

City Council
May 16, 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.

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

Casady moved, Brink seconded to approve the consent agenda which included the following: minutes of the May 2, 2018 Council Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police Officer Christian Holzapfel and Police Chief Dave Erickson gave a presentation on the benefits of load bearing vests vs duty belts and how changing to load bearing vests would benefit the APD officers.

Motion by Casady; second by Somers to approve Resolution #24-18”DESIGNATINGLOAD-BEARINGVESTS AS A WELLNESS BENEFIT FOR THE ATLANTIC POLICE DEPARTMENTOFFICERS.” Ayes: Casady, Halder, Brink, Jimerson, Somers, Hartkopf. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Atlantic Chamber Executive Director Bailey Smith and CADCO Executive Assistant Jen McEntaffer spoke about the business Recruitment Task Force’s proposal regarding a revolving loan fund for business recruitment and retention in Atlantic only. The taskforce also requested \$100,000 from the City’s EDR fund to create the loan fund. Motion by Casady; second by Hartkopf approve the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator John Lund reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held May 8th. The Commission has requested further research in regard to current ordinance 17.030(4) which limits accessory structure height to no greater than 15 feet or garages, which may exceed 15 feet but may not exceed the height of the principal structure. The Commission will meet on June 12 to review the findings. In other business, the Commission recommended amending Article 23of the Zoning Ordinance so that existing carports in the R-2 Zone may be upgraded to garages, regardless of setback requirements. Lengthy discussion by Council followed.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Halder to table disposal of 602 Spruce Street until the June 20th meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Jones opened the hearing for the amendment of the FY2018 Budget. Hearing no comments, Jimerson made the motion with Halder making the second to close the public hearing at 6:31p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Jimerson to approve Resolution #23-18 “AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET.” Ayes: Brink, Jimerson, Somers, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Casady to appoint Christina Bateman to the Community Promotion Commission (CPC); to reappoint Jim Behrens to the Planning & Zoning Commission; to reappoint Roger Herrington to the Planning & Zoning Commission; to reappoint Dave Knudsen to the Board of Adjustment; and to reappoint Mike Henningsen to the Airport Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Administrator John Lund reported:

- The City’s health/dental plan renewal increased by 7.97%. The broker also offered the option of joining the Iowa Communities Trust, which would increase rates by 13%, but the actuarial values for the two plans were equal. The trust would offer some stability if the city face large claims; however he and City Clerk Barb Barrick felt it would be in the city’s best interest if the city remained with its current plan.
- Reviewed 3rd quarter financial at the department head meeting; Lund also outlined the schedule for future department head meetings; making them a mix of HR training, financial reviews and budget planning.

Council Member Halder asked Lund if he had heard anything from Snyder & Associates regarding the City’s beautification project. Lund replied that he had not.

Mayor Dave Jones reported:

- Sesquicentennial planning meeting next Tuesday at 5:30p.m. Public is asked to bring plans.
- The Sesquicentennial parade will be held in conjunction with the annual Firemen’s Parade in October.
- Fourth of July fireworks have been moved back to the Airport. Mayor Jones reminded citizens that the airport is city property and no fireworks will be allowed; violators will face a \$250 fine. Mayor also reminded citizens to clean up after themselves after the fireworks.

City Council Reports were as follows:

Jimerson- Community Protection; Hartkopf- Airport; Casady –CPC; Halder-Community Development, Library; Brink –Planning & Zoning, Community Development, Chamber, community Protection.

Sarah Schorle, Student Representative, reported on Seniors’ last day; seven more days of school; Commencement on Sunday; state track qualifiers; Die Dash; Physics annual boat races.

Motion by Casady; second by Brink to approve bills totaling \$106,217.69. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Somers; second by Halder to approve the April financial reports. All ayes. Motion carried.

Atlantic business owners Tayla Kamies and Thomas Schroeder were present to ask the council to consider offering a grant program for local businesses rather than a loan program. Discussion followed.

Jimerson moved; Halder seconded to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

David Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Barb Barrick
City Clerk