

City Council
September 16, 2026
5:30 pm

The Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Clausen presiding. Council members were present: Emily Kennedy, Mike McDermott, Jim Behrens, Shawn Sarsfield(phone), Dana Halder, Elaine Otte, and Jeremy Butler.

Motion by McDermott; second by Butler to approve agenda as posted. Unanimously approval.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Butler; second by Halder to approve consent agenda as follows: Minutes of September 2, 2026, City Council Meeting; Special Class "C" Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Services (Special Event)–Winetime, LLC; Temporary Outdoor Service Location – Wesley Retirement Services Inc.; Special Class "C" Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Services: The Elbow Room LLC., and Desperados Investments; Financial Reports for July 2026, and bills totaling \$196,334.46., Behrens abstained; Yea: Kennedy, McDermott, Sarsfield, Halder, Otte, and Butler.

Behrens moved to approve Resolution #50-26 "Amending the Personnel Handbook Series 400, Code No. 405 'Sick Leave' by Amending Subsection G on Sick Leave Retirement Benefits." Seconded by McDermott; unanimously approved.

Butler moved to approve Resolution #51-26 "Amending the Personnel Handbook Series 500, Code No. 504 'Overtime' by Amending Overtime Hours to Reflect Federal Labor Standards Act (FLSA)." Seconded by Behrens; unanimously approved.

Butler moved to approve Resolution #52-26 "Amending the Personnel Handbook Appendix E By Eliminating 'Contractual Service Pay.'" Seconded by McDermott; unanimously approved.

Engineer Dave Strum reviewed the Contract and Bonds for the West 15th Street Extension Project.

McDermott moved to approve Resolution #53-26 "Approving Contracts and Bonds for the West 15th Street Extension Project." seconded by McDermott; unanimously approved.

Otte moved to approve Resolution #54-26 "Adopting the Regional Planning Affiliates 13 & 18 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan." seconded by Halder; unanimously approved.

Behrens moved to approve Resolution #55-26 "Amending the Personnel Handbook Series 200, Code 201 'General Policies – Resignations/Retirement' by Amending Language on Retirement Announcement and Benefits." Seconded by Halder; unanimously approved.

McDermott moved to approve Resolution #56-26 "Amending the Personnel Handbook Series 400, Code 404 'Holidays.' By Adding a Half-Holiday for New Year's Eve." Seconded by Butler; unanimously approved.

Otte moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1069 "Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Atlantic, Iowa, by Adding Article 32, 'Stand-Alone Garages' to Chapter 165.", seconded by Halder; unanimously approved.

Butler moved to order the street closure for the selected route for the 2026 Homecoming Parade, starting at 1:45 P.M. and ending at 3:15 P.M., seconded by Behrens; unanimously approved.

Reports by the Mayor, and City Council reports on ongoing city operations and activities. City Administrator, John Lund was absent due to illness.

At 5:55 p.m. McDermott moved and Butler seconded for the Council and Mayor to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(J). To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed. At 6:34 p.m. Butler moved to come out of closed session, seconded by McDermott. Both motions were unanimously approved.

At 6:34 p.m. McDermott moved to adjourn, seconded by Halder; unanimously approved.

Mayor Robert Clausen

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Carl, City Clerk