

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015, 6:30 P.M.  
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call at 6:30 pm

Mayor Conkling – present      Boka – present      Harmeyer – present

Mertz- present      O'Connor – present      Sloan- present

**City Officials Present:** Jeff Mark, Randy Pierce, Jody Matherly, Jerry Whetstone, John Shaw, Vern Willey, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden, David Funk, David Tinker, Louis Modlin, Jary Bowie, Alyssa Wilson

**Audience Present:** Patrick Thomas, Melissa Horton, Bob Hall, Chad Alhouse, Wally Pelds, Robert Perkins

**2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda**

Mayor Skip Conkling requested to approve the agenda as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka A Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor A Sloan (3-0)

**3. Swear in new police officer**

Mayor Conkling swore in new police officer, David Funk.

**\*Council Member Michelle Sloan arrived at 6:33pm**

**4. Approval of October 19 and 26, 2015, Council Minutes**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka A Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (4-0)

**5. Citizens request to address council**

\*Patrick Thomas, 513 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Altoona – requested council to look into yard waste being dumped along a Four-Mile Creek tributary running into Porter's Pond in Greenway Park. Council directed staff to address the issue with the resident.

**6. Public hearing to consider amendment to the City of Altoona Code of Ordinances Chapter 98.10 (Wastewater Service Charges - Rates)**

City Clerk Randy Pierce explained the council needs to consider increasing the sewer rate per 1,000 gallons from \$6.71 to \$6.98 effective January 1, 2016. This increase was planned to cover debt service costs related to the WRA and also city capital projects planned. This is our first increase since 2011.

Hearing opened: 6:37pm

Comments: No one came forward to speak.

Hearing closed: 6:38pm

**7. Ordinance No. 11-2-2015 #01 (415) AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF CITY OF ALTOONA, IOWA, 2004, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 98, SECTION 10**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka A Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (4-0)

**8. Resolution 11-2-2015 #01 TO APPROVE A FINAL PLAT FOR BENNETT BAY**

Wally Pelds of Pelds Engineering, 2323 Dixon St., Des Moines, explained Brad Stanbrough is seeking final plat approval for the Bennett Bay development. The property is located on the east side of 17<sup>th</sup>

Avenue NW, west of Rosa Drive, and containing an extension of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. The plat proposes to construct 19 single-family lots and 29 detached townhome lots on 11.43 acres. Council Member Dean O'Connor motioned approval subject to legal documents being reviewed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

2 Boka A Harmeyer Y Mertz 1 O'Connor Y Sloan (4-0)

**9. Resolution 11-2-2015 #02 TO APPROVE A SITE PLAN FOR A PARKING LOT ADDITION AT CORNERSTONE CHURCH**

David Short, representing Cornerstone Fellowship SBC, 410 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Altoona, is seeking site plan approval for a parking lot addition. Community Development Director John Shaw explained the property is located at 410 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, and the property is zoned appropriately. The proposed addition adds 25 more parking stalls, adds the storm pipe that will be bored from west of the churches property between the two houses on 18<sup>th</sup> Court SW. All six neighbors have signed and submitted the waivers.

**Roll Call Vote:**

2 Boka A Harmeyer Y Mertz 1 O'Connor Y Sloan (4-0)

**10. Resolution 11-2-2015 #03 TO APPROVE A SITE PLAN FOR EDGEBC TRAILER PARKING ADDITION**

Robert Perkins, representing Edge Business Continuity Center, L.L.C., 400 East Court Ave., Des Moines, is seeking approval of a site plan for an emergency trailer parking addition. The property is located in the NE Industrial Park, 1435 Northridge Circle NE. They are proposing to add a 30' x 90' concrete paved parking pad for use by an emergency office trailer during a disaster situation. Parking and restroom availability are already incorporated in the existing site plan and facility.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka A Harmeyer 2 Mertz 1 O'Connor Y Sloan (4-0)

**11. Consider approval of Altoona Family Fun Fest on July 16, 2016**

Council Member Jeremy Boka motioned approval of July 16, 2016 date for the Altoona Family Fun Fest event and per Park Board recommendation have representatives meet with Altoona Palooza event organizers.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka A Harmeyer Y Mertz 1 O'Connor 2 Sloan (4-0)

**12. City Attorney to update council on a nuisance abatement property**

Bob Laden gave an update to council on the nuisance abatement at 103 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW.

**13. Consider request to waive sewer fee for 1011 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE**

Council Member O'Connor motioned approval for sewer fees to be waived in the amount of \$523.38.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka A Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (4-0)

**14. Consent Agenda**

a) Allow Bills

b) Capital Projects

B1) Final Pay App – Altoona Footing Drain Collector Improvements – Synergy Contracting, LLC - \$1,500.00

c) Resolution 11-2-2015 #04 APPROVING REQUESTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT

d) Resolution 11-2-2015 #05 TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN LINDEN OAKS EASEMENTS AND OTHER PERTINENT RECORDING DOCUMENTS

e) Set Public Hearing for Monday November 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm to consider a rezoning request from McMaster's at 810 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW to rezone from M-1 to R-2

f) **Set Public Hearing for Monday November 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm to consider an ordinance amendment to Chapter 159.10 to allow banners on the pedestrian bridge**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka A Harmeyer Y Mertz 2 O'Connor 1 Sloan (4-0)

**15. Beer & Liquor Permits**

a) **The Brewhouse No. 25 - Class B Beer (BB)(Includes wine coolers); One Day event – Nippy Hippy After Party at the Spring Creek Sports Complex (10:00 am to 3:00 pm)**

Chief Jody Matherly stated there were no violations for this event.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka A Harmeyer Y Mertz 1 O'Connor 2 Sloan (4-0)

**16. General Business Items/Reports and Updates**

\*Council Member Kyle Mertz gave high praises to the Cyclocross event that took place over the weekend. He also shared how fun it was to have the Police and Fire Departments out on Beggars' Night interacting with the children trick or treating.

\*Council Member Boka wished all the candidates good luck who were running tomorrow for city elections.

\*Council Member O'Connor stated he has placed in the council member boxes the invitation for the grand opening of the new solid waste transfer station.

\*Council Member Sloan explained that CIRDWC was raising water prices.

\*Fire Chief Jerry Whetstone reminded all in attendance of the Altoona Fire Association is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

\*Police Chief Matherly reminded all in attendance of the "Cops for Kids" fundraiser event in Pleasant Hill at the Assembly Hall this Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. People can get a bowl of chili for a free will donation. The money raised will be used for the 'Shop with a Cop' program.

\*City Administrator Jeff Mark shared that Council Member Harmeyer got a chance to observe the utility department work on a water main break on Sunday. He wanted to share his appreciation of the efficiency and the high standard of work performed by the city staff.

\*Mayor Conkling explained he handed out of copy of a brochure created by students at Ankeny Centennial school for a project to highlight a community.

**17. Adjourn at 7:03pm**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka A Harmeyer 1 Mertz Y O'Connor 2 Sloan (4-0)

Attest to: \_\_\_\_\_

Amy S. Hill, Secretary

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J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor