

City Council
October 7, 2015
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, Hayes, Hartkopf, Halder, Casady, and Cord. Absent: None.

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

Hayes moved, Jimerson seconded, to approve the consent agenda which includes: minutes of the September 16, 2015 Council Meeting, a Class C Liquor License for 712 Bar, Tree Trimmers Permits for Creative Landscaping and Hotze Tree Service, a Solid Waste Collectors Permit for Gaines Sanitation, and Tax Abatement Application for Jack Chafen & Jean Kramer for 507 East 22nd Street and Middents Land LLC for 314 Walnut Street. All in favor.

Dave Sturm of Snyder and Associates, Inc. explained the need for a change order for the Connector Trail & Pedestrian Bridge Project.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve Change Order #1 for \$1,090.00 for said project. All in favor.

Fire Chief Mark McNees addressed the Council on a proposal to begin servicing and inspecting fire extinguishers. There is now a need for the service as the individual who previously provided the service is no longer doing so. McNees explained how he and the three paid firemen would be trained and certified to provide the service and anticipates the startup costs including equipment and training to be \$5,000-\$6,000. The consensus of the Council was for McNees to move forward with his plans.

Somers moved, Cord seconded, to appoint, (approving a Retainer Agreement) David Wiederstein as City Attorney. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Somers seconded, to adopt resolution #42-15 entitled, “**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE WORK.**” All in favor. Said resolution pertains to the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to adopt resolution #43-15 entitled, “**RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER.**” All in favor. Said resolution allows for a transfer of \$600,291.43 from the Sewer Use Fund to the T & A Medical Benefit Fund.

Somers moved, Jimerson seconded, to pass ordinance #957 entitled “**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION,**” on the third and final reading. Passed on a 6-1 vote, with Casady voting against.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to pass ordinance #958 entitled, **“ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 7.09 ENTITLED “FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY,”** on the third and final reading. All in favor.

City Administrator John Lund reported that he had recently met with Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ouida Wymer about the number of empty store fronts in the downtown area. Thus, he plans on using Local Option Sales Tax funds for a marketing analysis to be conducted by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. However, it was the opinion of the Mayor that the Chamber should be responsible for conducting a survey, as that is the entity that should attract retail business to the area.

Council Committee reports were as follows: Somers-Cass County Conference Board, Cass County Public Safety, and Cass County Environmental Agency; Hayes-Parks & Recreation; Hartkopf-Cable TV; Cord-Community Promotion; and Jimerson-Fire Department.

Hartkopf moved, Hayes seconded, to approve the bills totaling \$990,914.78. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Halder seconded, to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. All in favor.

David R. Jones
Mayor

ATTEST: Deb Wheatley Field
City Clerk