

*Minutes of the Atoka City Council Meeting of September 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm, Atoka City Hall,
353 East A Street, Atoka, Oklahoma.*

Original Agenda Posted September 1, 2023, at 4:00 pm; Atoka City Hall, 353 East A Street, Atoka, Oklahoma.

I. Convene Meeting

A. Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm

B. Welcome by Mayor Cathey

C. Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Cathey

D. Invocation by Mr. Sherrill

E. Roll Call: Ms. McGee, Mr. Turner, Mr. Sherrill, and Mr. Cathey

F. Public Recognition: Katie Harris, Cindy Wallis, Travis Mullins, Carol Ervin, Debra Rains, Jackie Harris, Frances Fortenberry, Arlinda Darst, Miranda Donihoo, Tim Wiley, Laura Wiley, Jason Wiley, Chloe Sherrill, Angela Sherrill, Angela Nightingale, Tim Nightingale, Michael Wilson, Ella Ward, Chris Busby, Adam Fergusson.

II. Public Comments:

Debra Rains came forward requesting the city address the lighting across the street from her residence on B Street as it is blinding during certain times of the year. The Council advised Ms. Rains to contact Mr. Delay and they could discuss a possible solution.

III. Business Agenda

A. Public Hearing:

B. Agenda Items

1. Discussion and/or action regarding approving or rejecting the minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2023 (Attachment #1)

A motion was made by Council Member McGee and seconded by Council Member Sherrill to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2023. Voting aye, Sherrill, McGee, Turner, and Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Pogue arrived at 6:05 pm

2. Discussion and/or action regarding accepting or rejecting the City Manager's Report (Attachment #2).

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

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

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

4. Discussion and/or action on approving Ordinance #594, granting to Public Service Company of Oklahoma a non-exclusive franchise for twenty-five (25) years to use the streets, alleys, avenues, ways, and other public place and grounds in the City of Atoka, Atoka County, Oklahoma. (Attachment #4)

A motion was made by Council Member McGee and seconded by Council Member Pogue to approve Ordinance #594, granting PSO a non-exclusive franchise for twenty-five (25) years to use the streets, alleys, avenues, ways, and other public place and grounds in the City of Atoka, Atoka County, Oklahoma. Voting aye, McGee, Turner, Sherrill, Pogue, and Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member McGee and seconded by Council Member Pogue to declare Ordinance #594 as an emergency. Voting aye, Sherrill, Turner, Pogue, McGee, and Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and/ or action on approving Resolution #14 authorizing the calling and holding of a special election in the City of Atoka, Atoka County, Oklahoma for the purpose of submitting to the registered qualified electors of said City the question of approval or rejection of an ordinance granting to Public Service Company of Oklahoma a non-exclusive franchise for twenty-five (25) years to use the streets, alleys, avenues, ways, and other public places and grounds in the City of Atoka, Atoka County, Oklahoma. (Attachment #5)

A motion was made by Council Member Pogue and seconded by Council Member McGee to approve Resolution #14 authorizing the calling and holding of a special election in the City of Atoka, Atoka County, Oklahoma for the purpose of submitting to the registered qualified electors of said City the question of approval or rejection of an ordinance granting to Public Service Company of Oklahoma a non-exclusive franchise for twenty-five (25) years to use the streets, alleys, avenues, ways, and other public places and grounds in the City of Atoka, Atoka County, Oklahoma.. Voting Pogue, McGee, Sherrill, Turner, and Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and/or action to award Miller Asphalt the overlay job of North Delaware with hot mix asphalt for \$31,800.00. (Attachment #6)

A motion was made by Council Member McGee and seconded by Council Member Pogue to award Miller Asphalt the overlay job on North Delaware with hot mix asphalt for \$31,800.00. Voting aye, Pogue, Turner, Sherrill, McGee, and Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

C. Public Requested Agenda Items

1. Discussion and/or action on amending Sec 4-104 (D), relating to regulation of fowl, peacock, or turkey. (Attachment #7)

Jackie Harris came forward first expressing a concern of multiple Ordinances differing in the number of allowed chickens. Mr. Harris was asked if he had the copies with him at this time at which he denied. Mr. Cathey recommended Mr. Harris obtain the copies reflecting the differences and they could then be reviewed by the City Attorney to determine if there was a discrepancy. Dan Lewis then approached the Council requesting to change the number

chickens allowed within the city limits from 4 to 10. Multiple scenario's were discussed relating to the pros and cons of increasing this number between Mr. Lewis and Council Members. No motion was made.

2. Discussion and/or action on Sec 8-119, regarding refrigerators, freezers, and iceboxes. (Attachment #8)

Dan Lewis approached the Council again requesting to change the verbiage relating to freezers. Mr. Cathey expressed his concern that the potential for even 1 child to be harmed as a result of being trapped in a freezer was too many. No motion was made.

3. Discussion and/or action on establishing policy and procedures for live streaming city council meetings.

Michael Wilson approached the Council requesting the meetings to be live-streamed. The Council and City Attorney discussed some of the differences in live streaming the meetings now versus through covid. It was also discussed regarding the needed equipment to sufficiently stream the meetings. The Council asked City Manager, Danny Delay if he could get a quote prepared for the equipment and staff needed to complete this task. Mr. Delay agreed. No motion was made.

4. Discussion and/or action on establishing policy and procedures as it relates to the drafting of agendas for regular city council meetings.

Michael Wilson approached the Council requesting a change in the procedures for the public to request an item be added to the agenda(s). The Council confirmed the current procedure has been in effect for quite some time and agreed that it should be updated. The Council asked the City Attorney to draft a policy for the Council to review at a later date. No motion was made.

5. Discussion and/or action on adopting a Social Media Policy to be added to the City of Atoka Employee Handbook. (Attachment #9)

Michael Wilson approached the Council regarding the City of Atoka employees and a social media policy. Mr. Delay confirmed the current Employee Handbook is from the 70's and is in need of being updated. He continued by stating during his employment with the city he has created a draft for an updated policy but it will still need to be reviewed by the City Attorney prior to being brought before the council for approval and adoption. No motion was made.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

None

V. Executive Session

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Council Comments

None

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Sherrill and seconded by Council Member Pogue to adjourn this meeting at 7:19 pm. Voting aye, McGee, Pogue, Turner, Sherrill, and Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 7:19 pm

City of Atoka

Attest:

Susan Bates, City Clerk

Brian Cathey, Mayor