

City Council
August 17, 2022
5:30 pm

The Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Garrett presiding. Council members present were: Otte, Behrens, Sisco, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder and Brink. Absent: None.

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

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Behrens to approve consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the August 3, 2022 City Council meeting; July Clerk & Budget Reports; and bills totaling \$730,756.20. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Grace Garrett administered the Oath of Office to new Police Officer Phillip Hood.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to approve Class B five-Day Beer Permit with Outdoor Service Area Effective August 18, 2022 for Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Hartkopf to approve Class C Liquor License for Weitzel's, effective dates July 15, 2021 to July 14, 2022. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Behrens to approve tax abatement application for 1200 SW 7th St. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Otte; second by Behrens to accept resignation of Park Board Member Ashley Hayes effective August 16, 2022 and to send notice that the vacant park board seat shall be filled by appointment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Hartkopf to approve Resolution #40-22 "Providing for Notice of Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Revitalization Plan for the Atlantic Urban Revitalization Area." Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Behrens, Sisco. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Sisco; second by Otte to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 1020 "AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 69 ENTITLED 'PARKING REGULATIONS.'" Ayes: Sisco, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Behrens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Behrens to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1021 "Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Atlantic, Iowa, by Adding a New Section Regulating Panhandling." Ayes: Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Behrens, Sisco, McCurdy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Community Protection meeting end of July; follow up meeting Aug 31 at 3 pm

- Working a lot with land committee and talking with finance attorney, engineer to come to a reasonable balance towards the housing project. Project will be beneficial to the city in the long term. First phase will be something workable for the city, not taking any risk.
- Major changes to the budget process for FY23, especially general fund departments. Too many changes that have happened in the legislature to continue on the way the city has been.

Mayors report:

- Seventh street curbs were cleaned last week by park & rec and code enforcement as a one-time courtesy to property owners. This is setting the standard for maintaining curbs whether you are a resident or a business. Please maintain the weeds on your property as a part of your property clean up. Do not allow weeds to grow over the curb. Code enforcement is giving 24-hour notice for grass and weeds, and if nothing is done in 24-hours, the city will proceed with violations.
- Atlantic Fest had a large turnout; Chamber of Commerce was please with the large crowd.

City Council Reports: Otte- Housing Committee; Sisco- AMU; McCurdy- CADCO Site & New Business; Hartkopf -Airport; Halder- Beautification, Library; Brink- Park & Rec.

Council Member Otte thanked the department managers for their department reports that are being included in the packets.

Council Member McCurdy commented on some of the new homes being built.

City Clerk Barrick updated the Council with the denial of the liquor license for Weitzel's. Alcoholic Beverages Division has notified Weitzel and informed him that he may file an appeal, which he has done. Barrick then read the appeal. Next step will be for the ABD Administrative Judge to schedule a telephone hearing to include the city and Mr. Weitzel. Mayor Garrett commented that she would reiterate right there that we are enforcing code on both businesses and residences, and that citizens can be assured we are working to improve our community

Motion by Behrens; second by Sisco to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Rich Tupper, Deputy, City Clerk