

The Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Garrett presiding. Council members present were: Otte, Sisco, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder and Brink. Absent: Behrens.

Mayor Garrett advised that Resolution #38-22 would be removed from the agenda, to be considered at a later date. Motion by McCurdy; second by Sisco to approve agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Brink; second by Hartkopf to approve consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the July 6, 2022 City Council meeting; Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales for Hy-Vee; Street Closing Permits for LC Clinic and Adams Auto Accessories; Tree Trimmer Permit for Prolawn Environmental; June Budget & Clerk's Report; and bills totaling \$338,850.20. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to approve Cass County Fair Association's request placement of an electronic sign on the city lot located at the corner of 7th and Olive Streets from July 18, 2022 through July 30, 2022. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Sisco to approve the first 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: Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Sisco, McCurdy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Otte to approve Resolution #39-22 "CONSENTING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SOLID WASTE FACILITIES REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES BY THE BOARD OF THE CASS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, EXTENSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF ALL OR PART OF THE CASS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AGENCY SOLID WASTE FACILITIES SYSTEM UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 28E AGREEMENT, AND RELATED MATTERS." Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Sisco. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Austin Farmer, Retail Coach Project Director gave an overview of the organization's work the past several months regarding business recruitment . He reported that for the past six months, Retail Coach has been actively recruiting developers, retailers, restaurants and franchisees to Atlantic. Farmer advised that the markets with the most projected growth are pharmacies and drug stores; cosmetics and beauty supplies; full-service and limited-service restaurants; and pet supplies stores. The most significant interest came from franchisees. He further reported that most of the prospects would like to locate on the east side of the city, along the Walmart corridor; however, there is a lack of site availability in that specific area. Farmer encouraged the City and the Chamber to purchase or work with current land owners to make as much as possible land available for development along primary retail corridors. There are over 20 companies doing further research on Atlantic to determine if the city is a good fit. Retail Coach's goal is for the city to have a letter of intent or an actual retailer before their contract has

ended. However, if that does not happen, the city will have actionable strategic planning initiatives to build around in order to get those businesses to market. Farmer then answered questions from the Council and the public.

City Administrator's Report: Community Protection scheduled for next Wednesday, August 27th at 5 p.m. Lund further reported that he is continuing to work with the Mayor on the revisions for the Personnel/HR policy.

Mayor Garrett asked that those requesting street closures contact their affected business neighbors to secure permission before coming to the city for approval. She also announced that the public needed to be aware that the City Code state that ATV's and UTV's are not allowed on city streets. Garrett requested that both residential and commercial property owners be aware of weeds on their properties, especially weeds growing in the cracks and on the curb. She also reminded citizens to not blow grass into the streets.

Mayor Garrett then declared the day as Council Appreciation Day. She advised the Council that a history brick had been placed in their honor at the SHIFT ATL building patio across the street from the Council Chambers. Garrett thanked the Council for their commitment to the City of Atlantic in moving the city forward and making it a great place to work, play, and call home.

City Council Reports: Otte- Beautification, Chamber, CADCO Annual Meeting; Sisco- Public Safety, AMU; McCurdy- Landfill; Hartkopf-Airport; Halder-Beautification; Brink- CPC, Park & Rec.

Council Member Otte gave an update on the Prairie Hills Development project. She advised that although the project continues to be a high priority, the city needs to look at several factors including interest rates, climbing building costs and what the true market is as well as what the city's liabilities are. She continued that the council did not want to put any of the onus on the taxpayer for the housing development. Otte then announced that the \$834,250 Destination Iowa grant for the project was not awarded to Atlantic. She then went on to say that when something like this happens, one needs to re-evaluate and that's exactly what the city is doing just to make sure that it is making the best decision for the taxpayers and the citizens of the community as the council continues to try to meet the housing need. She added that the project continues to be a high priority. Council Members Brink and McCurdy reiterated that the council wants to see the project happen, but it does need to explore alternatives.

Karleen Evans was present to give appreciation to the Park & Rec Department for addressing activities for all age groups. She also applauded the City Council for their hard work and time to make Atlantic the best it can be.

Council Member McCurdy reported that he appreciates the Department Head monthly reports that are now being included in the council packets.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Sisco to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Barrick, City Clerk