

City Council
December 3, 2014
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.

Hartkopf moved, Jimerson seconded, to amend the agenda by deleting item #11 entitled, "Enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.5 (i) to evaluate applications for the position of City Attorney," to add after item #4 "Discuss applications for the position of City Attorney," and to approve the rest of the agenda as posted. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Hayes seconded, to approve the consent agenda which includes: minutes of the November 19, 2014 Council Meeting. All in favor.

Steve Tjepkes, General Manager of Atlantic Municipal Utilities, presented AMU's 2015 budget, which includes no increase in water or electric rates.

Hartkopf moved, Jimerson seconded, to adopt resolution #23-14 entitled, **"RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2015 BUDGET FOR ATLANTIC MUNICIPAL UTILITIES."** All in favor.

There was some discussion regarding Ordinance #955 entitled, **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER NUMBERED 56 TITLED 'MOWING OF PROPERTIES.' "**

Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to pass Ordinance #955 on first reading. All in favor.

Discussion was held regarding a Request for Proposals for the position of City Attorney, since current City Attorney David Wiederstein was recently elected County Attorney. Upon a review of the proposals by the Personnel and Finance Committee, the committee is recommending the appointment of Jamie Arnold who will soon be joining the law office of Otto, Lorence & Wiederstein, PLLC. Before the Council makes a decision, Wiederstein suggested that Arnold meet with the Council when he moves to Atlantic from North Carolina later this month.

City Administrator John Lund reported on a number of items including: an increase in local option sales tax proceeds, a recent informational meeting regarding the reconstruction of East Highway 6, efforts to improve the City's bond rating, and the employees of the Wastewater Treatment to televise sewer lines in the City of Anita.

The Mayor announced the resignation of Frank Greiner from the Atlantic Municipal Utility Board of Trustees.

Council Committee Reports were given as follows: Somers-Cass County Public Safety and Personnel & Finance; Hartkopf-Cable TV; and Jimerson-Fire Department.

Somers moved, Halder seconded, to approve the bills totaling \$118,290.22. All in favor.

At 6:20 p.m., Jimerson moved, Halder seconded, to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17 (3), which provides for strategy meetings of public employers for collective bargaining. All in favor.

At 7:30 p.m., the Council reconvened to open session with no final action taken in closed session.

Jimerson moved, Halder seconded, to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. All in favor.

David R. Jones
Mayor

Attest: Deb Wheatley Field
City Clerk