

City Council
April 1, 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.

Hayes moved, Jimerson seconded, to amend the agenda by deleting item #3 entitled, "Annual presentation by Annette Renaud from Alliant Energy," and to approve the rest of the agenda as posted. All in favor.

Hayes moved, Jimerson seconded, to approve the consent agenda which includes: minutes of the March 18, 2015 Council Meeting. All in favor.

Michael Murphy, President of Murphy Heavy Contracting, spoke of how he would use the property owned by the City at 106 State Street to operate a concrete recycling operation, if it were to be leased to him. The lease for the property, which was previously used for a truck parking lot, would be for three years with Murphy paying the City \$7,200 annually.

David Wright, owner of Recycling Services, LLC, an adjacent business, questioned Council Members as to why he wasn't given an opportunity to lease the property. He spoke of how he had first approached the City in 2012 and proposed leasing the property for \$8,000 for 20 years but was told there were issues with the Federal Emergency Management Agency that would not allow for such since the property is in a flood way. Wright questioned whether those issues had been resolved.

During the discussion that followed, some Council Members felt the issue with FEMA should be looked into before a lease is approved for Murphy.

Hartkopf moved, Hayes seconded, to approve a Land Lease with Murphy Heavy Contracting for the property located at 106 State Street, for a three year period ending on June 30, 2018. Passed on a 4-3 vote, with Jimerson, Somers, and Cord voting against.

Somers moved, Hayes seconded, to approve a Retainer Agreement with Otto, Lorence & Wiederstein, P.L.L.C. for legal services for January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. All in favor.

Somers moved, Jimerson seconded, to approve a contract between Cass County and the City of Atlantic, with Medivac Corp. of Harlan for ambulance service from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. All in favor.

Dave Sturm of Snyder and Associates, Inc. reported that the contract and bonds are in order for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Hayes moved, Hartkopf seconded, to adopt resolution #23-15 entitled, **"RESOLUTION APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,550,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE**

PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2015A, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME.” All in favor.

Cord moved, Stuart seconded, to adopt resolution #24-15 entitled, **“RESOLUTION APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$405,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT BONDS, SERIES 2015B, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME.” All in favor.**

City Administrator John Lund updated the Council on several matters including: he and the City Clerk will not be in attendance at the next Council Meeting, the Highway #6 Construction Project, a Financial Management & Liquid Reserves Policy, the property at 1106 Poplar Street, and an upcoming Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.

Council Committee Reports were given as follows: Somers-Cass County Public Safety; Hartkopf-YMCA; Halder-Community Betterment; and Cord-Chamber of Commerce.

Hayes moved, Hartkopf seconded, to approve the bills totaling \$62,933.93. All in favor.

At 6:31 p.m., Jimerson moved, Hartkopf seconded, to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 20.17(3) of the Iowa Code to discuss collective bargaining strategy. All in favor.

At 6:49 p.m. the Council reconvened to open session with no final action taken in closed session.

Jimerson moved, Hayes seconded, to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 234 for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. All in favor.

Jimerson moved, Halder seconded, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. All in favor.

David R. Jones
Mayor

Attest: Deb Wheatley Field
City Clerk

