

City Council
April 17, 2019
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. Also present was student representative Sarah Schorle.

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

Motion by Casady; second by Hartkopf to approve the consent agenda which included the following: Minutes of the April 3, 2019 City Council Meeting, bills totaling \$50,420.64, March financial reports, and March budget report. Ayes: Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink. Nays: Jimerson. Motion carried.

The Council recognized the Atlantic High School All-State Speech Team and National Debate Team.

Mayor Jones proclaimed April 26, 2109 as Arbor Day and received the Atlantic Tree City USA award.

Jeff Godwin, Snyder and Associates, discussed erosion issues and possible remedies for Troublesome Creek.

At 5:56 p.m., Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Designating the Urban Renewal Area for the Atlantic Downtown Revitalization project. Motion by Jimerson; second by Brink to close the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Hartkopf to adopt Resolution #13-19 “NECESSITY TO ESTABLISH BOUNDARIES OF THE ATLANTIC FACADE IMPROVEMENT PHASE 1 PROJECT AREA BY IDENTIFYING THE DISTRICT A BLIGHTED AREA IN THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA.”

Ayes: Brink, Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder. Nays: Jimerson. Motion carried.

Motion by Casady; second by Somers to adopt Resolution #14-19 “AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE CDBG DOWNTOWN FUND PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE TO A DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.” Ayes: Casady, Halder, Brink, Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf. Nays: Jimerson. Motion carried

Motion by Brink; second by Hayes to adopt the Administrative Plan for the Atlantic Downtown Revitalization Project. Ayes: Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink. Nays: Jimerson. Motion carried.

Motion by Casady; second by Brink to accept the bid for 602 Spruce Street by Thomas Gaines in the amount of \$5,350. All ayes. Nays: Somers. Motion carried.

At 6:17 p.m., Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on the plans, specifications and form of contract for the 2019 Palm Street Improvement Project. Motion by Jimerson; second by Hayes to close the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Hartkopf to approve Resolution #15-19, "APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND FORM OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2109 PALM STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT." Ayes: Jimerson, Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed construction bids for the 2019 Palm Street Improvement Project.

Motion by Hayes; second by Jimerson to adopt Resolution #16-19 "MAKING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2019 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT." Ayes: Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink, Jimerson, Somers. Nays: None. Motion carried

Motion by Casady; second by Brink to adopt Resolution #17-19 "APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY TRANSFERS." Ayes: Casady, Halder, Brink, Jimerson, Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hayes; second by Casady to set bid date and public hearing for the Street Department Building Addition. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Hartkopf to adopt Resolution #18-19 "AUTHORIZING BIDS FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT BUILDING ADDITION." Ayes: Jimerson, Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Halder to approve electrical easement at Alley on 10th Street, between Birch Street and Mahogany Drive. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Brink to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 981 "VACATING AND CONVEYING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY IN THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, CASS COUNTY, IOWA." Ayes: Jimerson, Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Somers; second by Hartkopf to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 982 "AMENDING THE 2011 RECODIFICATION OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA ENACTED TO ASSIST CITY OFFICIALS AND THE RAGBRAI COMMITTEE DEAL WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES CREATED BY THE INFUSION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INTO THE CITY OF ATLANTIC

WHEN THE DES MOINES REGISTER'S ANNUAL GREAT BICYCLE RIDE ACROSS IOWA (RAGBRAI) ARRIVES IN ATLANTIC ON JULY 21, 2019 AND DEPARTS ON JULY 22, 2019." Ayes Somers, Hayes, Hartkopf, Casady, Halder, Brink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Halder to appoint Amanda Martin as the City of Atlantic Safety Director. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Lund Presented historical property tax figures from FY 2015-2020 and project property tax figures from FY 2021-2030 showing year to year growth in property tax revenues which have averaged .84 % growth since John took office and will average 1.83% for the next ten year period. He indicated that he had no interest in reaping more cash for the city just because the city can. Tax levy is pretty flat- residential taxes went up because of the rollback. Budget will be much more complicated if property tax reform bills are passed. He also addressed the negativity in response to the street department addition.

City got its health insurance renewal with an 8.73% increase. City Clerk Barrick and he are looking into options with the. 8.73% increase.

Mayor Jones reported that because there is additional interest being expressed in purchasing the Senior Center, he is sending the issue back to Personnel & Finance. He also advised that grass is going to start growing quickly and citizens be aware and keep it mowed.

City Council Reports: Brink- Chamber, AMU; Halder- Library; Casady - CPC; Hartkopf - Airport; Hayes - Landfill; Somers - Landfill

Student Representative Report: Every 15 Minutes program; 3 students accepted to Hawkeye Academic Team - 1 received Hawkeye 10 Character Award ; Show Choir Blast, Patty Hannon Band concert; spring sports; raising money to go to Glenwood schools; and one student had been accepted to both Naval and Air Force Academies.

Council Member Casady asked about microphones; Nick is getting speakers.

Council Member Halder thanked everyone that showed up to Monday evening's meeting to improve Cass County.

Council Member Hayes asked the public if they had an issue and there is a problem, contact your elected officials and don't just complain amongst yourself. It doesn't solve anything.

Grace Garrett inquired about the Every 15 Minute Event held recently at the high school. She also had concerns about the vacant city lots that are for sale.

Christina Bateman emphasized contacting elected officials with questions and issues. She stated that complaining brings about division.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Halder to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

David Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Barb Barrick, City Clerk