

City Council
May 2, 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, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, and Brink. Absent: None.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jimerson moved, Halder seconded to approve the consent agenda which included the following: minutes of the April 18, 2018 Council Meeting and a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for The Venue. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Casady; second by Brink to close designated streets on Saturday, May 19th at 3:00 p.m. for the Ba-Da Ba-Da Bing Bang Rally. All ayes. Motion carried. Steve Livengood pointed out that the streets will actually not need to be closed; the streets listed are the parade route.

Council discussed the disposal and selling of 602 Spruce Street. Various ideas were discussed including: infill housing; encouraging principal structure development rather than accessory structure development; whether or not a house on a small lot would attract families; the need to get as much value on the lot as possible in order to grow the city's income; discouraging the city to become involved in a housing project; offering the lot for bid with a minimum bid. Issue will be placed on the May 16th agenda for council decision.

The council recognized the Atlantic Police Department's Reserve Unit. The reserve unit was awarded for the second consecutive year with the Iowa State Reserve Law Officers Association's Donald H. Mackaman Outstanding Unit Award. This is seventh year overall that the reserve unit has won the award.

Motion by Brink; second by Halder to approve the engineering agreement with Snyder & Associates for the Bull Creek Tunnel Relining Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Jimerson to reappoint Steve Livengood to the Community Promotion Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Somers; second by Halder to set the date of public hearing for May 16, 2018 to amend the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. All ayes. Motion carried,

City Administrator Lund reported that Atlantic had been notified that Governor Reynolds had forwarded one of the two census tracts applied for on to the US Treasury for consideration to be included in the Opportunity Zone program. Lund went on to explain how the program works. The tract that was forwarded on includes the downtown business district as well as businesses located west of Olive Street.

Mayor Jones asked that any citizens interested in an infill housing project contact him. He also reminded citizens that signs, both political and other, are not allowed on the city's right-of-way. If there is not sidewalk, the signs need to be eight feet in from the curb. The Mayor also advised that the Community Protection Committee will meet on May 15th to discuss fireworks and the minimum maintenance code. He also reported that since the first regular council meeting in July falls on Independence Day, that meeting will be cancelled.

City Council Reports were as follows:

Jimerson – Fire Dept, Cass County Public Safety Commission; Somers – Landfill; Casady – CPC; Brink- Business Recruitment Committee

Sarah Schorle, Student Representative, reported on Service Day, NHS Blood Drive; Boys' Tennis winning the Hawkeye Ten conference; new records set at Drake Relays; Art Show awards; Large Group Music Contest, and the Cross Country Die Dash fundraiser.

Motion by Casady; second by Hartkopf to approve bills totaling \$103,496.95. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Mark McNees spoke regarding the city's compost pile catching fire the prior weekend and its subsequent closure until Tuesday. McNees feels that due to the proximity of the Schildberg camping area and the new ethanol plant, the city should consider changing locations or allowing only yard waste- no more trees.

Council Member Casady reported that someone had approached him regarding the amount of time that a train can block a crossing; he suggested publishing the ordinance.

Jimerson moved; Somers seconded to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

David Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Barb Barrick
City Clerk