



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
August 25, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Present: Murry Dixon
Fred Farley
Tim Johnson
Chris Calhoun
Pam VanHook

Absent:

Others Present: Jennifer Farley, Clerk-Treasurer
Craig Siebe, Attorney
Rick Phifer, Building Commissioner
Luke Brown, Code Enforcement Officer
Louis Morris, Deputy, Arcadia Police Department

Following the prayer by Pastor Brown, the Atlanta Town Council held a moment of silence for former council member John "Toby" Benge, affectionately known as "Mr. B," who passed away on the 10th.

Live Streaming: Mr. Dixon opened the meeting by requesting that any public commenter use the podium provided with the microphone and sign in to allow virtual listeners the best transparency and to ensure compliance.

Minutes: July 28, 2025 – Regular Meeting – Approved

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets: Luke Brown & Al Schultz
Attached

Tree Trimming: Mr. Brown informed the council that he and Mr. Stringer have begun trimming trees around town. Mr. Brown also obtained quotes for the Main St trees to be trimmed. Upon reviewing the quotes, the Council selected the Wolford Tree Service quote for \$4500. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the quote with the stipulation that Mr. Brown speaks with Mrs. Majors, an affected homeowner, about the work. Mr. Farley, Seconded.

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

Mulch: Mr. Brown thanked John Phifer, Ed Worl, Ron Stamps, and Fred Farley for volunteering to spread mulch at the park.

Sewer Plant: Mr. Dixon spoke with Mr. Schultz regarding ammonia regulation and low oxygen creating excess duckweed on the sewer ponds. Mr. Schultz spoke with Clearbrook Technologies and received a quote for treatment to kill the duckweed for \$12,722.70. After a short discussion, Mr. Johnson made a motion to proceed, if it did not go over the amount. Mr. Farley, Seconded.

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

Building Commissioner: Rick Phifer

Verbal report

BBQOLOGY: They would like to add 4-6 apartments and a laundromat on their existing property, Mike Lang, their attorney, spoke on the owner's behalf. He was inquiring with the town to see if it is a possibility. Mr. Dixon informed Mr. Lang that the council has no say in this matter at this time and directed him to the Planning Commission and BZA. He also said that it may not be possible to have hybrid housing and restaurant within the existing zoning classifications for Atlanta.

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Budget Meetings: Mrs. Farley informed the Council the Budget Public Hearing will be on Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. and the Budget Adoption will be on Monday the 22nd at 6:00 p.m. A budget workshop with the Council has been set for Friday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Shelter House: Mrs. Farley met with a manager from Home Depot at the Shelter House regarding the issues concerning the installation of the cabinets and countertops. She hopes to hear back soon.

Library: Mrs. Farley has been in touch with Mark Dollase about contact information for a reputable brick mason. Mr. Dixon shared that he is meeting a mason at the library on Friday as well.

Community Cleanup Day: Republic Services has offered a dumpster for community cleanup day to allow residents to dispose of bulk items not collected during regular Heavy Trash.

Community Crossing Grant Application: Mrs. Farley provided the council with information from Chad Salzbrenner with Fleis & Vandenbrink regarding the CCMG application for October 1st through the 31st.

Jim Higgins: Mrs. Farley spoke with Mr. Higgins regarding annexation, park and road impact fees. He would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss these matters.

Festival Update: Officer Horriner and Chief Carter addressed the council regarding the festival; they both gave an update on emergency services. Officer Horriner requested a point of contact during festival; Mr. Dixon will be the contact. A discussion ensued regarding time, barricades, parking, road closures and the subdivision. The council thanked them for their updates.

Striping: Festival Striping is almost complete by Morgan Striping.

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown

Attached

Arcadia Police Department: Deputy Louis Morris

Attached

Attorney: Craig Siebe

Annexation: Mr. Siebe gave the Council more details regarding the annexation process.

Speed Limits: Mr. Siebe stated the speed limits and signage can be changed, this procedure must be approved in detail during a meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ball Diamond: Mr. Siebe stated the appraisals are valid, they must consider all appraisals but cannot accept an offer lower than the lowest. Mr. Farley will help Mr. Dixon make some calls

Stop Sign: Mr. Johnson took some measurements at Kauffman and Indiana St. for the requested stop sign. Based on the measurements gathered, he believes the trees are of no-issue, if kept trimmed. Resident Denny

Bozell attended the meeting and shared his concerns and need for a stop sign. The council agreed. They will work on an Ordinance for this.

Sidewalks: Mr. Dixon will contact Nick Harris concerning the Main St. sidewalk repair.

Town Garage: Mr. Dixon inquired with Daystar for boring for the new drain at the town garage's 3rd bay. Continuing to review options.

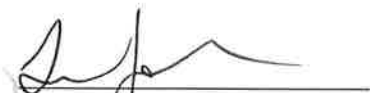
NEW BUSINESS

ST. Rd 19 Billboard: Mr. A.J. Witham with Sign Production approached the council with a request to make the existing billboard sign off S.R. 19 by the tracks a double-sided sign. Mr. Phifer was unsure of the requirements; Council will investigate this before the next meeting.

Public Comment

Resident Neila Teal inquired about the Ball Diamond for sale sign, and the old sign lying on the ground by the BP gas station. The council discussed the Ball Diamond briefly and ensured Mrs. Teal that the profits from this sale would be for the park. Mr. Brown will be sending a letter of violation against the old sign.

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



Murry Dixon, Council President

TIM JOHNSON - COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST:



Jennifer Farley, IAMC, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer

