

Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Garrett presiding. Council members present were Kennedy (Ward 1), Behrens (Ward 2), McDermott (Ward 3), Sarsfield (Ward 4), Halder (Ward 5), Brink (At-Large), and Otte (At-Large). Absent: None. Also present: City Administrator John Lund, City Clerk Laura McLean.
Guests: Police Chief Devin Hogue, ACSO Superintendent Beth Johnsen.

Motion by McDermott; second by Sarsfield to approve agenda as posted. All ayes. Motion passed.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Brink; second by Otte to approve consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the September 16, 2024, City Council Meeting.
- Minutes of the September 25, 2024, City Council Work Session.
- Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Services for Nishna Hills Golf Club.
- Invoice for CDBG 24-ECBG-01 Grant for \$144,033.00.
- Bills totaling \$48,441.22.

All ayes. Motion passed.

Public Forum:

Along with Superintendent Johnsen, Chief Hogue presented information about the School Resource Officer (SRO) to be hired jointly by the City and the School District. They reported that Atlantic was awarded a grant from the Department of Justice for \$125,000 over three years to help pay for a new position. They are fundraising to provide the equipment needed, including buying back a police vehicle that was previously traded in. Several donations and pledges have come in already.

Administrator's Report:

- The next City Council Work Session will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 to focus on the housing fund.
- Council members are working on scheduling their Ward listening sessions before Thanksgiving.
- The project to assess the downtown trees is complete; Dave Sturm will schedule a presentation to the Council.
- The City's TIF attorneys from Dorsey and Whitney will meet with the Administrator to review the proposed changes from Vision Atlantic.
- Work continues on an ATV/UTV street ordinance.

Mayor's Report:

Halloween is Thursday, October 31st. Downtown trick-or-treating will be held from 3:30-5:00 pm. General trick-or-treating will be from 5:00-7:00 pm.

City Council Reports:

- Brink: YMCA programs in progress. New air handler to be installed. Seeking grants for Vision Atlantic childcare center.
- Halder: Landfill Committee reviewed handbook policies appendices to coordinate with the County and discussed employee compensation.
- Sarsfield: Attended the Cass County Public Safety meeting.

- McDermott: Library roof estimates continue. He is exploring a grant to replace trees that were removed.
- Behrens: Attended the Cass County Public Safety meeting. The Fire Department is planning the annual breakfast for October 6 from 7 am to noon at the fire station. The Firemen's Parade will be held Saturday, October 12 at 6:00 pm.
- Kennedy: Attended the League of Cities convention in Sioux City where she did tours of Sioux City and attended workshop sessions. Attended the Parks and Rec meeting. They are in the process of assessing each park and envisioning what they want for the future. Attended the Revitalizing Southwest Iowa conference. Kirk Knudsen of the Street Department told her the DOT reset the stoplights last week. They had been getting noise complaints because as semis braked on Highway 6 through town. Kennedy spoke to Chief Hogue about electric scooters driving through town. The City will need to create use policies for them soon.
- Otte: Attended the League of Cities convention including sessions focused on Planning and Zoning. The Personnel & Finance committee met and discussed several ongoing projects. Otte and the Mayor met w/Teresa Rotschafer, ILC Municipal Consultant, to discuss City Clerk's training plan. Attended two Yes for EMS sessions. Encouraged everyone to speak to others about the need for this levy to guarantee ambulance services. Attended the Lakin Foundation announcement event regarding southwest Iowa funding opportunities and grants awarded.

The next City Council meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on October 16, 2024.

Motion by Behrens; second by Kennedy to adjourn at 6:10 pm. All ayes. Motion passed.

Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
 Laura McLean, City Clerk