

City Council
September 16, 2015
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, Halder, Casady, and Cord. Absent: None.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve the agenda as posted. All in favor.

Somers moved, Hayes seconded, to approve the consent agenda which includes: minutes of the September 2, 2015 Council Meeting and Class C Liquor Licenses for the Elbow Room and Desperados Investments. All in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Kris Erickson reported on the work that has been done regarding the abatement of nuisances, such as mowing of grass and overall cleanup of properties. She talked about the success of sending out postcards, which give a one-time notice to citizens who are in violation of the grass ordinance. One property she identified that was recently cleaned up by City employees was at 808 Birch at a cost of over \$3,200.

Mayor Jones announced that the Halloween “trick or treating” hours will be 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2015.

Discussion followed after Council Member Somers reported that the Personnel and Finance Committee had no recommendation for who to appoint as City Attorney. The Mayor explained why he suggested that J.C. Van Ginkel be appointed for a term that would end on December 31, 2016. The only other local attorney who submitted a proposal was interim City Attorney David Wiederstein. The consensus of the Council was for the Personnel and Finance Committee to interview both candidates and take written questions from the remainder of the Council to use in the interview process. The remaining Council Members may attend the committee meeting to observe but cannot participate in the discussion.

Mayor Jones read a proclamation declaring September 17-23, 2015 as Constitution Week.

Hartkopf moved, Hayes seconded, to pass ordinance #957 entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION,”** on second reading. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Cord seconded, to pass ordinance #958 entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 7.09 ENTITLED “FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY,”** on second reading. All in favor.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to close the streets, as requested, for the Firemen’s parade on October 10, 2015. All in favor.

Council Committee reports were as follows: Somers-Personnel & Finance; Hayes-Cass County Environmental Agency; Hartkopf-Airport and Boost 4 Families; Casady-Community Promotion; Halder-Cass/Atlantic Development Corporation and Library; and Cord-Chamber of Commerce.

Hartkopf moved, Hayes seconded, to approve the bills totaling \$100,791.90. All in favor.

Hayes moved, Jimerson seconded, to approve the Clerk, Treasurer, Budget, General Ledger, Revenue, Airport, Volunteer Fire Department, and Storm Water Utility reports for August. All in favor.

At 6:18 p.m., Jimerson moved, Hayes seconded, to go into closed session as allowed by Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Iowa Code, to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the City. All in favor.

At 6:58 p.m., the Council reconvened to open session with no final action taken in closed session.

Jimerson moved, Halder seconded, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. All in favor.

David R. Jones
Mayor

ATTEST: Deb Wheatley Field
City Clerk