

Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Garrett presiding. Council members present: Kennedy, Sarsfield, Halder, Brink, Otte. Absent: Behrens, McDermott. Also present: Administrator Lund, Engineer Sturm.

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

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by McDermott; second by Behrens to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Minutes of the November 26, 2024, City Council Special Meeting.

Minutes of the December 4, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Services:

Rancho Grande.

Rumors Lounge.

Touchdown Beer and Grill.

Bills: \$361,143.01.

All ayes. Motion passed.

Public Forum: There were no speakers.

Presentation by Asst Police Chief Wood and Police Chief Hogue on Project Harmony and Iowa Resiliency Program. Asst. Chief Wood spoke about the new Project Harmony child advocacy office opening in Atlantic with hours every Thursday to interview children to screen for sexual assault and child abuse.

Chief Hogue said that the application window for the School Resource Officer position has closed and APD has posted for a regular officer. He also talked about the Iowa Resiliency Program; Chief Hogue has been traveling around the state teaching other police departments about strategies for mental wellness.

Annual Library Presentation by Atlantic Public Library Director, Michelle Andersen. Andersen updated the Council on 2023-24 activities, explaining that libraries provide more than books. They host community gatherings, visit schools, provide internet and copier access. 86% of library funding comes from the City. Last year there was one capital project doing interior upkeep. The new roof is finished. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is funded entirely through private donations. They send out around 350 books/month.

Motion by Brink; second by McDermott to approve **RESOLUTION #62-24 "APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WEST 22ND STREET IMPROVEMENTS."** Engineer Sturm said construction will take place between Palm Street and Highway 6 in 2025. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Sarsfield; second by Halder to approve **THE THIRD & FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1047 "AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES."** Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Public Hearing on a Proposed Development Agreement with Vision Atlantic, Inc. convened at 6:01 pm. There were no public comments. Motion by Behrens; second by Halder to close the public hearing at 6:02 pm. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Behrens; second by Otte to approve **RESOLUTION #63-24 “APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH VISION ATLANTIC, INC. AUTHORIZING ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TAX INCREMENT PAYMENTS AND PLEDGING CERTAIN TAX INCREMENT REVENUES TO THE PAYMENT OF THE AGREEMENT.”** Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by McDermott; second by Sarsfield to approve **RESOLUTION #64-24 “SETTING THE DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED ORDINANCE VACATING THE STREET LOCATED BETWEEN 3009 PALM STREET AND 3101 PALM STREET IN THE CITY OF ATLANTIC, IOWA.”** The public hearing will be on January 8, 2025. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Administrator’s Report. Lund will hold capital improvement planning meetings with department heads in January. Property tax reform continues to be a high priority at the state level. Lund wants to focus on the many positives going on in the City including park planning, the Bull Creek project, and airport development.

Mayor’s Report. The Mayor congratulated Adam Roberts who graduated from the Police Academy, adding a certified officer. Fireworks are permitted on New Year’s Eve from 6:00 pm to 12:15 am. Retail Coach will present an update at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting.

City Council Reports:

- Sarsfield: Cass County Public Safety. Sidewalk Committee made a plan to bring to the full Council for approval in January. Property owners can fill out applications to have their sidewalk fixed; they pay for the materials and the City provides labor. Sidewalks will be repaired to ADA standards then owners are responsible for upkeep. Around twenty-five sidewalks will be fixed each year according to priority.
- Halder: Chamber of Commerce.
- Brink: CADCO.
- Otte: EMS meetings. United First Aid. CADCO. P&FC meeting to conduct the 90-day review of the new City Clerk. The Comprehensive Plan Committee urges everyone to fill out a survey. There are drop-off boxes at City Hall, Fareway, and Hy-Vee.
- Kennedy: AMU. Parks & Recreation.
- Behrens: Cass County Public Safety. EMS. Sidewalk Committee—in addition to residential streets, they will also be looking at potential hazards with downtown sidewalks.
- McDermott: Sidewalk Committee. Parks & Recreation. Library Board.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Motion by Behrens; second by Sarsfield to adjourn at 6:28 pm. All ayes. Motion passed.

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Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura McLean, City Clerk