



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
January 13, 2025
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

2025 Appointments:

Council President: Murry Dixon – Mr. Farley made a motion to retain Mr. Dixon as Council President. Mr. Calhoun seconded the motion.

Town/Utilities/Street Superintendent: Andy Emmert – Mr. Johnson made a motion to retain Mr. Emmert as the Town/Utilities/Street Superintendent. Mrs. Van Hook seconded the motion.

Town Laborer: Luke Brown – Mr. Farley made a motion to retain Mr. Brown as the Town Laborer. Mrs. Van Hook seconded the motion.

Building Commissioner: Andy Emmert – Mr. Farley made a motion to retain Mr. Emmert as Building Commissioner. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Code Enforcement Officer: Luke Brown – Mrs. Van Hook made a motion to retain Mr. Brown as Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Calhoun seconded the motion.

Festival Clerk: Jennifer Farley – Mr. Johnson made a motion to retain Mrs. Farley as Festival Clerk. Mrs. Van Hook seconded the motion. Mr. Farley abstained.

Attorney: Nickloy, Albright, Gordon, and Siebe – Mrs. Van Hook made a motion to retain Nickloy, Albright, Gordon and Siebe as the town Attorney. Mr. Calhoun seconded the motion.

Financial Institution: First Merchants Bank – Mr. Farley made a motion to retain First Merchants as the Financial Institution. Mr. Calhoun seconded the motion.

Council Meetings: Mr. Calhoun made a motion to keep the Council Meetings at 6:00pm on the second and fourth Monday of every month. Mrs. Van Hook seconded the motion.

Festival Meetings: Mr. Calhoun made a motion to keep the Festival Meetings directly following the first council meeting of the month. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Plan Commission Meetings: Mr. Farley made a motion to keep the Plan Commission meetings at 5:30pm before the second meeting of every month. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Minutes: December 30, 2024 – Regular Meeting - Approved

REPORTS

Chief of Police: Alex Petty

Mr. Petty created a Mission, Vision, and Goals report that he shared with the Council. He appointed Deputy Louis Morris as the liaison/point of contact between the Town and Arcadia P.D. Chief Petty also shared traffic enforcement plans with the Council. Resident Bill Malott brought up concerns about speeding and no posted signs on Broadway Street. This is something that will be looked at.

Water, Wastewater, & Streets: Andy Emmert

Attached

Building Commissioner: Andy Emmert

Attached

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Mrs. Farley presented **Resolution R-01-2025-01** to the Council. A Resolution necessary to make year-end transfers in the amount of \$1,346.59 Mr. Calhoun made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Johnson, Seconded.

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

Mrs. Farley also brought to the council's attention; the Deputy Clerk's hourly rate would need to be approved. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve \$17.85 as the Deputy Clerk hourly rate. Mrs. Van Hook Seconded.

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dixon

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown

Attached

Mr. Brown brought up issues with residents having extra trash receptacles. The Council informed him to pick up the extra cans from the violators.

Mr. Johnson inquired about Mr. Brown's policy regarding catching dogs. The town has kennels that can be utilized for stray/loose dogs as well as a chip reader. Mr. Dixon will speak with Mr. Petty concerning helping with animal control.

Attorney: Alex Nickloy

Park Board: Mr. Nickloy has created a draft ~~Park Board Policy~~ *Economic Development Commission Ordinance* for the Council's review.

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Ball Diamonds: A final draft of the Lease Agreement with Tipton Baseball League was presented to the Council for their review.

Live Stream: Mr. Nickloy inquired about the Town's plans to meet recording compliance with the new law taking effect on July 1st. Mr. Dixon informed him that Technology Solutions Midwest is creating a plan.

Building Violation Letters: All letters have been sent out.

OLD BUSINESS

Annexation:

Mr. Nickloy presented a step-by-step procedure for annexation. This will require the Town to complete a Written Fiscal Plan to see if the economic impact is worth the process. The Council informed him a Written Fiscal Plan was completed several years ago that would need updated. After a short discussion, the council will review this process.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Update:

Mr. Calhoun asked if Mr. Nickloy could investigate updating our Ordinances to include giving the Arcadia Police Department the ability to write tickets, specifically for parking and traffic violations, rather than writing them on the State Statue. Mr. Nickloy will review this.

With no further business to discuss, the claims were signed and the meeting adjourned.



Murry Dixon, Council President

ATTEST:



Jennifer Farley, I/AMC, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer

