been sent to residents yet. Mrs. Farley will email the residents' water service applications (which states they waive their right to object or remonstrate against annexation) to Mr. Albright for his review.

**Letters:**

Mr. Dixon would like the attorneys to write up letters for 2 building violations that have happened recently. Mr. Emmert will give them the particulars.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Hail Damage:**

Mrs. Farley informed the council that the Insurance Adjuster and Contractor, Steve Peterson, has inspected all the town roofs. Damage was found on the town hall, shelter house, gazebo and mini barn. She is waiting for an update from the insurance company. Mr. Dixon questioned keeping the mini barn with its overall condition and vandalism. It is just being used to store items that could be discarded. After a short discussion the decision to dispose of the mini barn was tabled until we heard from the insurance company.

**Weed/Grass Ordinance:** A short discussion concerning an ordinance for weeds, grass and cultivating land, was brought up due to a resident that was letting their grass grow. Ater a review of the ordinance it was decided to continue to work on it.

**Ordinance Update:**

Mr. Dixon would like to start working on updating the ordinances which would include high grass, building code, subdivision control– council is looking at setting special meeting to complete this task.

**Ball Diamond:**

Mr. Dixon gave a short update on the ball diamond. He stated that a new door was installed in the press box. The updates and repairs are largely complete. The deadline for completion is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dixon and Mr. Johnson will do a walk through to make sure things are completed. There are still parking issues that need to be addressed.

**Appraisals:**

Mrs. Farley will email the appraisals to the council members for their review.

**Sewer Charge:**

The Sewer Charge that was implemented and suggested by our rate consultant was discussed. Mr. Dixon abstained from voting since this charge has affected one of his properties. Mr. Johnson made a motion to remove the sewer charge from properties not using sewer.

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dixon

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Shelter House Vandalism:**

Mr. Dixon informed the council that on May 25<sup>th</sup> vandalism took place in the shelter house by a random individual that has no connection to the town. There was damage to the inside and mini barn. The individual is in custody. Mrs. Farley will contact the insurance company.

**Shelter House Carpet and Painting:**

Mr. Farley brought to the Council a quote in the amount of \$4,935.00 from Jack Laurie Group for new carpet squares for the shelter house. After a short discussion it was decided to look at carpet samples before they approved the quote.

Mrs. Farley informed the council that resident Ed Worl who is a regular volunteer has painting experience from his job and has offered to do the inside painting at the Shelter House.

**Sewer Adjust:** 230 S. John St. - \$390.75 – Approved

**Public Comment:**


Mr. Wayne Farley attended the meeting asking for the council's help on the parking issues at the ball diamond. He owns land that butts up to the ball field and is having trouble with people parking on his property. He has no parking signs posted and he has been in contact with the president of the Tipton ball league and has not gotten anywhere in solving the problem. Mr. Dixon agreed to attend a meeting between the town, ball league and Mr. Farley to help resolve 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

