

City Council
April 18, 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, Hayes, Casady, and Brink. Absent: Hartkopf and Halder.

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

Jimerson moved, Hayes seconded to approve the consent agenda which included the following: minutes of the April 4, 2018 Council Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dolly Bergman made her annual presentation for Arbor Day and Trees Forever, outlining the criteria for being designated a Tree City USA. This is the 23rd year that Atlantic has been designated a Tree City USA. Mayor Jones signed the proclamation for Arbor Day.

Dan Haynes, YMCA Executive Director, gave an overview of membership and programs. He outlined the YMCA's capital budget and asked for the city's assistance in the amount of \$10,000 to help with an Iowa West Foundation grant.

Council discussed possible contribution to the YMCA Iowa West Foundation Grant. Because the funds were available and the YMCA enhances the City of Atlantic, consensus of the council was to pledge \$10,000 towards the grant.

Bailey Smith, Atlantic Area Chamber Director, and Russell Joyce, CADCO Director addressed issues dealing with recent losses of businesses in the downtown district. Smith announced a new mentor program through the chamber. Smith and Joyce also announced the formation of a group of partners willing to pledge to entrepreneurs; however, they felt that a city-led funding program exclusive to Atlantic businesses would be vital to the success of recruiting new businesses. Several business owners offered suggestions. Mayor Jones asked those present to submit their ideas to the Community Development Committee, who will meet to discuss the ideas and city funding.

Motion by Somers; second by Jimerson to approve Resolution #22-18 "ADDING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO THE CO-SIGNATORY LIST FOR CITY CHECKS AND PAYABLES." Ayes: Somers, Hayes, Casady, Brink, Jimerson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Brink to approve the third reading of Ordinance #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: Jimerson, Somers, Hayes, Casady, Brink. Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Hayes to appoint Joyce Jensen to the Board of Adjustment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Casady; second by Jimerson to reappoint Mary Ward to the Board of Adjustment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Somers to reappoint Christina Bateman to the Board of Adjustment. All ayes. Motion carried,

City Administrator Lund reported:

- Prior week had been a rough week with half of the Finance and Administration team gone with health issues. He wished to thank Administrative Assistant Amanda Martin and Data Tech representative Anne for their efforts to make sure payroll got out on time
- The City's email domain had been auctioned off the prior week; however, the city now has it back

Mayor Jones read a letter of appreciation from the Minneapolis Police Department thanking the Atlantic Police Department for their efforts in a joint investigation and subsequent arrest in the fall of 2016 through most of 2017. He commended the department for their actions.

City Council Reports were as follows:

Brink- Chamber, AMU; Casady – CPC; Hayes – Park & Rec; Schorle – Prom, Speech & Debate National Tournament, Academic Opportunity, Spring sports, Show Choir Blast, Patty Hannon concert, NHS Blood Drive

Motion by Casady; second by Somers to approve bills totaling \$215,706.48. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Barrick reported that transfers were now included on the Clerk/Treasurer report. Motion by Jimerson; second by Brink to approve March financial reports. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council Member Brink advised that he felt the Community Development Committee needs to meet prior to the next Council meeting.

Roger Steffen reported that he had attended the recent program at the Armory and found it very interesting. He also mentioned that since he began business, there have been 30 restaurants started in Atlantic and 25 of them are no longer in business.

Jimerson moved; Brink seconded to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

David Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Barrick
City Clerk

