

City Council
May 3, 2017
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 Brink. Absent: none.

Hayes moved, Casady seconded to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded to approve the consent agenda which included the following: minutes of the April 19, 2017 Council Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dolly Bergman gave a presentation on the recent Trees Forever Conference and presented the City with the Tree City USA Flag. Atlantic has been named a Tree City USA for 22 years.

Devin Hogue gave a brief overview of the activities planned for Family Night Out. Motion by Jimerson, second by Brink to close the 100 block of Chestnut from the Rock Island Depot to Second Street on Saturday, September 2, 2017 between 4:30 p.m to 12:00 a.m. for the Atlantic First Responders Family Night Out. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Somers, second by Hayes to approve the engineering agreement for the AMU North Well Field Trail Paving Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jimerson, second by Hartkopf to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #965 **“AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA BY ADOPTING SECTION 3 OF CHAPTER 90 ENTITLED ‘SEPARATION DISTANCES’.**” Ayes: Jimerson, Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Lund reported on the following:

- Working on financial policies to better City’s bond rating with S&P
- Working on comprehensive individualized employee handbooks
- Working on updating the city’s fireworks policy
- Working on 28E Agreement renewals for rural fire protection
- City will be implementing a partially self-insured health insurance plan effective July 1st
- Working on updating the FY2017 actuals into the FY 2019 budget

Brief discussion followed regarding ideas to spur housing development within the city.

Mayor Jones reminded citizens that the grass continues to grow and please keep it cut.

Council Committee reports were as follows:

Jimerson – Fire Department, Cass County Public Safety, Cass County Emergency Management Agency

Somers – Cass County Public Safety, Personnel & Finance, Landfill

Hayes – Landfill

Casady – CPC on May 4th

Brink – Safety, Community Protection

Mayor Jones and Police Chief Erickson recognized the Atlantic Reserve unit for winning the Outstanding Service Award from their state organization. This is the sixth time that the reserve unit has won the award since its establishment.

Police Chief Erickson presented a 20-year service award to Reserve Officer Bob McHugh, and a 10-year service award to Reserve Officer Jeff Hackwell.

Mayor Jones presented a 20-year service award to Police Chief Erickson.

Casady moved, Hayes seconded to approve the bills totaling \$95,813.30. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hartkopf moved, Jimerson seconded to approve the revised financial reports. All ayes. Motion carried.

Halder announced that the city is planning a city-wide clean up event tentatively scheduled for June 1 – 3. He asked citizens to help take some pride in Atlantic, and reported that he had received a huge response to his remarks made at the April 19th council meeting regarding cleaning up the city.

Brink reported that he had been contacted regarding a vacated house on 11th Street that was full of feral cats. Following discussion, it was determined that the house in question is one that the street department will be tearing down shortly.

Jimerson reported on a culvert that was allowing water to get into a resident's basement. The city will be putting on a check valve to alleviate the issue.

Halder express his gratitude and respect to the city's reserve officer unit, and once again asked the citizens to take pride in the city.

Jon McEntaffer was present to voice his concerns over a prior street project that resulted in a steep incline on 4th St. He stated that people are "ramping" over it. City Engineer Dave Sturm replied that the street project was completed as it was due to the way the sewer lies under the street. The street could be rebuilt, but then the sewer would need to be rehabilitated.

Jillian Scarf was present to request an amendment to Ordinance 55.05 to allow chickens within the city limits. Mayor Jones referred the issue to the Community Protection Committee for discussion.

Jimerson asked about the all –clear signal from the city’s siren system. Mayor Jones referred the matter to the Community Protection Committee.

Library Director Natalie Struecker gave an update as to the library’s garden project.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded to adjourn at 6:38p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

David Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Barrick
City Clerk