

City Council
February 15, 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.

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

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Brink; second by Otte to approve consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the February 1, 2023 City Council meeting; Tax Abatement application for 415 Chestnut St.; Class A Liquor License Dollar General #111; 5-day Class C Liquor License Iowa Western Community College, and bills totaling \$92,221.84. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bob Camblin was present to talk about the Housing Committee and suggested goals.

City Administrator Lund introduced Wyatt Adderton, the new Park and Recreation Director.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Behrens to approve street closing permit for 4th Street, from Chestnut to Walnut for SHIFT ATL'S Summer Soiree Summer Fundraiser Event/Dinner on July 15, 2023, starting at 7:00 a.m. and ending at midnight. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Behrens; second by Brink to approve the closing of 6th Street between Poplar Street to Chestnut Street every Thursday evening from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning June 1, 2023 through October 15, 2023 for Produce in the Park. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by McCurdy to approve Resolution #04-23 "RESETTING THE SALARY FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023." Ayes: Brink, Otte, Behrens, Sisco, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Behrens; second by Hartkopf to appoint Tim Cappel to the Board of Adjustment. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Lund : FY 22 Audit report distributed, Should be very pleasing to our credit analysis. Budget- CIP coming together. SF181 passed- get another month to certify the budget.

Mayor Garrett reported: Spoke to Lt. Governor and Rep Nunn and discussed how property tax legislation affects rural Iowa; need to compare apples to apples and oranges to oranges when discussing taxes; when it's said we're going to cut taxes, there's always a part B to that statement, how will this affect us; it will affect us in one form or another. Participated in Mayor's call- majority very concerned about tax bill. Sub-committee on SSB 1124 last night-really hoping that they took some of the things they heard to heart and consider how it will affect us; they can't compare us to Des Moines for property taxes because urban area are growing; the rural areas are trying to grow. We are trying to provide needed services. It's a very difficult and hard decision to make.

Reminder - If we get winter weather tonight there are ordinances in place; owners' and residents' responsibility to clear snow and ice within 24 hours cessation of snow. Also comply with all parking ordinances in general. Downtown residents use public parking especially so that streets can clean properly.

City Council Reports: Behrens- Fire Dept; McCurdy – CADCO Site & New Business; Hartkopf-Airport; Halder – Landfill, Library; Brink – CADCO.

Council Member Sisco expressed safety concerns concerning children playing on the retaining wall at the end of the library on Poplar Street, and citizens crossing Poplar without regard to traffic on Sunday morning to attend church at the old theater.

Council Member McCurdy noted 5 high-end houses going up in area where he lives.

Council Member Halder gave a shout-out to Bailey Smith and Emily Kennedy for submitting a grant for paint at the pool house, corral house and SHIFT house through Diamond Vogel. Thanks to them for taking the effort to do this.

Motion by Halder; second by Sisco to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Barrick, City Clerk