

City Council
December 7, 2016
5:30 p.m.

The Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Jones presiding. Council Members present were: Jimerson, Somers, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, and Brink. Absent: Hayes.

Jimerson moved, Halder seconded, to approve the agenda as posted. All in favor.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve the consent agenda which included: minutes of the November 16, 2016 Council Meeting, a Class E Liquor License for Olsen Fuel Supply, and a Class C Liquor License for Rumors Lounge. All in favor.

Ed Morrison and Tim Kirgan of the Iowa Municipal Workers Compensation Association addressed the Council regarding the FY17 Worker's Compensation premiums. They explained that the Experience Modification Rate is the lowest it has been in eleven years and it is reflected in the reduced premiums. Morrison and Kirgan commended the Department Heads, Safety Committee, Administrative Assistant Amanda Martin, and City Administrator John Lund for their efforts in creating a safe and healthy work environment for city employees.

Atlantic Municipal Utilities General Manager Steve Tjepkes gave an overview of AMU's CY 2017 budget.

Halder moved, Brink seconded, to adopt resolution #37-16 entitled, **"RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CY 2017 BUDGET FOR ATLANTIC MUNICIPAL UTILITIES."** All in favor.

Discussion was held concerning a Graywater Agreement with Elite Octane, LLC. The company is proposing to construct an ethanol plant just outside the city limits and would like the City of Atlantic to supply the plant with 100% of the graywater generated by the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Council Member Somers voiced her concerns for supplying 100% of the graywater for a period of 99 years. Nick Bowdish, President/CEO of Elite Octane, LLC and Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Tim Snyder addressed her concerns, with Bowdish also explaining that without the agreement the plant cannot be built.

Halder moved, Brink seconded, to enter into a Graywater Agreement with Elite Octane, LLC. Passed on a 5-1 vote, with Somers voting against.

Casady moved, Jimerson seconded, to approve the Mayor's appointment of David W. Erickson as Police Chief, effective January 1, 2017. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Brink seconded, to pass ordinance #962 entitled, **"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DIVISION OF TAXES LEVIED ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE 2016 ATLANTIC HOTEL WHITNEY URBAN RENEWAL AREA PURSUANT TO SECTION 403.19 OF THE CODE OF IOWA,"** on second reading. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Brink seconded, to pass ordinance #963 entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 41 THEREIN,”** on first reading. All in favor.

Brink moved, Hartkopf seconded, to reappoint Dr. Carol Trewet to the Airport Commission for the term ending November 1, 2022. All in favor.

City Administrator John Lund reported on several items including: work on the FY18 budget, the Whitney Hotel TIF Project, and the previously mentioned Graywater Agreement.

Mayor Jones reminded residents to clear their sidewalks after any upcoming snow events.

Council Committee reports were as follows: Brink-Atlantic Municipal Utilities and Employee Safety Committee; Halder-Airport Commission and Airport Tall Structure; and Casady-Community Promotion.

The City Administrator noted that there will be a SeeClickFix Presentation, which is a customer service based program, at the December 21, Council Meeting.

Casady moved, Halder seconded, to approve the bills totaling \$816,769.41. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Halder seconded, to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. All in favor.

David R. Jones
Mayor

ATTEST: Deb Wheatley Field
City Clerk