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CITY OF ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING  
5:30 pm, July 2, 2025

Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Grace Garrett presiding. Council members present were Emily Kennedy (Ward 1), Jim Behrens (Ward 2), Mike McDermott (Ward 3), Shawn Sarsfield (Ward 4), Dana Halder (Ward 5), Gerald Brink (At-Large), and Elaine Otte (At-Large). Absent: None. Also present: City Engineer Dave Sturm, City Clerk Laura McLean.

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

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Brink; second by Halder to approve consent agenda:

- Minutes of the June 18, 2025, City Council Meeting.
- Special Class C Retail Alcohol with Outdoor Services – Winetime, LLC. (3 licenses for 3 events).
- Special Class C Retail Alcohol with Outdoor Services - Standing Room
- Tree Trimmer Permit – Iowa Timber Solutions, LLC.
- Bills: \$811,235.10

All ayes: motion passed.

Public Forum. There was no public comment.

Motion by McDermott; second by Sarsfield to approve Fireworks Event Permit for Mark O'Brien for the County Fair at 805 West 10th Street on July 25, 2025 for a Show Beginning Approximately 30 Minutes After Sunset and Lasting for a Period of Approximately 20 Minutes. All ayes: motion passed.

Motion by Sarsfield; second by Behrens to approve Fireworks Event Permit for the Mark O'Brien for the County Fairgrounds Tractor Pull at 805 West 10th Street on August 23, 2025 for a Show Beginning Approximately 30 Minutes After Sunset and Lasting for a Period of Approximately 20 Minutes. All ayes: motion passed.

Motion by Brink; second by Kennedy to approve Fireworks Event Permit for Mark O'Brien for the Tolton Picnic at 103 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street on September 13, 2025 for a Show Beginning Approximately 30 Minutes After Sunset and Lasting for a Period of Approximately 20 Minutes. Council asked whether neighbors were notified, because residents complained about the unexpectedness and length of the show last year. O'Brien said no. All ayes: motion passed.

Motion by Behrens; second by McDermott to approve Street Closing Permit for 4th Street, From Walnut to Chestnut for SHIFT ATL's Summer Soiree Fundraiser Event/Dinner on Saturday, August 9, 2025, Starting at 6:00 A.M. and Ending at Midnight. All ayes: motion passed.

Motion by Otte; second by Sarsfield to approve the Third & Final Reading of [Ordinance No. 1056](#) "Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa by Amending Chapter 6 Entitled 'City Election.'" Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Halder; second by Behrens to approve the Third & Final 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 passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Otte; second by McDermott to approve the Third & Final 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 passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by McDermott; second by Behrens to approve the Third & Final 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 passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Otte; second by Sarsfield to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No 1060 "Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, by Amending Section 70.03 'Parking Violations: Alternate.'" Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Behrens; second by McDermott to approve Resolution #52-25 "Setting Wages for Employees of the City of Atlantic Animal Shelter for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026." This is a clarification to previously approved titles and salaries. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Kennedy; second by Otte to approve Order to Approve Fireworks Event Permit for Dan Vargason for the Softball Final at 1303 Maple Street on July 15, 2025, Should the Atlantic Softball Team Host the Regional Softball Final and Win, Immediately Following the Game and Not to Exceed Two Minutes in Length. All ayes: motion passed.

#### Administrator's Report.

The Administrator being absent, McLean said Fiscal Year 2026 began July 1; the AMU annual checks were exchanged last week; and she gave two recognitions of staff going above and beyond to serve the public.

#### Mayor's Report.

There was a good turnout for the ribbon cutting at the mural. She is hosting Bull Creek Remediation meetings with Sturm, SWIPCO, ISU, and City staff to discuss grant applications, funding, & process.

#### City Council Reports.

- Otte: United First Aid--Atlantic grant was renewed but there is no funding for expanding. Audit review for FY24. She questioned whether we have enough speed limit signs on major roads in the City.
- Sarsfield: Public Safety Committee. Advised everyone to be aware of construction changes as you walk and drive.
- McDermott: Parks/Rec working on model solar system at Schildberg. July 11, 10am, Splashpad ribbon cutting.
- Behrens: Public Safety. Fire Dept: passed out their new pagers last night, installing cabinets from Cappel Memorial gift. Advises scooter drivers to be very careful when driving over sand and construction debris.
- Kennedy: Parks/Rec. Freedom Fest on the 4<sup>th</sup> in lower Sunnyside. Average pool attendance up from previous years. July 10 at 6:30 will be a 21+ pool party. Trees Forever will survey trees in the entire city--last done in 1998.
- Brink: Someone contacted him about feral cats. The City animal shelter won't take strays but there are two nonprofits in Cass County that take them in, neuter, and rehome. He also asked Christina Bateman for a VA update. She said contracts are going out to contractors this month with house construction beginning soon after.
- Sturm: Construction has started on 22<sup>nd</sup> St. where they are trying not to close the road but might need to. Downtown work just started this week so asphalt will happen later.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Sarsfield; second by Kennedy to adjourn at 6:33 pm. All ayes. Motion passed.

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

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Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

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