

City Council
February 6, 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.

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

Motion by Somers; second by Hartkopf to approve the consent agenda which included the following: minutes of the January 16, 2019 Council Meeting; Tree Trimmer Permit for Kautzky Tree Care; Class E Liquor License for Fareway #940; Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales and Change of Ownership for Dollar General #111. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council Members Somers reported on the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting held last week, noting that the committee was split as to a decision concerning the possible sale of the Senior Center and wanted the entire council to weigh in on the issue. Council Members discussed their thoughts and ideas. Those that use the Senior Center, along with Elks Club members, were also invited to give their input. City Administrator Lund reminded the council that the pressing issue regarding the decision was whether or not to include the Civic Center levy in the FY20 budget as the council needed to set the date for the public hearing at the February 20th meeting. If the levy is included in the certified budget, the City will not be able to sell the building until FY2021. Mayor Jones called for a special meeting of the Council on February 13th at 6:15 p.m. to further discuss the issue and make a decision to keep or sell the building.

City Administrator Lund presented the proposed FY2020 Budget and 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan noting the following highlights:

- No change to the overall tax levy; a new levy was added, but an existing levy was lowered, making the budget tax neutral
- Not proposing anything to enhance revenues
- Internal loan from Sewer to LOST Streets to emergency bridge repair
- Acknowledging city's unfunded liabilities and setting aside dollars for future expenditures
- Budget is a complex maze of transfers, but transfers keep it transparent
- Labor costs keeping in trend with historic growth in property taxes
- Overall, the FY20 budget is good

City Administrator Lund reported:

- City has tentative agreements with both unions
- RAGBRAI Committees will be forming in the near future
- Planning and Zoning meeting next week

Mayor Jones reported

- Food Pantry’s response to Speak Up in newspaper regarding using the Senior Center for Food Pantry was that the Food Pantry was not planning on moving at this time
- Reminded citizens that the parking lot between the Senior Center and City Hall and the parking lot to the west of the Senior Center are public parking lots. The reserved signs that are located there are a courtesy and not enforceable. The only enforceable signs in the parking lot are the handicapped parking signs.
- Please keep walks shoveled.

Council Committee reports were as follows:

Jimerson – Cass County Public Safety; Somers- Cass County Public Safety, Personnel & Finance, Landfill; Hayes- Park & Rec; Hartkopf – YMCA; Brink- AMU.

Motion by Casady; second by Brink to approve the bills totaling \$182,792.10. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council Member Casady thanked Police Chief Erickson for standing out in the cold to direct traffic at Washington Elementary on school mornings.

Motion by Jimerson; second by Halder to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dave Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Barrick
City Clerk