

Minutes of the Regular Atoka City Council Meeting of June 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Atoka City Hall, 353 East A Street, Atoka, Oklahoma. Original Agenda Posted June 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., Atoka City Hall, 353 East A Street, Atoka, Oklahoma.

***Oath of Office for Council Members: ***

I. Convene Meeting

- A. Meeting Called to Order- 6:00 PM
- B. Welcome- Mayor Brian Cathey
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Brian Cathey
- D. Invocation- Mayor Brian Cathey
- E. Roll Call- Council Member Coby Sherrill-absent, Council Member Erica Pogue, Council Member Pat Turner, Council Member Diane McGee, Mayor Brian Cathey
- F. Public Recognition- Carol Ervin, Miranda Donihoo

II. Public Comments - (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

None.

III. Business Agenda

A. Public Hearing

B. Agenda Items

1. Discussion and action regarding approving or rejecting the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2022 (Attachment #1)

A motion was made by Council Member McGee and seconded by Council Member Pogue to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2022. Voting aye, Pogue, Turner, McGee, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

2. City Manager's Report (Attachment #2).

The City Manager was complimented by the Council regarding the flags that were displayed at the cemeteries in honor of Memorial Day; specifically, the flags placed at Green Hill Cemetery.

A motion was made by Council Member McGee and seconded by Council Member Pogue to approve the City Manager's Report. Voting aye, Turner, McGee, Pogue, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and action on approving or rejecting the blanket purchase orders for the City of Atoka. (Attachment #3)

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to approve the payment of blanket purchase orders for the City of Atoka. Voting aye, McGee, Pogue, Turner, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and action regarding approving or denying Coralyne Michaelis to organize a Walk Out of Darkness community walk to raise funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and to promote mental health and stop suicide which would take place on September 17, 2022 at the Sports Complex and/or City Lake Road. – Mayor Cathey (Attachment #4)

Coralyne Michaelis addressed the Council with information regarding the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and their purpose/goals. The Walk Out of Darkness community walk will raise funds for the AFSP, bring awareness regarding mental health, and serve as a support system for those struggling with depression, or other mental illnesses, and offer a way to honor those that have passed away; bringing camaraderie to the community. The walk is completely free, but donations are accepted. There will be breakfast, resource tables, giveaways, memorial wall, children activities/crafts, and a brief ceremony. Surrounding areas will be represented such as North Texas, Southeast Oklahoma, and parts of Arkansas. The walk will be advertised on social media, as well as within AFSP.

The council thanked Mrs. Michaelis for coming and sharing this with them, and stated that the area as well as schools are in need of this type of support and awareness of mental health and the impact it has on our community.

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to approve Coralyne Michaelis to organize a Walk Out of Darkness community walk to raise funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and to promote mental health and stop suicide which would take place on September 17, 2022 at the Sports Complex and/or City Lake Road. Voting aye, Pogue, Turner, McGee, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and action regarding approving or rejecting the proposed bids for the hay to be baled at the Katy Lake for the year 2022. (Attachment #5)

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to approve the bid from Marvin Dale at \$8.00 per bale for hay to be baled at Katy Lake for the year 2022. Voting aye, Pogue, Turner, McGee, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and action regarding approving or denying the Blackboard Connect proposal presented by Emergency Management Director, Travis Mullins. – City Manager (Attachment #6)

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to authorize the City Manager to sign a commitment agreement with Blackboard Connect if the buyout terms are agreeable per the City Manager's discretion. Voting aye, Turner, McGee, Pogue, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and or Action on approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Curative Instrument / Quit Claim Deed in favor of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma for three tracts of land located in the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 9, Township 2 South, Range 11 East, Atoka County. (Attachment #7)

City Attorney, Johnny Sandmann, explained to the Council that years ago, the Choctaw Nation

purchased three tracts of land from the City of Atoka with certain restrictions, and the restrictions have since been removed, but the original deeds have not been located and could be due to being filed in another county other than Atoka.

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to approve the Mayor to execute a Curative Instrument / Quit Claim Deed in favor of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma for three tracts of land located in the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 9, Township 2 South, Range 11 East, Atoka County. Voting aye, McGee, Pogue, Turner, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and or Action on Accepting a Quit Claim Deed from the Board of Education of the Atoka Public School District, No. 15, to the City of Atoka for property located in Block 86 of the Atoka Heights Addition to the City of Atoka. (Attachment #8)

City Attorney, Johnny Sandmann, explained to the Council where this property is located.

