

City Council  
March 21, 2018  
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.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Somers to approve agenda as posted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Jimerson to approve the consent agenda which included the following: minutes of the March 7, 2018 Council Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council recognized and congratulated the Atlantic High School/Middle School state archery team.

At 5:35 p.m., Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on the Proposal to Enter Into a General Obligation General Purpose Loan Agreement and to Borrow Money Thereunder. Hearing no comments, motion was made by Jimerson with second by Halder to close the public hearing at 5:36 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Brink to approve Resolution #18-18 "TAKING ADDITIONAL ACTION TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL PURPOSE LOAN AGREEMENT, COMBINING LOAN AGREEMENTS AND AUTORIZING THE USE OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTON THEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME." Ayes: Jimerson, Somers, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 5:37 p.m., Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 972 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 65.01 OF CHAPTER 65 ENTITLED 'STOP REQUIRED'". Hearing no comments, motion was made by Somers with second by Halder to close the public hearing at 5:38 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Somers; second by Brink to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 972 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 65.01 OF CHAPTER 65 ENTITLED 'STOP REQUIRED'". Ayes: Somers, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink, Jimerson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Lund

- Requested that the council develop a policy to continue the holding of city-owned lots acquired through condemnation proceedings until the city has a more comprehensive strategy to address infill housing. Mayor Jones spoke regarding an idea of constructing a 900-1,000 square foot modular home with a basement that would sell in the \$120,000

range. Consensus of the council was to have Personnel & Finance review and make a recommendation to the Council.

- Reported that he, the City Attorney, the Mayor, and the Code Enforcement Officer had met to review the Minimum Maintenance Code and discuss enforcement strategy. The plan is to begin issuing orders to correct violations and follow up with municipal infraction citations. If the violation is not corrected and/or the citations are not paid, the situation will be adjudicated by the court. City Hall staff will not engage in conversation on, or consider requests to run interference on behalf of the violators. He recommended that the council take a similar position, otherwise politics and influence will result in mixed messages being sent to City staff and residents. Lund further wanted the council and public to be aware that the Code Enforcement Officer will be calling the shots.

Mayor Jones reported:

- He had been meeting with landlords to continue talks about rental inspection.
- Would like to re-address the issue of fireworks in a Community Protection Committee meeting
- Working with CADCO, the Chamber and other volunteers for retail recruitment; the city has some good, available store fronts.

Council Committee reports were as follows:

Hartkopf- Airport

Casady – Park & Rec

Halder – CADCO, Library

Brink – Chamber, AMU

Motion by Casady; second by Hartkopf to approve the bills totaling \$91,763.74. All ayes.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Halder to approve the February financial reports. All ayes.  
Motion carried.

Council Member Halder reiterated from a prior meeting about the downtown businesses being open hours when customers could shop.

Police Chief Dave Erickson reported that he had met with Cass County Emergency Management Director Mike Kennon, who wanted to pass along the following:

- Noon siren testing will begin March 23<sup>rd</sup> if there are no severe storms in the area
- Next week is Severe Weather Awareness Week
- A statewide tornado drill will be held March 28<sup>th</sup>
- The “all clear” signal will no longer be used

Motion by Jimerson; second by Halder to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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David Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Barb Barrick  
City Clerk