



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting
105 E. Main Street
January 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Present: Murry Dixon
Fred Farley
Tim Johnson
Pam Van Hook

Absent: Chris Calhoun

Others Present: Jennifer Farley, Clerk-Treasurer
Luke Brown, Utilities, Code Enforcement

2026 Appointments

Council President: Murry Dixon – Mr. Farley made a motion to retain Mr. Dixon as Council President. Mr. Johnson, Seconded the motion.

Utility Superintendent: Mr. Farley made a motion to table this for further review. Mr. Johnson, Seconded the motion.

Street Superintendent: Luke Brown – Mr. Farley made a motion to appoint Mr. Brown as the Street Superintendent. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded the motion.

General Labor: Luke Brown – Mr. Farley made a motion to retain Mr. Brown as the Town's general laborer. Mr. Johnson, Seconded the motion.

Building Commissioner: Rick Phifer – Mr. Johnson made a motion to retain Mr. Phifer as Building Commissioner. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded the motion.

Code Enforcement Officer: Luke Brown – Mr. Farley made a motion to retain Mr. Brown as Code Enforcement Officer. Mrs. Van Hook, 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. Johnson, Seconded the motion.

Financial Institution: First Merchants Bank – Mr. Johnson made a motion to retain First Merchants as the financial institution. Mr. Farley, Seconded the motion.

Council Meetings: Mr. Farley made a motion to continue the Council Meetings at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded the motion.

Festival Meetings: Mr. Johnson made a motion to keep the Festival Meetings directly following the first council meeting of the month. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded the motion.

Plan Commission Meetings: Mr. Johnson made a motion to keep the Plan Commission meetings at 5:30 p.m. before the second meeting of every month, as needed. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded the motion.

EMA Representative: Mr. Farley made a motion to retain Mr. Johnson as the representative for EMA on behalf of the Town. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded the motion.

Minutes: December 29, 2025 – Regular Meeting – Approved

Executive Session: The Atlanta Town Council will hold an Executive Session on Monday, February 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)

REPORTS

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

Mr. Brown informed the Council he has been trying to use some of his comp. time and has been doing routine maintenance on all equipment. He also informed the Council of a road salt shortage due to high demand and severe weather, not only for us but the surrounding communities. He will be salting sparingly. Mr. Farley thanked Mr. Brown for his hard work with the snow removal.

Building Commissioner: Rick Phifer

Absent – no report

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Festival: Mr. Farley presented the 2026 festival forms for the Council's review to be approved at the next meeting.

Policy Handbook: Mrs. Farley had another meeting with Kathi Walker from New Focus HR regarding the Policy Handbook. Kathi would like meet with the Council to discuss final changes. The Council is in favor of a Special Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd or 5:00 p.m. on the 9th. Mrs. Farley will contact her to see what works best for her.

Ball Diamond Funds: Mrs. Farley informed the council that \$441,367.50 from the sale of the ball diamond has been deposited in the general fund. She gave the Council multiple options from First Merchants Bank and Trust INdiana for interest to be earned on these funds. After a short discussion and a few questions from residents, Mr. Johnson made a motion to transfer these funds, reserved for Dolles Park, into Trust INdiana to earn 3.65% interest, increasing the funds for a future park project. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded the motion.

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

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown

Mr. Brown has prepared the necessary information for an Injunction Hearing regarding 100 W. Adams St. He is also working on another nuisance property in town.

EMA Report: Tim Johnson

Mr. Johnson attended the first EMA meeting of the year as the Town's Representative. Mr. Johnson updated the council about the 2026 EMA training, proceedings, weather, and plans.

Attorney: Absent

OLD BUSINESS

CCMG: The Council signed the Project Cover Sheet for the CCMG project.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation: Mr. Dixon informed the council that Al Schultz has handed in his letter of resignation from position as acting Licensed Water Operator for Atlanta. His last day will be February 6th. Mr. Dixon is working out a solution until a full-time employee is hired.

Social media: Mrs. Van Hook informed the council, for Mrs. Annie Farley to turn Facebook comments off, a council decision was needed. Mr. Johnson made a motion to turn comments off on the official Town's FB page. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded.

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

Utility Assistance: Mrs. Farley presented the council with a request for utility assistance form 175 Hopkins Dr. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the assistance in the amount of \$125.80. Mr. Farley, Seconded.

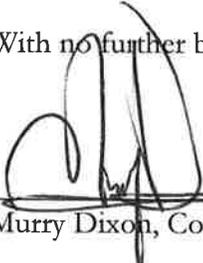
AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Farley, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Van Hook

Plan Commission Request: The Town Council has received a recommendation from the Plan Commission to rezone property located at 0 S. Central St. from Agriculture to C2. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the re-zone. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded.

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

Thank you: Mr. Johnson thanked the Arcadia Police Department for doing a wellness check he called in last week. New Officer Tracy Owens was in attendance and introduced herself, stating that it was the department's pleasure to serve.

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