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to accept a Quit Claim Deed from the Board of Education of the Atoka Public School District, No. 15, to the City of Atoka for property located in Block 86 of the Atoka Heights Addition to the City of Atoka. Voting aye, Pogue, Turner, McGee, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and or Action on accepting a Quit Claim Deed from Atoka City Industrial Development Authority for property located in Block 19 and Block 26 of the City of Atoka, as more particularly described in Ordinance Number 584. (Attachment #9)

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to accept a Quit Claim Deed from Atoka City Industrial Development Authority for property located in Block 19 and Block 26 of the City of Atoka, as more particularly described in Ordinance Number 584. Voting aye, Pogue, Turner, McGee, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and or action regarding approving or denying the purchase of a 580 SN 4WD Case Backhoe in the amount of \$122,000 from CNH Industrial America LLC Construction Equipment through State Contract. – City Manager (Attachment #10)

City Manager, Danny Delay, explained that this item was included in the 2022FY budget and that the city has need of a new backhoe to keep in service as the current equipment is constantly being serviced as they have been in daily operation for nearly 20 years apart from one of the backhoes that has been in service roughly 5 years.

A motion was made by Council Member McGee and seconded by Mayor Cathey to approve the purchase of a 580 SN 4WD Case Backhoe in the amount of \$122,000 from CNH Industrial America LLC Construction Equipment through State Contract. Voting aye, Turner, McGee, Pogue, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and or action regarding adopting Ordinance Number 585; Amending provisions of the City Code of Atoka, Oklahoma (2020) to delete all public dancing regulations, providing for repealer and severability, and declaring an emergency. (Attachment #11)

Council discussion took place regarding the current dancing ordinance regarding public dancing and the use of permits to hold these functions. The City Attorney commented on the detail and time that went into this ordinance, however, he proposed that the City Council strike the current dancing ordinance. After amusing discussion, a motion was made.

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to adopt Ordinance Number 585; Amending provisions of the City Code of Atoka, Oklahoma (2020) to delete all public dancing regulations. Voting aye, McGee, Pogue, Turner, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member McGee and seconded by Council Member Pogue to declare ordinance number 585 as an emergency. Voting aye, Pogue, Turner, McGee, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and or action regarding adopting Ordinance Number 586; Amending provisions of the City Code of Atoka, Oklahoma (2020) to delete section 9-114-Pool and Billiard Regulations, and Renumber 9-115- Penalty, to 9-114, providing for repealer and severability, and declaring an emergency. (Attachment #12)

Council discussion took place regarding the existing ordinance pertaining to age restrictions on playing pool and/or billiards in city limits.

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to adopt Ordinance Number 586; Amending provisions of the City Code of Atoka, Oklahoma (2020) to delete section 9-114-Pool and Billiard Regulations, and Renumber 9-115- Penalty, to 9-114. Voting aye, Pogue, Turner, McGee, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to declare ordinance number 586 as an emergency. Voting aye, Turner, McGee, Pogue, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and or action to approve or deny the Emergency Management Director to substitute the regular scheduled siren test of July 4th with the National Anthem rather than a tone test. – City Manager

Emergency Management Director, Travis Mullins, presented an idea to the Council regarding the tone test to take place on July 4th. The new sirens are capable of making announcements and playing sound other than the warning tones. Mr. Mullins has been researching and watching videos which has led him to suggest that the July 4th tone test be replaced with the National Anthem at noon on that Monday.

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to approve the Emergency Management Director to substitute the regular scheduled siren test of July 4th with the National Anthem rather than a tone test. Voting aye, McGee, Pogue, Turner, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

C. Public Requested Agenda Items

IV. Consent Agenda Items

None.

V. Executive Session

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Council Comments

VIII. Adjournment

A motion as made by Council Member McGee and seconded by Council Member Pogue to adjourn this meeting at 6:54 PM. Voting aye, Pogue, Turner, McGee, and Mayor Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:54 PM

Attest:

Atoka City Council

(seal)

Kayle Wallis, City Clerk

Brian Cathey, Mayor