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CITY OF ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING
June 4, 2025
5:30 PM

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 Lund.

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

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Minutes of May 21, 2025, City Council Meeting as amended.
- Tree Trimmer Permit, one year – Midwest Tree Service.
- Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Services – Winetime LLC.
- Fireworks Permits, 2025 – TOI, LLC, dba Wild Wayne's Fireworks, Atlantic. Bellino Fireworks, Inc., Papillion, NE. Ka-Boomers Enterprises, Inc., Wahoo, NE.
- Retail Tobacco Permits, 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 – Atlantic Liquor. Dollar General. Greenleaf Tobacco. Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits. Atlantic Hy-Vee. Murphy USA. Fareway #940. Casey's #2610 (East). Casey's #2365 (West). Casey's #3035 (Central). Olive BP. Olive Street Station. Dirt Cheap Vapes. Dirt Cheap Vapes (6/5/2025 – 6/30/2025).
- Tobacco Device Retailer Permit, 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 – Greenleaf Tobacco.
- Bills: \$259,551.22

Public Forum.

- Katrina Sonntag: Spoke to urge adoption of the traffic ordinances for the safety of children.
- Randy Watts: Regarding City fireworks: the police must enforce the laws. There are people who are setting off fireworks illegally. When police give them a warning, they just go back to what they were doing after the police leave.
- Chris Freund: He supports slowing speed and adding the stop sign ordinances.

Review and Discussion of ISU Art Project Mural Design.

ISU art students began their summer class on May 20 and researched Atlantic before deciding on their design. Kennedy said the students will be living here Tuesday-Thursday each week and need volunteers to help furnish meals for 15 people; this is the only cost to the City.

Motion by McDermott; second by Sarsfield to approve the Order to Close Certain Streets on July 4, 2025, from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. for the Parks & Recreation Commission Freedom Festival 2025. Before and during the festival, the area around Sunnyside Park will be closed except for 10th Street. All ayes: motion passed.

Motion by Brink; second by Behrens to approve the Order to Temporarily Restrict Parking on Palm Street from 7th Street to the Dead End, Extending South of 10th Street; and to impose a Temporary Parking Restriction on 10th Street, Extending to the West 150 Feet, on Both Sides of the Street, on Both Streets, Starting at 6:00 A.M. on July 26, 2025 to 6:00 A.M. July 27, 2025 for the Cass County Fair. All ayes: motion passed.

Motion by McDermott; second by Otte to approve [Resolution #44-25](#) "Setting the Dates for 2025 Fourth of July Fireworks Use." Several council members noted that people using fireworks should be mindful of safety for themselves and others and the impact the noise can have on neighbors. They also warned that people using fireworks outside of the legal parameters are subject to enforcement. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Brink; second by Behrens to approve [Resolution #45-25](#) "Adopting the 2025 Building Permit Fee Schedule." Lund said the City has authority to create fee schedules as it sees fit; this revenue goes into the general fund. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by McDermott; second by Halder to approve [Resolution #46-25](#) "Setting Stipend Compensation for Swim Team Assistant Coaches for FY 2026". Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Halder; second by Kennedy to approve the Order to Set the Date of Public Hearing to Amend the FY 2025 Budget for June 18, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the City of Atlantic, City Council Chambers. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by McDermott; second by Behrens to approve the Third & Final Reading of [Ordinance No. 1052](#) "Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, by Amending Section 65.01 of Chapter 65 Entitled 'Stop Required.'" Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Brink; second by Otte to approve the Third & Final Reading of [Ordinance No. 1050](#) "Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, By Adding Section 69.08(107) of Chapter 69 Entitled 'Parking Regulations.'" Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by McDermott; second by Brink to approve the Third & Final Reading of [Ordinance No. 1055](#) "Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, by Amending Speed Regulations, Section 63.04 of the City Code." Kyle Steffens was invited to address the Council. He said that while everyone is concerned about speeds in the area, the decisions lack consistency. Traffic plans should follow the Comprehensive Plan which doesn't mention speed. He advocated for more systematic traffic planning. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1056 "Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa by Amending Chapter 6 Entitled 'City Election'" opened at 6:09 pm. There were no speakers and no comments were received. Motion by Sarsfield; second by Behrens to close the hearing at 6:09 pm. All ayes: motion passed.

Motion by Brink; second by Sarsfield to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1056 "Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa by Amending Chapter 6 Entitled 'City Election.'" Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by McDermott; second by Behrens to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1057 "Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, by Amending Speed Regulations, Section 63.04(2) of the City Code." Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Behrens; second by McDermott to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1058 "Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, by Amending Speed Regulations, Section 63.04(2) of the City Code." Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by McDermott; second by Halder to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1059 "Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, by Amending Speed Regulations, Section 63.04(3) of the City Code." Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Administrator's Report.

- Budget transfers and budget amendment are prepared for Council approval. Working this week on AMU reconciliation and filling out the Vision Atlantic tax credits questionnaire. Website updates.
- Planning & Zoning will review new ordinances, ROW vacating, & the site plan at 5 Commerce St.
- Splashpad has had issues with the primary contractor missing deadlines. Lund will pursue remediation.
- Code Enforcement staff discovered many abatements weren't being assessed. Notarized letters of assessment were sent last week totaling nearly \$40,000.

Mayor's Report.

- Splashpad and pool are open and busy. Kudos to those who worked hard to prep the season.
- City-wide Cleanup involved fifteen staff, nine trucks, 116 loads, 137,480 lbs. of waste brought to the landfill, total cost \$7537. Special thanks to Randy's Computers for taking excess tech and to the City staff for being upbeat and positive throughout the process.

City Council Reports.

- Otte: ISU mural committee.
- Halder: Landfill Committee: YMCA had a very good audit. \$15.8M remaining to raise for VA.
- Sarsfield: Community Protection Committee.
- McDermott: Parks and Rec meeting: Sunnyside courts will be resurfaced in July. K-8 tennis league has 70 kids. Working on stump removal at Camblin Hills Addition.
- Behrens: Community Protection Committee; Fire Department meeting.
- Kennedy: ISU mural; Parks and Recreation Commission.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025.

Motion by Behrens; second by Kennedy to adjourn at 6:24 pm. All ayes.

Grace Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Laura McLean, City Clerk

Click one of the links below to access full PDF versions:

- [FY25 Budget Amendment](#)
- [Ordinance 1050](#)
- [Ordinance 1052](#)
- [Ordinance 1055](#)
- [Map of Area covered by the ordinances](#)
- [Resolution 44-25 Fireworks](#)
- [Resolution 45-25 Bldg Permit Fees](#)
- [Resolution 46-25 Swim Coaches](#)