



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
September 23, 2024
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent:

Others Present: Andy Emmert, Utilities and Street Superintendent, Building Commissioner
Jennifer Farley, Clerk-Treasurer
Craig Siebe, Attorney

Budget Adoption:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the 2025 Budget Resolution No. R-2024-01. Mr. Calhoun, Seconded.
AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Farley, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Calhoun, Mrs. Van Hook

Minutes: September 9, 2024 – Regular Meeting – Approved
September 9, 2024 – Festival Meeting - Approved

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets: Andy Emmert

Attached

Sewer Plant Rerate

Mr. Teague from Jones & Henry Engineers attended the meeting to present information to the council on the wastewater lagoon capacity rerating. Mr. Teague advised the council to upgrade the current system, based on IDEM standards. Mr. Teague answered questions from the council, and they thanked him for his briefing. No decisions were made at this time.

Building Commissioner: Andy Emmert

Attached

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Festival Update

Matt Gross from the HCSD attended the meeting inquiring about parking at the water plant across St. Rd. 19. Mrs. Farley was concerned about liability issues. She contacted Walker Hughes insurance company, and she shared the requirements with the council. She also forwarded to the council an email from Zach Burger regarding the fireworks. He stated the cars will need to be out of the water plant parking lot by 4:00pm according to his liability standards. Mr. Dixon will speak with him on this matter. Mr. Johnson had some questions concerning who would pay for the extra officers to help with the traffic flow. Mr. Dixon stated that the town will absorb the cost this year since it is a first-time fundraiser for the Tipton Girl's Softball Team. Mrs. Farley was happy to inform the council that Sponsorship donations were over \$46,000. That is the highest amount the festival has ever received. Vendor spaces are full, and we are still receiving calls.

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown

Absent

Attorney: Craig Siebe

Purchase Agreement: The attorneys received a signed copy of the Purchase Agreement for the property located at 355 S. John St. Mr. Siebe answered questions regarding timing and signing of documentation. Mr. Calhoun made a motion to accept the purchase agreement for \$175,000 and authorize Mr. Dixon as the authorized signer. Mr. Farley, Seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Shelter House: Mr. Dixon shared a progress update on the Shelter House construction; he thanked all parties for their work and shared that it is almost complete.

Purchase Agreement:

The Council received an updated purchase agreement in the amount of \$28,000.00 for 130 Meridian Street. Mr. Farley made a motion to appoint Mr. Dixon to be the signer contingent on attorney review. Mrs. Van Hook Seconded the motion.

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

Law Enforcement Contract:

Mr. Farley has been in contact with Arcadia Council President Rich Versprille concerning police protection. He would like to have a meeting to discuss these matters further. Mr. Dixon agreed.

Policy Handbook: Tabled for further review.

Ball Diamond: One appraisal has been received for Council review. The second appraisal will be completed next week.

Ordinance No. 2024-08-1

Mr. Dixon had the second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-08-1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 151.45: Civil Action. Mr. Calhoun made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Farley, Seconded.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Availability Fee/Park Impact Fee: Mr. Brock from Therber, Brock & Associates LLP attended the meeting to discuss updating our Availability Fees and a new Park Impact Fee for the water and wastewater utilities. The rate work on both Fee studies will be billed at an hourly rate but capped at \$6,500.00 for all work. After a short discussion Mr. Calhoun made a motion to proceed contingent on further review from the attorney. Mr. Farley, Seconded.

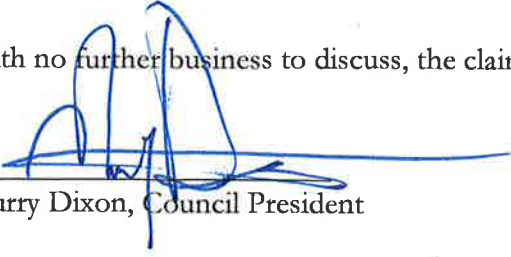
AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Farley, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. VanHook, Mr. Calhoun

Leak Adjustment - \$23.29 – Approved

Public Comment:

Mrs. Teal commented on how nice it was to have the new BBQology restaurant in town.

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

