

City Council
April 6, 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, Hayes, Hartkopf, Halder, and Cord. Absent: Casady.

Hayes moved, Hartkopf seconded, to amend the agenda by deleting item #7. entitled, "Presentation by Kyle Riley, Hydrology Engineer with Snyder & Associates, Inc., regarding the Bull Creek Storm Water Improvement Project," and to approve the rest of the agenda as posted. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve the consent agenda which includes: minutes of the March 16, 2016 Council Meeting and a Tax Abatement Application for Terry and Robert Carey, 605 Mulberry Street. All in favor.

Somers moved, Jimerson seconded, to appoint Christina Bateman to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the term ending April 1, 2021. All in favor.

Dolly Bergmann of Trees Forever announced that the City of Atlantic has for the 21st consecutive year received the Tree City USA Award.

Chip Schultz of UMB Bank addressed the Council regarding the issuance of General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds.

Somers moved, Jimerson seconded, to enter into an agreement with UMB Bank to purchase General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds not to exceed \$5,000,000. All in favor.

Cord moved, Hartkopf seconded, to adopt resolution #9-16 entitled, "**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT.**" All in favor.

Todd Hudspeth, CEO of the Cass County Health System, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ouida Hargens invited Council Members to a meeting at the Chamber Office at 2:30 p.m. on April 11, 2016. Jay Schlinsog of the Downtown Professionals Network will be present to discuss the development of a Strategic Development Plan for Atlantic.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve the closing of streets as requested, by the Chamber of Commerce for Atlantic Fest on August 13, 2016. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve the closing of Cedar Street between Second and Third Streets on August 7, 2016 from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for the First United Methodist Church Block Party. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to pass ordinance #959 entitled "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY**

AMENDING THE CHAPTER NUMBER OF “MOWING OF PROPERTIES” AS ENACTED IN ORDINANCE NO 955,” on the first reading. All in favor.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to set 5:30 p.m., April 20, 2016 as the date for a public hearing to vacate the alley located in block 73. All in favor.

Mayor Jones spoke of the need to hire a consulting firm regarding bringing fiber optics (broadband communications system) to Atlantic. For the past several months the Mayor and City Administrator have been visiting with private telecommunication companies as well as Atlantic Municipal Utilities regarding such. However, they feel that a comprehensive assessment needs to be completed to see if this endeavor would be economically feasible.

After some discussion, Jimerson moved, Hayes seconded, to enter into an Engineering Services Agreement with Oak Hill Consulting, Inc. of Burnsville, Minnesota regarding a broadband communication system for Atlantic at an estimated cost of \$15,000-\$18,000. All in favor.

Administrative Assistant Amanda Martin addressed the Council about a Safety Manual that she along with the City’s Safety Committee have developed. All newly hired employees will receive a copy of the plan.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to adopt resolution #10-16 entitled, **“RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL SAFETY MANUAL FOR CITY OF ATLANTIC EMPLOYEES.”** All in favor.

City Administrator John Lund reported on a number of items including: updating the Personnel Policy and an issue with trees in the right of way being cut down without the Tree Forester’s approval.

Mayor Jones announced that a Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., April 12 regarding the Wickman Child Care Center.

Council Committee reports were as follows: Cord-Atlantic Municipal Utilities; Somers-Cass County Environmental Agency and Cass County Public Safety; Jimerson-Fire Department and Parks & Recreation.

Hartkopf moved, Jimerson seconded, to approve the bills totaling \$211,517.57. All in favor.

Paul Hocamp, 1507 Roosevelt Drive, voiced some concerns regarding the proposed Bull Creek Storm Water Improvement Project.

Jimerson moved, Halder seconded, to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. All in favor.

David R. Jones
Mayor

ATTEST: Deb Wheatley Field
City Clerk