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**Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 09, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

The Invocation was led by Vice Mayor Barry Akin. All present joined in the pledge to the flag.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walker at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was broadcast also electronically via Zoom.

The Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen met with the following:

Present: Mayor Daryl Walker, Aldermen Barry Akin, Brett Giannini, John Harber, Cody Pace and Alderwoman Renfrow

Also present: Town Recorder Debbie Pickard, Town Administrator Marc Woerner, Police Chief Tony Rudolph, Fire Chief Henry Posey, Park Director Dorothy Isbell, Public Works Director Dalton Patrick, Codes Director Rex Wallace and attached list.

Absent: Alderman Danny Feldmayer, Town Attorney Kasey Culbreath

Minutes Approval: Regular Monthly Board Meeting February 09, 2021 – Exhibit A - Alderman Harber made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. Roll Call. Harber-yes, Pace-yes, Renfrow-yes, Akin-yes, Giannini-yes, and Feldmayer-absent. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Exhibit B – Administrator Woerner reviewed the financial report as presented. Alderman Giannini made a motion to accept the report as presented. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. Roll Call. Pace-yes, Renfrow-yes, Akin-yes, Giannini-yes, Harber-yes and Feldmayer-absent. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. **Ordinance – 21-03-01 – Final Consideration – Water/Sewer Fees – Exhibit C –** The Board had no objection to reading the ordinance by title only. The Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Akin made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Alderwoman Renfrow seconded the motion. Roll Call. Renfrow-yes, Akin-yes, Giannini-yes, Harber-yes, Pace-yes, and Feldmayer-absent. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. **Presentation – Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Report – Exhibit D –** Jeff Hunter, CPA with Whitehorn, Tankersley & Davis, LLC presented the annual audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Alderman Pace made a motion to accept the report as presented. Alderwoman Renfrow seconded the motion. Roll call. Akin-yes, Giannini-yes, Harber-yes, Pace-yes, Renfrow-yes and Feldmayer-absent. Motion carried.
2. **Aeneas Internet Update –** Stephen Thorpe with Aeneas Internet Services advised the Board that all the fiber has been placed in the Atoka/Rosemark area, 50% of the splicing with approximately 1500 homes have been connected and the other 50% should be connected in the next 4 weeks.
3. **Event Approval – Atoka BBQ Fest – Exhibit E –** Mayor Walker advised the Board that the Atoka Parks and Recreation Department plans to host the 2021 Atoka BBQ Fest April 9-10 at Nancy Lane Park. Staff recommended approval of the event. Alderman Giannini made a motion to approve the event. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. Roll call. Giannini-yes, Harber-yes, Pace-yes, Renfrow-yes, Akin-yes and Feldmayer-absent. Motion carried.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

1. **Resolution – 21-03-01 – Fire Staffing (SAFER) Grant Submittal – Exhibit F –** Alderman Harber made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. Roll Call. Harber-yes, Pace-yes, Renfrow-yes, Akin-yes, Giannini-yes, and Feldmayer-absent. Motion carried.

2. **Resolution – 21-03-02 – HVAC Maintenance Agreement – Exhibit G –** Alderman Harber made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. Roll Call. Pace-yes, Renfrow-yes, Akin-yes, Giannini-yes, Harber-yes and Feldmayer-absent. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 21-02-03 – Modifying Nancy Lane Park Rules for Atoka BBQ Fest– Exhibit H –** Alderman Giannini made a motion to approve as presented. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. Roll Call. Renfrow-yes, Akin-yes, Giannini-yes, Harber-yes, Pace-yes and Feldmayer-absent. Motion carried.
4. **Appointments from the Board – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Exhibit I -** As required by the Atoka Charter and the Code of Ordinances, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will make appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Alderman Akin made a motion to accept the appointment of the members as presented in Exhibit I. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. Roll Call. Akin-yes, Giannini-yes, Harber-yes, Pace-yes, Renfrow-yes and Feldmayer-absent. Motion carried.

Departmental Reports:

1. **Code Enforcement:** Director Wallace reviewed the report as presented. Director Wallace advised the Board that the new permit application process is working well.
2. **Fire Department:** Chief Posey reviewed the report as presented. Chief Posey advised the Board of the following: The fire department participated in the Atoka Elementary School fire drill, tornado drill and active shooter drill with the students. Members of the Atoka Fire Department and Atoka Police Department have been awarded the Star of Life Award from LeBonheur Children’s Hospital and the State of Tennessee. The award will be presented in Nashville on May 12th.
3. **Parks Department:** Director Isbell reviewed the report as presented. Director Isbell advised the Board of the following: The Food Truck Festival will be held March 20th at Nancy Lane Park. The BBQ Festival will be held April 9-10 at Nancy Lane Park.
4. **Police Department:** Chief Rudolph reviewed the report as presented. Chief Rudolph advised the Board of the following: Chief Rudolph advised that he will be purchasing the new vehicle approved in the FY21 budget to add to the fleet. The Atoka Police Department also participated in the Atoka Elementary School fire drill, tornado drill and active shooter drill with the students. Chief Rudolph outlined a training schedule for the police department.
5. **Public Works Department:** Director Patrick reviewed the report as presented. Director Patrick advised the Board of the following: The key dates for the Roundabout Project ; construction is to begin is Monday, March 22, closing of the intersection is April 5, opening back up of the intersection is July 04, and the completion date is August 24th. Director Patrick commended the Public Works staff on an outstanding job keeping the roads clear as much as possible during the recent snow and ice event.

Miscellaneous Items from the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Town Administrator:

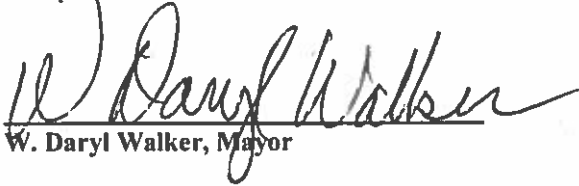
1. Chief Poole presented a Bible to the Town of Atoka and Mayor Walker.
2. Chief Poole and Becky Poole presented a plaque to the Atoka Police Department to be displayed within the department.
3. Chief Poole presented a law enforcement officers Bible to Chief Rudolph.
4. Administrator Woerner advised the Board that the Evaluation and Selection Committee for the Long-Range Comprehensive Plan will meet again April 15th at 4pm at Town Hall.
5. Administrator Woerner advised that the parking lot at Town Hall was significantly damaged during the recent snow and ice event. He will bring back to the Board information on the repair cost.
6. Administrator Woerner advised that Governor Lee has proposed another round of COVID grant funds in the amount of \$238,000.00. If approved the funds will be for the FY2022 budget.

Citizen Concerns:

1. County Commissioner Stephen Shopper advised that the number of COVID cases has decreased and that the Tipton County Health Department is providing COVID vaccinations. The Tipton County Landfill acceleration lane project on Hwy 51 has been pushed back to 2022. Tipton County Courts will reopen March 15th.

2. Persia Phelps of 20 Nugget Lane expressed concerns regarding the HVAC agreement approved during the meeting, the sign ordinance, and the roads that need repair in Atoka. Mrs. Phelps asked the Board to hold the developers more accountable during the construction phase. Mrs. Phelps asked that any work sessions be available for Zoom meeting so the public can attend.

Alderman Giannini motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Harber seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 9:09 pm


W. Daryl Walker, Mayor


Deborah Pickard, Recorder