

City Council
July 20, 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, Casady, Halder, and Cord. Absent: none.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to amend the agenda by adding a new item #5 entitled, "Presentation and discussion by Gary Loop with Engineering Technologies, Inc. (ETI), regarding the second floor electrical system" and to renumber the remaining items accordingly. All in favor.

Hartkopf moved, Halder seconded, to approve the consent agenda which included: minutes of the July 6, 2016 Council Meeting, Class C Beer Permit for Hy-Vee, Inc., and Class C Liquor License for Weitzels Restaurant & Bar. All in favor.

Mark Smith representing the Whitney Group, LLC, asked the Council to support an application for tax incentives through the Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program. The incentives would be used for a housing development project at 222 Chestnut Street, which will include the construction of 16 housing units.

Hartkopf moved, Halder seconded, to adopt resolution #25-16 entitled, "**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A WORKFORCE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDEA) BY THE WHITNEY GROUP, LLC FOR A 16-UNIT HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT 222 CHESTNUT STREET, ATLANTIC, IOWA.**" Passed unanimously.

Hartkopf moved, Jimerson seconded, to adopt resolution #26-16 entitled, "**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT AND BONDS.**" Passed unanimously. Said resolution pertains to the contract with Henningsen Construction, Inc. for the 2016 Street and Alley Improvements Project.

Gary Loop of Engineering Technologies, Inc. briefly reviewed and then addressed questions regarding a valuation of the electrical system at City Hall. Loop estimated it would cost \$113,000 to bring the electrical system up to Code.

Dave Sturm of Snyder and Associates, Inc. addressed concerns with the collapse of a portion of the alley just south of Eighth Street between Walnut and Elm Streets. The collapse came from the need to replace a section of the storm sewer pipe, which runs under the west side of the alley. Sturm estimated the cost for that repair at \$13,500. However, because there are issues with the size of the pipe in the entire block, he obtained a cost estimate to replace 300 feet of the pipe, which came in at around \$200,000.

Halder moved, Jimerson seconded, to move forward with replacing 300 feet of storm sewer pipe along the alley between Eighth and Ninth Streets and Elm and Walnut Streets. Passed on a 6-1 vote with Somers voting against.

Atlantic Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ouida Hargens gave a presentation on the various programs offered by the Chamber.

Jimerson moved, Hayes seconded, to accept the resignation of Council Member at Large Bob Cord effective July 21, 2016. All in favor.

City Administrator John Lund reported on several items including: his work with Mark Smith regarding a property tax rebate for the Whitney Group, LLC housing development project and an update regarding the zoning ordinance.

Mayor Jones reported on several items including: an issue with the railroad tracks being blocked periodically, no parking on the west side of Palm Street from Seventh to Eleventh Streets on July 23, junked cars in back yards, and trees needing to be trimmed to seven feet over sidewalks.

Council Committee reports were as follows: Halder-Library, Hartkopf-Airport, Hayes-Cass Atlantic Development Corporation, and Jimerson-Fire Department.

Hayes moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve the bills totaling \$125,093.52. All in favor.

Hayes moved, Jimerson seconded, to approve the Clerk, Treasurer, Budget, General Ledger, Revenue, Airport, and Volunteer Fire Department reports for June. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Cord seconded, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. All in favor.

David R. Jones
Mayor

ATTEST: Deb Wheatley Field
City Clerk