

City Council
October 6, 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 Somers to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Casady; second by Somers to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the September 22, 2021 City Council meeting; Special Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service Area & Living Quarter for The Downtowner; Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service Area and Sunday Sales for The Corner Shelf; Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales for Olive Street Station; Class A Liquor License with Sunday Sales for BPO Elks Lodge #445; Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for Desperados Investments; Tree Trimmer Permit for Hansen Tree Service; and bills totaling \$82,471.19. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jason O'Brien, Wild Wayne's, and Dan Vargason both presented proposals to the Council for the 2022 July 4th city fireworks display. Both have pending Class B licenses. Wild Wayne's proposed a 20 minute show for \$10,000 with Class B fireworks. Vargason proposed a 20-45 minute show for \$8,818 with a combination of Class B and Class C fireworks. Motion by McCurdy; second by Hartkopf to award the 2022 July 4th Fireworks Display to Wild Wayne's at a cost of \$10,000. Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Brink, Behrens. Nays: Somers and Garrett. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to grant permit request to Wild Willy's for fireworks during the Homecoming football game on Friday, October 8, 2021. Garrett requested to add to the motion that Wild Willy's use media outlets to make the public aware that fireworks will be discharged Friday night. Brink then withdrew his motion and motioned that the permit be granted with the amendment of notifying the public. McCurdy made the second. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 5:48 p.m, Mayor Jones opened the public hearing for the request to have chickens at 1609 East 22nd St. The Clerk's office received no comments. Property owners were present to present their request. At 5:50 p.m., motion was made by Somers and seconded by Brink to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartkopf to grant permit for request to have chickens at 1609 East 22nd St. Second by McCurdy. Council discussed the request as well as reviewed the ordinance. Brink called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Hartkopf, Garrett, Behrens, Somers, McCurdy. Nays: Casady and Brink. Motion carried.

Motion by Somers; second by Hartkopf to approve 28E Agreement with Cass County for the 6th Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Behrens to approve Resolution #54-21 “APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.” Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens, Somers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Somers; second by McCurdy to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1011 “AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING FIRE DEPARTMENT, CHAPTER 37, OF THE CITY CODE.” Ayes: Somers, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Casady, Garrett, Brink, Behrens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Behrens; second by Hartkopf to close selected streets on Friday, October 8, 2021 between 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. for the Atlantic homecoming parade. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Lund reported: Personnel & Finance to meet 10/13; Planning & Zoning to meet 10/12; working on updating personnel policy and right of way permitting; received updated LOST estimates of \$13,000 additional; upper story conversion grant awarded; received first half of American Rescue Plan funds. Lund then addressed concerns regarding some political signs in the city that residents had found offensive by giving an overview of the First Amendment and Freedom of Speech. The city has no power to make the property owners remove the signs.

Mayor Jones advised that political signs for the upcoming election need to be kept off of the right of way. He also reminded citizens to continue keeping track of grass length and do not blow leaves into the street.

City Council Reports: Behrens – Cass County Public Safety, Fire; Somers – Cass County Public Safety; McCurdy – CADCO Site & New Business; Casady – AMU; Garrett – Beautification; Brink- Beautification.

Council Members McCurdy and Garrett both remarked at the large turnout for the Firemen’s breakfast on Sunday.

Motion by Behrens; second by McCurdy to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

David Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Barb Barrick, City Clerk