

City Council
May 6, 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, Stuart, Halder, and Cord. Absent: None.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to amend the agenda by deleting item #9-“Order of support to seek up to \$80,000 from the STP Program,” and to approve the rest of the agenda as posted. All in favor.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve the consent agenda which includes: minutes of the April 15, 2015 and April 22, 2015 Council Meetings and an Outdoor Service Permit for The Elbow Room. All in favor.

Dave Sturm of Snyder and Associates, Inc. reported that all the punch items have been completed for the 2013 Street Improvements Project, thus, the project can be closed out.

Hartkopf moved, Jimerson seconded, to adopt resolution #26-15 entitled, **“RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE WORK.”** All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Cord seconded, to approve the closing of Fourth Street from Chestnut Street west to the alley between Chestnut and Poplar Streets from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 18, 2015 for Crazy Days. All in favor.

Somers moved, Stuart seconded, to approve the closing of Sixth Street from Chestnut Street west to the alley between Chestnut and Poplar Streets from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Thursday from June 4, 2015 thru October 16, 2015 for Produce in the Park. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Stuart seconded, to approve the closing of Sixth Street from Chestnut Street to Poplar Street from 4:00 p.m., October 9, 2015 thru 8:00 p.m., October 10, 2015 for a picnic celebration honoring our Firemen. All in favor.

Steve Livengood spoke about the military vehicle display to be held on May 16, which will include the vehicles cruising around the community.

Jimerson moved, Stuart seconded, to approve a Parade Permit, for the parade route as presented, for the Ba-Da Ba-Da Bing Military Cruise beginning at 3:30 p.m., May 16, 2015. All in favor.

Dave Chase, President of Nishna Valley Trails, gave an update on the Troublesome Creek Connector Trail Project. With pending grant applications and money raised thus far, an additional \$97,000 is still needed to fund the project. Chase said plans still call for a spring bid letting with construction of the pedestrian bridge in the fall. Snyder and Associates, Inc. will serve as contract manager and will present a contract for approval at the May 20, 2015 Council Meeting.

The National League of Cities has a Service Line Warranty Program administered by Utility Service Partners, Inc. Ashley Shiwarski, Inside Sales Manager of USP, addressed the Council regarding the program, which offers property owners with affordable coverage for needed repairs to external water and sewer lines and inside plumbing. The program, which has to be supported by the City, pays a royalty to the City of .50 per month, per warranty contract sold.

Mayor Jones asked the Community Protection Committee to review the program and possibly meet further with Shiwarski before making a recommendation to the Council of whether to participate in it.

Due to the upcoming reconstruction of East 7th Street, the Community Protection Committee is recommending an ordinance to prohibit parking in construction zones.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to pass ordinance #956 entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY ADDING SECTION 69.20 ENTITLED “PROHIBITED PARKING WITHIN DESIGNATED CONSTRUCTION ZONES,”** on the first reading. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to suspend the rules and pass ordinance #956 on second reading. All in favor.

Due to Council Member Stuart soon moving to Cedar Rapids, she has submitted her resignation.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to accept the resignation of Fifth Ward Council Member Lori Stuart, effective June 4, 2015. All in favor.

Mayor Jones announced that Dick Casady has shown interest in filling the upcoming vacancy.

Somers moved, Hartkopf seconded, to give notice that the City Council intends to fill the upcoming vacancy in the Fifth Ward Council Seat by appointment of the Council. All in favor.

Hartkopf moved, Jimerson seconded, to set 5:30 p.m., May 20, 2015 as the date to amend the FY15 budget. All in favor.

City Administrator John Lund reported on a number of items including: the public works employees accepted the union contract, a tort liability bill was recently signed by the Governor for outdoor recreational activities, the Chamber will have exclusive rights for sign management in the right of way for the East 7th Street Project, and the City will realize a \$10,000 worker's compensation premium credit in FY16.

Mayor Jones reported on a number of items including: construction on East 7th is slated to begin on May 26, reminder of residents that if they don't mow their lawns, the City will do so and bill the property owner, cameras at the yard waste site will go live in a couple of weeks, and a reminder of the E recycling program to be held on May 9, from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Somers reported on the Personnel & Finance Committee's recommendation to approve a Tax Increment Financing application for Boose Construction for a housing development on Ash Street.

Council Committee reports were as follows: Somers-Personnel & Finance and Cass County Environmental Agency; Jimerson-Fire Department.

Council Member Halder suggested that the Police Department write tickets to those who post garage sale signs if the signs are not removed within two days of the sale.

Somers moved, Halder seconded, to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. All in favor.

David R. Jones
Mayor

ATTEST: Deb Wheatley Field
City Clerk