

City Council  
May 3, 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, Sisco, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder and Brink. Absent: Behrens. Also present was Student Representative Edria Brummer.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Sisco 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 April 19, 2023 City Council meeting; and bills totaling \$416,150.27. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Sisco to remove from the table Resolution #22-23 "DESIGNATING DISTRIBUTION OF SALES TAX REVENUES TO VARIOUS FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES." All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Otte; second by McCurdy to approve Resolution #22-23 "DESIGNATING DISTRIBUTION OF SALES TAX REVENUES TO VARIOUS FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES." Ayes: Otte, Sisco, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder, Brink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Sisco to approve Resolution #23-23 "ADJUSTING BUDGETED AMOUNTS IN THE LOST PROGRESS FUND FOR FY 2024." Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Sisco. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Sisco to approve Resolution #24-23 "APPROVING THE UPDATED CASS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT." Ayes: Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Sisco, McCurdy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by McCurdy; second by Halder to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1031 "AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 99 OF THE ATLANTIC CITY CODE." Ayes: McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder, Brink, Otte, Sisco. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Hartkopf to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1032 "AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 69.18 'SPECIAL PARKING PERMITS.'" Ayes: Brink, Otte, Sisco, McCurdy, Hartkopf, Halder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartkopf; second by Halder to set the date of the public hearing for amending the FY2023 budget for May 17, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Lifeguard recruiting going okay but not hitting staffing target; any objections to offering incentives if last year's resolution revived for approval at the 5/19 meeting; good partnership with Y-sharing of guards.

- Council Workshop on Code Enforcement Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.
- Taking sealed bids for fireworks; due on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; will put template together so everyone is bidding on same things
- Lengthy discussion regarding retainage of police officers; working with Chief and Union Steward to devise a plan to show value in officers staying with Atlantic Police Department with better longevity incentives. To pay for this, recommendation is a franchise fee from Alliant Energy. Community Protection and Personnel and Finance committees recommend 5% franchise fee. Will target January 1, 2024 as implementation date.

Mayors Report:

- City Emergency Management Committee continuing to work on the City's emergency manual.
- Special remembrance of Mary Turner, who was very involved in animal shelter, both as a volunteer and a provider of financial assistance.

Student Representative Report: school wrapping up; 17<sup>th</sup> seniors last day with graduation on the 21st; 25<sup>th</sup> last day; Henderson track meet; prom on 22<sup>nd</sup>; large group music this Friday.

City Council Reports:

Otte- Personnel & Finance, Beautification, table top exercise with county/city regarding recovery from emergency, met w/Wyatt and discussed Bull Creek.

Sisco- Community Protection, Cass Co Public Safety

McCurdy – Personnel & Finance, Landfill

Hartkopf – YMCA

Halder- Beautification

Brink – Community Protection, Beautification

Council Member Hartkopf mentioned work on house on Chestnut that city recently sold; Council Member Halder added that the owners are open to doing more than one house.

Halder publicly thanked Pat Ryan for going out and walking Highway 71 and picking up trash.

Mayor Garrett mentioned that she also would like to thank a resident she sees daily walking alleyways daily and picking up trash.

Motion by Halder; second by Sisco to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barb Barrick, City Clerk