

City Council
August 18, 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, Garrett, Casady, and Brink.

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

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Casady; second by Garrett to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the August 4, 2021 City Council meeting; Class C Liquor License for the Elbow Room; Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales, and Outdoor Service Area for Fireside Lounge; Class B Native Wine Permit with Sunday Sales for Aunt B's; July Clerk's and Budget Reports; and bills totaling \$108,938.97. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Mayor and Council recognized the Atlantic Trojans Varsity girls' softball team for their 4th place finish at the state tournament.

Alexsis Fleener, SWIPCO Community Development Director gave a presentation on the CDBG Upper Story Housing Conversion Program. She noted that there has been a lot of interest since her presentation two weeks ago; there are many buildings in Atlantic that would be eligible for this grant, which is very competitive. However, there are COVID relief funds available that mirror the CDBG Upper Story Housing Conversion Program.

At 5:43 pm, Mayor Jones opened the public hearing for the application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the Community Development Block Grant Upper Story Housing Conversion Program. Fleener outlined the need for the grant as well as the benefit to LMI residents. There were no comments received prior to or during the public hearing. Motion by Hartkopf; second by Behrens to close the public hearing at 5:46 p.m.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Brink to approve the application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the Community Development Block Grant Upper Story Housing Conversion Program. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Hartkopf to approve agreement with The Retail Coach for retail recruitment and related services. Discussion followed. Ayes: Behrens, Somers, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Garrett, Brink. Nays: Casady. Motion carried.

Motion by Somers; second by McCurdy to appoint Dick Casady, Frazer Werts, Connie Boose, Dave Jones, and Christina Bateman to the Housing Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Lund reported: City received thank-you from Ann Wickman Center for its contribution; had a request to purchase ROW south of 1610 Lincoln – Mayor sent to Personnel & Finance Committee for review and recommendation; Personnel & Finance Committee meeting next week; need to restart Beautification Committee; LOST estimates by the state were approximately \$29,000 over what had been budgeted (this does not include the reconciliation check received in November); census numbers were now available- Atlantic lost 4.5% of its population but numbers were better than anticipated.

Mayor Jones reported: the second council meeting in September is changed from September 15th to September 22nd due to Iowa League Conference; school is starting soon – please use caution; don't leave keys in your car.

City Council Reports: Brink- Park & Rec; Casady – AMU; Hartkopf – Airport.

Council Member Garrett remarked that she had received complaints of speeding semi-trucks on 22nd Street between Olive and Chestnut; she also advised that since The Retail Coach was going to be visiting Atlantic this was a prime time to make our town look great by sprucing it up.

Council Member McCurdy remarked that the 22nd Street sidewalk is completed and it is being used.

Motion by Behrens; second by McCurdy to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

David Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Barb Barrick, City Clerk