

City Council
February 1, 2023
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. Also present was Student Representative Edria Brummer.

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

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Sisco to approve consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the January 18, 2023 City Council meeting; Tax Abatement application for 415 Chestnut St.; Class E Liquor License for Fareway #940; December 2022 Budget and Clerk's Report; and bills totaling \$134,624.87. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Halder to appoint Mark McNeese to the Planning & Zoning Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council heard presentation by Code Enforcement Officer Kris Erickson who outlined her plans for 2023.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Otte to approve \$100,000 to SHIFT ATL for Nonprofit Housing redevelopment funding. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to approve professional services agreement with Retail Coach. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Behrens; second by Hartkopf to approve Resolution #02-23 "APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023." Ayes: Behrens, Sisco, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Otte to approve Resolution #03-23 "CREATING THE POSITION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, APPROVING A JOB DESCRIPTION, AND SETTING A SALARY" to be effective January 29, 2023. Ayes: Brink, Otte, Behrens, Sisco, Mc Curdy, Hartkopf, Halder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Lund :

- Rollback mistake by Department of Revenue budget has already been adjusted to reflect lower rollback, general fund will see loss of \$33,000- all other levies \$122,291, however, levies are still being refined for budget. The Department of Management has to release new numbers. Cities are getting an extra month before budgets need to be certified – two biggest drivers of the FY24 budget will be campground and CD interest; tax levies will probably go up. Not entirely certain how people will see it on their tax bill with assessments going out soon.
- Working on wastewater utility has rough numbers that he will go over with Personnel & Finance. There is a potential rate hike. Kudos to WW Superintendent Snyder for putting together a great spreadsheet and comparing Atlantic's rates to other rates. Lund would like to see a rate hike phased in. Last sewer increase was in 2014.

- Lot of meetings scheduled for the remainder of the week to address different issues.

Mayor Garrett recognized and acknowledged student representative Edria Brummer for 4.0 grade point average. She reported:

- Legislative coffee 10:00 this Saturday at Griswold Community Center. Senator Shipley and Rep .Moore will be there.
- March 4th – Emergency Management Preparedness Symposium for Mayors, elected officials and staff.

City Council Reports: Otte – Chamber annual dinner; housing meeting; personnel & finance; Lt Governor’s grant opportunity for rural EMS; Sisco – AMU, Cass Co Public Safety, 911 Service Board, EMA; McCurdy – Personnel & Finance; Hartkopf -YMCA.

Student Representative Report: Kids’ Night Out Feb 10th, Midnight Madness Tournament March 4th, working on state service project; working on mural to represent groups and cultures in Atlantic.

Council Member Halder referred to the discussion on Retail Coach and noted that he thinks Atlantic is ripe for opportunities both in housing and business. He noted that one couple just completed their 4th flip house in the last 3 years. He noted that the Chamber Director has put together a loan opportunity for someone who has the right plan but not the right money.

Council Member McCurdy went to chamber annual meeting and noted that the evening was very positive. The director focused on the new businesses in the community.

Council Member Otte gave a shout out and noted how lucky we are to have the Atlantic Fire Department; they had to fight a major fire in bad weather conditions. She also thanked the surrounding communities that responded.

Motion by Halder; second by Behrens to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Barrick, City Clerk