

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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, Denny Parker, Jerry Whetstone, Vern Willey, John Shaw, Amy Hill, Jon Hanson

Audience Present: Steve Johnson, John McClain, Kaitlynn Rivers, Sidney Clifton, Jim Ellingson, Alex Lynch, Thomas Stewart, Justin Stewart, Connor Redhead, Chad Alshouse

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Skip Conkling requested to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer Y Mertz 1 O'Connor 2 Sloan (5-0)

3. Mayor to appoint Keith Hyland to Altoona Healthy Partnership

Mayor Conkling requested Keith Hyland be appointed to the Altoona Healthy Partnership.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)

4. Approval of February 2, 2015, Council Minutes

Mayor Conkling requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)

5. Citizens request to address council

*Alex Lynch, 119 2nd St. SE, Altoona, IA, introduced himself as the new executive director of Eastern Polk Regional Development.

6. Public hearing to consider development plan amendment for The Shoppes at Prairie Crossing, called The Outlets of Des Moines, consisting of approximately 34.07 acres in Outlot X, Prairie Crossing Plat 1

Mayor Conkling explained Items #6 through #17 are all public hearings and first readings for ordinance amendments regarding the development of the Outlets of Des Moines, located in the Shoppes of Prairie Crossing development. The applicant, New England Development is requesting that these public hearings be continued until February 23, 2015, to allow for their representatives to attend the meeting.

Open Hearing at 6:34pm

Council Member Dean O'Connor motioned for the hearing to be continued until Monday, February 23, 2015, at 6:00pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer Y Mertz 1 O'Connor 2 Sloan (5-0)

7. Resolution to consider approval of development plan amendment for The Shoppes at Prairie Crossing

No action taken.

- 8. Public hearing to consider an ordinance amendment for Chapter 159, table 159.05B (adding language clarifying sign area for buildings over 300,000 sf)**
Open Hearing at 6:35pm
Council Member Kyle Mertz motioned for the hearing to be continued until Monday, February 23, 2015, at 6:00pm.
Roll Call Vote:
Y Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz Y O'Connor 2 Sloan (5-0)
- 9. Ordinance amending 2004 City of Altoona Code of Ordinances Chapter 159, table 159.05B (adding language clarifying sign area for buildings over 300,000 sf) (1st Reading)**
No action taken.
- 10. Public hearing to consider an ordinance amendment for Chapter 167.09.19 (change the number of parking stalls required for retail buildings over 300,000 sf)**
Open Hearing at 6:36pm
Council Member Mertz motioned for the hearing to be continued until Monday, February 23, 2015, at 6:00pm.
Roll Call Vote:
Y Boka Y Harmeyer 2 Mertz 1 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)
- 11. Ordinance amending 2004 City of Altoona Code of Ordinances Chapter 167.09.19 (change the number of parking stalls required for retail buildings over 300,000 sf) (1st Reading)**
No action taken.
- 12. Public hearing to consider an ordinance amendment for Chapter 168.13.5 (to change the depth of parking stalls to 18 feet for parking lots with over 500 stalls in the C-7 district)**
Open Hearing at 6:37pm
Council Member O'Connor motioned for the hearing to be continued until Monday, February 23, 2015, at 6:00pm.
Roll Call Vote:
Y Boka Y Harmeyer 2 Mertz 1 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)
- 13. Ordinance amending 2004 City of Altoona Code of Ordinances Chapter 168.13.5 (to change the depth of parking stalls to 18 feet for parking lots with over 500 stalls in the C-7 district) (1st Reading)**
No action taken.
- 14. Public hearing to consider an ordinance amendment for Chapter 171.01.1 (allow staff to review minor site plan changes)**
Open Hearing at 6:38pm
Council Member O'Connor motioned for the hearing to be continued until Monday, February 23, 2015, at 6:00pm.
Roll Call Vote:
Y Boka Y Harmeyer Y Mertz 1 O'Connor 2 Sloan (5-0)
- 15. Ordinance amending 2004 City of Altoona Code of Ordinances Chapter 171.01.1 (allow staff to review minor site plan changes) (1st Reading)**
No action taken.
- 16. Public hearing to consider an ordinance amendment for Chapter 171.01.2.6 (extend approval of non-residential site plans from 180 days to 365 days)**
Open Hearing at 6:38pm

