

City Council
April 7, 2021
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: Behrens, Somers, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett, and Brink. Absent: None.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Casady; second by Hartkopf to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the March 17, 2021 City Council meeting; tree trimmer permit for RK's Tree Service; and bills totaling \$80,104.66. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Hartkopf to approve Resolution #22-21 "AUTHORIZING THIRD QUARTER BUDGET TRANSFERS." Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens, Somers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 5:31 p.m., Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on authorizing the application for financial assistance to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development to finance the purchase of equipment, furniture and/or vehicles for their Fire Department. No comments were received. Motion by Casady; second by Somers to close the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to approve Resolution #23-21, "AGREEING TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND/OR VEHICLES FOR THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT." Ayes: Brink, Behrens, Somers, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Hartkopf to approve Resolution #24-21 "AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE RURAL IOWA HOUSING ASSESSMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND COMMITMENT OF REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS." Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens, Somers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Garrett to approve Resolution #25-21 "APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING COMMITTEE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS." Ayes: Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens, Somers, McCurdy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Garrett to approve letter of intent for the SHIFT ATL application for the Rural Innovation Grant. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to approve Resolution #26-21 “DECLARING THE BULL CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT A COMMUNITY PRIORITY.” Ayes: Brink, Behrens, Somers, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Somers; second by Garrett to approve Resolution #27-21 “AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE CALL OF OUTSTANDING BONDS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$650,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012A, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME.” Ayes: Somers, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Brink to approve Resolution #28-21 “AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE CALL OF OUTSTANDING BONDS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$285,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021B, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME.” Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens, Somers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 5:47 p.m., Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1006 “AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, ZONING REGULATIONS.” City Administrator Lund explained the changes being proposed and why those changes were needed. Motion by Casady; second by Brink to close the public hearing at 5:55 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Hartkopf to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1006 “AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, ZONING REGULATIONS.” Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens, Somers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Casady; second by Garrett to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1007 “AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 69.14 THEREIN.” Ayes: Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens, Somers, Hartkopf. Nays: McCurdy. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Casady to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1008 “AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 136.03 THEREIN.” Ayes: Brink, Behrens, Somers, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett. Nays: McCurdy. Motion carried.

Following discussion and questions with Mike Klocke, General Manager with Massena Telephone Company, McCurdy made the motion with Brink making the second to approve the Right-of-Way agreement with Massena Telephone Company. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to approve Change Order #8 for the downtown Façade Improvements Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Somers; second by Garrett to set the date of the Public Hearing for April 21, 2021 for the Approval of the FY 2022 Budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 6:11 p.m., Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing for the animal shelter building addition. One comment from public regarding the purchase of cat cages. Motion by Brink; second by to close the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Garrett; second by McCurdy to approve Resolution #29-21 “APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND FORM OF CONTRACT FOR THE ATLANTIC ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING ADDITION PROJECT.” Ayes: Garrett, Brink, Behrens, Somers, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Casady; second by Garrett to approve Resolution #30-21 “MAKING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING ADDITION REBID PROJECT TO HENNINGSEN CONSTRUCTION.” Ayes: Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens, Somers, McCurdy, Hartkopf. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Hartkopf to appoint Brian Ruge to the Board of Adjustment. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Lund:

- Housing – lots going on – Kathy, Dave, Grace and Pat can answer questions
- Bull Creek – city has a concrete plan to proceed with Army Corps of Engineers – several back up funding plans in place
- West 22nd St reconstruction – city is in for construction July-October 2024. Estimated cost is \$1,376,627
- Issues on front burner:
 - Bull Creek
 - Housing
 - Budget reconciliation
- Issues on back burner:
 - Personnel Policies
 - HR Training
 - ROW Permit Process
 - Elections- does the council want plurality or 50.01% to determine winner
- Issues on radar:
 - American Rescue Act
 - Fiber Activity
 - Legislative Activity- potential phase out of backfill
- Assessment Notices – hard to predict what will be the effect on property taxes due to state’s limitation on residential growth and the rollback effect.

Mayor Jones reported that he has been doing a lot of walking and noticing trash and litter – please keep city cleaned up. In addition, Mayor advised that with the recent rain, grass will be growing so please keep lawns mowed.

City Council Reports: Somers – Cass County Public Safety, Personnel & Finance; McCurdy – Landfill, CADCO Site & New Business; Hartkopf – YMCA; Casady – CPC.

Mayor Jones and Council Member McCurdy discussed their recent trip to Martensdale and New Market to look at 360 Housing and to speak with the 360 Housing group. The goal is to have affordable housing for working families.

At 6:38 p.m., McCurdy made the motion with second by Garrett to enter into closed session to Discuss Real Estate Issue/Dangerous Building as allowed in Section 21.5(1)(c) of the State Code. All ayes. Motion carried. Council entered into closed session.

At 6:51 p.m., McCurdy made the motion with second by Garrett to return to open session. All ayes. Motion carried. Council re-entered into open session.

Motion by Casady; second by McCurdy to authorize city officials to proceed with demolition of the house located at 508 Hazel under the City's Dangerous Building ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Behrens; second by McCurdy to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

David R. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Barb Barrick, City Clerk