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**Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
October 19, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

The Invocation was led by Mayor Daryl Walker. All present joined in the pledge to the flag.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walker at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Present:** Mayor Daryl Walker, Aldermen Barry Akin, Danny Feldmayer, John Harber, Cody Pace and Alderwoman Renfrow

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

**Absent:** Alderman Brett Giannini who is away on military service.

**Regular Monthly Meeting September 14, 2021 – Exhibit A** – Alderman Akin advised that the minutes reflected that he was both present and absent. He asked that the record be corrected to show he was absent. Alderman Feldmayer made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Financial Report: Exhibit B** – Administrator Woerner reviewed the financial report as presented. Alderman Akin made a motion to accept the report as presented. Alderman Feldmayer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- 1. Ordinance 21-10-01 – Final Consideration – International Energy Code 2018 –Exhibit C** – The Board had no objection to reading the ordinance by title only. The Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Feldmayer made a motion to approve the ordinance on final consideration. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. Roll Call. Feldmayer-yes, Harber-yes, Pace-yes, Renfrow-yes, Akin-yes, and Giannini-absent. Motion carried.
- 2. Consider/Discussion – Early Warning Sirens –Exhibit D** – Administrator Woerner reviewed the quote for early warning sirens as presented. After discussion the Board directed staff to put out one RFP for five (5) rotating oscillating sirens and one RFP for three (3) omni directional sirens.

**New Business:**

- 1. Special Presentation – Citizen’s Volunteer Service Award** – Mayor Walker presented to Fadi Khatter, Angelo Khatter and Gabriella Khatter a donation from two elected officials for volunteering their time during the recent community cleanup day. While thankful for the recognition the family donated the money back to the Town
- 2. Special Presentation – Citizen’s Volunteer Service Award** – Mayor Walker presented to Bill Austin a plaque in recognition for volunteering his services to repair the Welcome to Atoka signs around Town.
- 3. Special Presentation – Citizen’s Volunteer Service Award** – Mayor Walker presented to Greg Plunk a plaque in recognition for volunteering his services while taking pictures of all the Town events at no charge to the Town.

4. **Special Presentation – Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month** – Mayor Walker read aloud and presented a Proclamation to Marianne Dunavant, who serves as an advocate against domestic violence.
5. **Special Presentation – Employee Service Awards** – Mayor Walker presented employee service awards to Police Court Clerk Kristen Doty for 10 years of service, Public Works Technician Wesley Yarbrough for ten years of service and Police Lieutenant James Strickland for fifteen years of service. Mayor Walker thanked them for their perseverance and dedication to the Town of Atoka.
6. **Special Presentation – Employee Swearing In - Fire Department** – Mayor Walker administered the Atoka Fire Oath of Office to Firefighter/EMT- Donny Phillips.

#### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

1. **Ordinance – First Consideration – Municipal/Regional Zoning Map –Exhibit E** – The Board had no objection to reading the ordinance by title only. The Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Feldmayer made a motion to approve the ordinance on first consideration. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. Roll Call. Harber-yes, Pace-yes, Renfrow-yes, Akin-yes, Feldmayer-yes, and Giannini-absent. Motion carried.
2. **Bid Award – Asphalt Paving Hot Mix** – Administrator Woerner reviewed the bid as presented. Alderman Feldmayer made a motion to award the bid to Gibson Paving in the amount of \$105.0 per ton per unit. Alderman Pace seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution – 21-10-01 – Fire Recruit Training Memorandum of Understanding – Exhibit G-** Administrator Woerner reviewed the MOU as presented. Alderman Feldmayer made a motion to amend the resolution and the MOU removing “Recruit” to replace it with “Fire Department”. Alderman Pace seconded the motion. Roll call. Pace-yes, Renfrow-yes, Akin-yes, Feldmayer-yes, Harber-yes, and Giannini-absent. Motion carried.
4. **Grant Application Consideration – Atoka Fire Department** – Chief Posey reviewed the grant application request as presented from Southwest Electric for \$5000.00 and Ritter Communications for \$15,000.00 for equipment. Alderman Feldmayer made a motion to approve. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

#### **Departmental Reports:**

1. **Code Enforcement:** Director Wallace reviewed the report as presented.
2. **Fire Department:** Chief Posey reviewed the report as presented. Chief Posey advised the Board of the following: The four AFG grants that were recently applied for were denied. Chief Posey would like to form a committee going forward to discuss plan B for purchasing a new fire apparatus. Chief Posey will attend an active shooter training this Wednesday. The Fire Department participated in the Fire Prevention week at Atoka Elementary.
3. **Parks Department:** Director Isbell reviewed the report as presented. Director Isbell advised the Board of the following: The new scoreboards have been installed at Nancy Lane Park. Safe Night Out will be Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6pm- 8:30pm. The shed at NLP has been painted with paint donated by Sherwin Williams, Coats of Color donated their time to paint it, a new roof was donated by Summit Roofing and a new garage door was donated by Atoka Garage.
4. **Police Department:** Chief Rudolph reviewed the report as presented. Chief Rudolph shared a few notable arrests that occurred last month. THSO is promoting the “Slow Down Atoka” in effort to stop speeding. This October is Police Officer Memorial Month. The Pill Take Back program will be this Saturday. Chief Rudolph is working on providing an active shooter training for the staff. Chief Rudolph will be providing information on a recent ABC sting at the Beer Board meeting October 26, 2021.
5. **Public Works Department:** Director Patrick reviewed the report as presented. Director Patrick advised the Board of the following: Director Patrick advised that the Pioneer Park cleanup is almost complete. Director Patrick is working towards painting and repairing the fire hydrants.

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

1. Administrator Woerner reviewed the announcement of the Mega-Site and shared a few details of what to expect and how the Town could benefit going forward.
2. Administrator Woerner advised that the recent senior staff retreat was very beneficial for everyone.
3. Mayor Walker advised that he would like to set up a work session in the near future regarding the Mega Site. Mayor Walker advised that gas prices are on the rise and asked the department heads to keep an eye on the budget.
4. Alderman Harber advised that he is hearing that natural gas prices may increase as much as 50% this winter. Alderman Harber invited everyone to come see the Dept 56 Halloween display at the Scout Hut. Alderman Harber advised that the flag retirement ceremony will be held November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Nancy Lane Park.
5. Alderman Feldmayer asked if the no left turn sign for Main St. on to Kimbrough Rd has been placed. Director Patrick advised that the sign has been ordered.

**Citizen Concerns:**

1. Bill Austin of 55 Clay Cove asked about the possibility to have a restroom facility at Pioneer Park. Park Director Isbell advised that she is working on a plan for that.
2. Alvin Plexico of 794 Williamsburg advised that he supports the Omni Directional early warning siren because of the voice capability which allows verbal information to be sent out.
3. Mark Henry of Squires Grove expressed concerns of Title 13-101 of the municipal fire code regarding smoke, soot and ash and enforcement of the code.
4. County Commissioner Stephen Shopher advised the Board that the Mega Site project will be coming soon. He also advised that Shannon Beasley has been sworn in as Tipton County Sheriff.

Alderman Feldmayer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Akin seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:52 pm.

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**W. Daryl Walker, Mayor**

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**Deborah Pickard, Recorder**