

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. Absent: None. This council meeting had been re-scheduled from December 15th due to weather concerns.

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

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Casady; second by Brink to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the December 1, 2021 City Council meeting; Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Area for Rumor's Lounge; October 2021 Budget and Clerk's reports; and bills totaling \$146,774.82. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 5:31 p.m., Mayor Jones opened the public hearing for the Atlantic Food Pantry to make application to the CDBG Covid-19 program. No comments were received. Motion by Casady; second by Brink to close the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kristine Spoke, Southwest Iowa Planning Council to outline the following HUD requirements:

- The pandemic has caused the demand for food assistance to drastically increase; the Atlantic food pantry has served almost three times as many households since 2019, before the pandemic began.
- The food pantry will be requesting \$100,000 in CDBG -CV grant funds and will be providing a \$25,000 match. The match will come from ongoing community donations and annual Scrooge contest.
- The application will be submitted in late December or early January.
- \$95,000 of the federal funds will be used for the purchase of food and non-food items (hand soap, toilet paper, etc); \$5,000 will be used for grant administration.
- 100% of the funding is expected to benefits low-to-moderate income families
- Weekly food distributions will occur at Atlantic Food Pantry, 19 W. 4th St, Atlantic, Iowa
- No persons will be displaced as a result of this activity
- The request for funding will allow the Atlantic Food Pantry to purchase food and non-food items for weekly food distributions at their facility in Atlantic for 2022 and the first half of 2023. Without grant funding, the food pantry would need to reduce both the amount of food given to each household and the number of households serve.

Motion by Somers; second by McCurdy to approve the Atlantic Food Pantry's Application for the CDBG Covid-19 program. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Behrens to approve Change Order #11 for the Atlantic Downtown Revitalization Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Somers to fill the At-Large Seat which will become vacant on January 2, 2022, by appointment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to appoint Bill Garrett to the Atlantic Airport Commission to fill the unexpired term of Carrol Trewet. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Casady to appoint Brad Henningsen to the Atlantic Airport Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mike Henningsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Administrator John Lund reported that he is busily working on budget – taking into account taxable valuations, inflation, and insurance costs. Lund advised that he wished to schedule a budget work session with the Council on January 12, 2022, to discuss financial priorities. In addition, he is preparing a survey for the elected officials to determine priorities.

Mayor Jones reminisced about his twelve years as Mayor. His first month in office in 2010, the city was faced with a severe ice storm, and his last month in office in 2021, the city had a tornado. The main focus of his terms was Park & Rec, especially the YMCA and Schildberg Rec Area. Mayor Jones stated that he owed his success as a Mayor to the elected officials, the city staff, and the public.

City Council Reports: Somers – Landfill, Housing Committee; Behrens – Fire Department; Brink- CADCO; Garrett- Chamber; Casady – Library Board, AMU; Hartkopf – Airport.

Council Member Garrett noted that Council Member Somers’ photograph of Christmas in Atlantic was featured in the Iowa League of Cities calendar for 2022; she also reported that Atlantic was recognized as the #1 Christmas spot in the state of Iowa.

Council Member Casady challenged the council to review and revise the farm animal ordinance.

Council Member McCurdy advised that Council Members Somers and Casady were great to work with; he gave kudos to Somers for her work as Chairperson of the Landfill Commission.

Mayor Jones administered the Oath of Office to Second Ward Council Person Elect H. Lee Sisco.

Mayor Jones administered the Oath of Office to Fifth Ward Council Person Elect Dana Halder.

Mayor Jones administer the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Grace Garrett and presented her with the Mayor’s gavel.

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

Grace Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Barrick, City Clerk