Council Member O'Connor motioned for the hearing to be continued until Monday, February 23, 2015, at 6:00pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer Y Mertz 1 O'Connor 2 Sloan (5-0)

- 17. Ordinance amending 2004 City of Altoona Code of Ordinances Chapter 171.01.2.6 (extend approval of non-residential site plans from 180 days to 365 days) (1st Reading)**

No action taken.

- 18. Public hearing to consider extending the deadline on a building and development moratorium north of Adventureland Drive NW, south of I-80, west of Hubbell Ave., and east of Bass Pro Shops and the Altoona water tower**

Open Hearing at 6:39pm

Public Comment: No one came forward to speak.

Closed Hearing at 6:40pm

- 19. Resolution to extend the deadline on a building and development moratorium north of Adventureland Drive NW, south of I-80, west of Hubbell Ave., and east of Bass Pro Shops and the Altoona water tower**

Resolution 2-2-2015 #01 TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE ON A BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM NORTH OF ADVENTURELAND DRIVE NW, SOUTH OF I-80, WEST OF HUBBELL AVE., AND EAST OF BASS PRO SHOPS AND THE ALTOONA WATER TOWER

Mayor Conkling explained this is a public hearing to consider extending a building and development moratorium north of Adventureland Drive NW, south of I-80, west of Hubbell Avenue, and east of the Altoona water tower on Adventureland Drive NW. The duration of the original moratorium was six months. The moratorium was approved on August 4, 2014 and has since expired. Council Member Mertz stated he was in favor of extending the moratorium for six months if the council can make decisions by the end of the moratorium and have no further extensions. Council Members O'Connor and Mike Harmeyer agreed that decisions need to be made to avoid further extensions after this one.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)

- 20. Request to waive late fee at 1516 11th St. SE**

Council Member O'Connor motioned to deny the request.

Roll Call Vote:

2 Boka Y Harmeyer Y Mertz 1 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)

- 21. Request to waive sewer charges at 806 Green Breeze Circle**

Council Member Mertz motioned for the request to be moved to the Monday, March 2, 2015, meeting to wait for further information.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)

- 22. Consent Agenda**

a) Allow Bills

b) Set a public hearing for Monday, March 2, 2015, at 6:30pm to consider approval of the City of Altoona's 2015/2016 fiscal year budget

c) Set a public hearing for Monday, March 2, 2015, at 6:30pm to consider an appeal to a notice to abate nuisance as requested by Richard Butkovich, owner of 406 34th Avenue SW

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)

23. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

*Council Member Mertz shared that BRAVO strategic plan is on BRAVO's website. He also shared that BRAVO has award the Altoona Historical Society with a grant. Council Member Mertz also shared that Altoona staff presented at the MPO-STP sub-committee meeting for funds.

*Council Member O'Connor shared that MWA was supporting a yard waste bill at the legislature that allows for composting to be deposited in landfills where methane gas is captured.

*Council Member Michelle Sloan shared that the Library Board is having a special meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, to discuss increasing the library hours. She also shared that CIRDWC met with Black & Veach to discuss the metro-wide study.

*Fire Chief Jerry Whetstone shared that we received a \$5000 grant from Prairie Meadows and the Chili & Soup Supper last Friday (2/13) was a good success which will help purchase the LUCAS device.

*Mayor Conkling shared that the Maclyn Group has begun meetings with staff, council & developers to discuss economic development options within Altoona. He also shared that he had attended a Des Moines Water Works meeting regarding the possible lawsuits of the counties over nitrate levels.

24. Adjourn at 7:06pm

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)

Attest to: _____
Amy S. Hill, Secretary

J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor