

City Council  
February 21, 2024  
5:30 pm

The Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Garrett presiding. Upon roll call, the following were present: Mayor Garrett, At Large Council Otte, Ward 1 Council Kennedy, Ward 2 Council Behrens, Ward 3 Council McDermott, Ward 4 Council Sarsfield, Ward 5 Council Halder, At Large Council Brink, City Administrator Lund, City Engineer Sturm, and Deputy City Clerk Tupper Absent: None

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

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Behrens; second by Brink to approve consent agenda as follows: Minutes of the February 3, 2024 City Council meeting, Minutes of the February 8, 2024 City Council meeting; Class C Retail Alcohol Permit – Iowa Western Community College – 5 Day Permit for Jazz & Wine; and bills totaling \$108,973.34. All ayes. Motion carried. With February 6, 2024, minutes removed for further clarification.

No speakers at public forum

Motion by Otte; second by McDermott to approve Resolution #06-24 "ADOPTING THE NEW PERSONNEL HANDBOOK FOR CITY EMPLOYEES." Ayes: Otte, Kennedy, Behrens, McDermott, Sarsfield, Halder, Brink. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by McDermott; second by Otte to approve Resolution #07-24 "AMENDING CODE 203.4 OF THE PURCHASES AND PAYABLES POLICY." Ayes: McDermott, Sarsfield, Halder, Brink, Otte, Kennedy Behrens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brink; second by Otte to Award Lease for City-Owned Farmland to Zelmer Farms for \$151.00 per acre for the period of February 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2027.

Sturm presented for review, the final plans and specifications for the Atlantic Splashpad Project.

Motion by Halder; second by Brink to approve Resolution #08-24 "AUTHORIZING BID LETTING AND SETTING THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 20, 2024 , FOR THE ATLANTIC SPLASHPAD PROJECT." Ayes: Halder, Brink, Otte, Kennedy, Behrens, McDermott, Sarsfield. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report: February has been busy negotiating with the unions and focusing on the tax levies.

Mayors report: Update on EMS.

City Council Reports: Otte - Personnel & Finance CADCO & Retail Coach; Kennedy - AMU; Behrens – Fire Dept; McDermott - Library; Sarsfield – Airport; Halder - Chamber of Commerce; Brink - CADCO.

Motion by McDermott; second by Sarsfield to Enter Exempt Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) Providing for the Strategy Meetings of Public Employees for Collective Bargaining. All ayes. Motion carried. Council entered exempt session at 5:54 p.m.

Motion by Halder; second by McDermott to close the Exempt Session of the city council meeting at 6:50 p.m. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sarsfield; second by Halder to re-enter the open session of city council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Council re-entered open session at 6:51 p.m.

Motion by Behrens; second by Halder to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rich Tupper, Deputy, City Clerk