

City Council
November 2, 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, Sisco (via phone), McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder and Brink. Absent: Behrens. Also present was Student Representative Edria Brummer.

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

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to approve consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the October 19, 2022 City Council meeting; Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for Xu's Golden Dragon; Tree Trimmer Permit for Strouf Tree Service; and bills totaling \$110,350.26. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Halder to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1026 "VACATING THAT PORTION OF COUNTRY OAKS RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN 2703 COUNTRY CLUB OAKS AND 2605 COUNTRY OAKS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA." Ayes: Brink, Otte, Sisco, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Otte to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1027 "AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 100 ENTITLED 'STORM WATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY.'" Ayes: Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Sisco, McCurdy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 5:34 p.m., Mayor Garrett opened the public hearing for Ordinance #1028 "AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, ZONING REGULATIONS." No comments were received. Motion by Halder; second by McCurdy to close the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Hartkopf to approve first reading of Ordinance #1028 "AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, ZONING REGULATIONS." Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Sisco. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 5:37 p.m., Mayor Garrett opened the public hearing for Ordinance #1029 "AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, ZONING REGULATIONS." No comments were received. Motion by McCurdy; second by Hartkopf to close the public hearing at 5:38 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Sisco to approve first reading of Ordinance #1029 "AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, ZONING REGULATIONS." Ayes: Brink, Otte, Sisco, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Hartkopf to approve Resolution #50-22 "OBLIGATING FUNDS FROM THE SOUTHEAST URBAN RENEWAL AREA REVENUE FUND FOR APPROPRIATION TO THE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TAX INCREMENT FINANCED OBLIGATIONS WHICH SHALL COME DUE IN THE

NEXT SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.” Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Sisco. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Hartkopf to approve Resolution #51-22 “OBLIGATING FUNDS FROM THE HOTEL WHITNEY URBAN RENEWAL AREA REVENUE FUND FOR APPROPRIATION TO THE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TAX INCREMENT FINANCED OBLIGATIONS WHICH SHALL COME DUE IN THE NEXT SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.” Ayes: Brink, Otte, Sisco, Hartkopf, Halder. Nays: None. Abstain: McCurdy due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

City Administrator Lund reported

- Atlantic Animal Shelter inspection received the highest score possible; inspector is having other cities contact Atlantic for advice, ideas.
- Planning & Zoning meeting next week
- Beginning budget season
- Receiving some good applications for Park & Rec Director position; deadline to submit is November 11th

Mayor Garrett reported

- City-wide and downtown trick or treating went well; costume contest was judged by city staff
- City released press release that the brush and compost site is closed until further notice due to dry conditions and high winds
- She and Council Member Otte had attended disaster training the previous day
- Encouraged citizens to set up the RAVE warning system on their phones; there are currently only 630 Atlantic users.

City Council Reports: Otte- SWIPCO Character Counts award ceremony; workshop for hazard preparedness; Sisco- Public Safety; Hartkopf YMCA.

Student Representative - Student Council went to state convention in Johnston on Monday; hoping to implement a program based on this; Veteran’s Day assembly next Friday AT 10:00 a.m.; hoping to do a movie night on December 3rd.

City Clerk Barrick announced the recent Certified Elected Municipal Officials awards to Mayor Garrett, Council Member Otte, and Council Member Behrens. They will be recognized and presented certificates at the Iowa League of Cities Conference in Cedar Rapids next September.

Council Member Brink commented that he had been approached by an individual who’s impression of the city was that the Council was being controlled by the City Administrator. Council Member Otte advised that she had also been approached. The Mayor and the Council expressed that the decisions they make are theirs- they are not afraid to vote no if they feel that is the right answer. The Mayor added that the elected officials are on the same trajectory, but they don’t always have the same vote at the same time- no one is afraid to vote no; City staff prepares extensive information for the council in order for it to make wise decisions and assure that the city is in compliance and following laws. Mayor Garrett invited any members of the public to come to a council meeting to speak during public forum, or contact council members or city staff with any questions, comments or concerns.

Motion by Halder; second Hartkopf to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Barrick, City Clerk