

CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014, 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, Vern Willey, Aaron Putnam, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden

Audience Present: Steve Boka, Terry Warren, Jayme Franzen, Wally Pelds

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Skip Conkling requested to approve agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Approval of February 17 and 24, 2014, Council Minutes

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. Citizens request to address council

No one came forward to speak.

5. Public hearing to consider the City of Altoona fiscal year 2014/2015 budget

Mayor Conkling explained the budget summary shows an increase of \$.80 for the FY 2014/15 levy rate. City Clerk Randy Pierce explained the overall budget and the many reasons for the need to increase the levy rate ranging from State legislation to the down turn in the economy over the last 5-years. Council Member Kyle Mertz expressed his gratitude to the department heads that were asked again this year to trim as much out of the budget as possible. He explained that in comparison of metro cities with the same size population as Altoona we have about half of the commercial tax valuation but still have to provide the same services. Mayor Conkling shared his thanks with council members for working through the budget process.

Open Hearing at 6:31pm

Public Comment: No one came forward to speak.

Closed Hearing at 6:36pm

6. Resolution adopting the City of Altoona’s annual budget for the year ending June 30, 2015

Resolution 3-3-2014 #01 ADOPTING THE CITY OF ALTOONA’S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. Resolution to consider approval of a site plan for Iowa Cold Storage freezer addition

Resolution 3-3-2014 #02 TO APPROVE OF A SITE PLAN FOR IOWA COLD STORAGE FREEZER ADDITION

Mayor Conkling explained Iowa Cold Storage, L.L.C. is seeking site plan approval for an addition to their facility. The project is located at 612 Adventureland Drive NE. The proposed addition is

25,530 s.f. of freezer and 970 s.f. of dock. The addition is proposed to match the existing building materials and does not meet the Architectural Design Standards. The council has previously approved the waiver for the Architectural Design based on the developer's letter stating that once the final phase is constructed, the north building wall will comply with the Architectural Design Standards. Jayme Franzen of Iowa Cold Storage, 612 Adventureland Dr. NE explained they have been in contact with staff and the owners of the property to get the fire lane installed at the time of the addition.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**8. Resolution to consider approval of a preliminary plat for Timberwood Plat 3
Resolution 3-3-2014 #03 TO APPROVE OF A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR TIMBERWOOD PLAT 3**

Mayor Conkling explained this application proposes to re-plate an existing lot and Outlot "Y" of Timberwood Plat 2 into six buildable lots and three Outlots. Wally Pelds of Pelds Engineering, 2323 Dixon St., Des Moines, explained this is a county plat. He explained that the owners and his firm will continue to work through the issues of the street (placing a note attached to the plat for possible future street and utility assessment) and storm water detention prior to bringing the final plat for review by the city.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**9. Resolution approving 2014 Adventureland Drive RISE Reimbursement Agreement
Resolution 3-3-2014 #___ APPROVING 2014 ADVENTURELAND DRIVE RISE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT**

Mayor Conkling explained the RISE Reimbursement Agreement is between the developer, Franzen Partnership, and the City of Altoona. The RISE funds are to be utilized for the construction of an extension of Adventureland Drive NE, to serve the Dayton Freight project. This agreement addresses how the non-eligible RISE funds will be paid. Under the agreement, the City of Altoona agrees to pay all of the non-eligible RISE funds as they are invoiced. The developer agrees to reimburse the City for 50% of the non-eligible RISE funds over a three year period.

Roll Call Vote:

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

10. Consent Agenda

a) Allow Bills

b) Capital Projects

B1) ~~Change Order #1 – Altoona Ambrose Station Improvements – J&K Contracting, LLC. – \$3,845.10~~ – set aside to discuss separately (see below)

B2) Pay App #5 - Altoona Ambrose Station Improvements – J&K Contracting, LLC. - \$109,677.50

B3) Pay App #9 – Altoona Footing Drain Collector Improvements – Synergy Contracting, LLC. - \$28,973.95

B4) Change Order #1 – Altoona Water Plant No. 2 Painting Project – Mongan Painting Company, Inc. - \$4987.00

c) Resolution to approve 30-foot water main easement on Lot 1, Ambrose Place Plat 1
Resolution 3-3-2014 #05 TO APPROVE 30-FOOT WATER MAIN EASEMENT ON LOT 1, AMBROSE PLACE PLAT 1

d) Set Public Hearing for March 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm to consider amending Chapter 167.09 (25) Off-street Parking Area Required pertaining to parking spaces needed at nursery schools and daycare centers

e) Resolution to change address for Dayton Freight site

Resolution 3-3-2014 #06 TO CHANGE ADDRESS FOR DAYTON FREIGHT SITE

Roll Call Vote:

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

***B1) Change Order #1 – Altoona Ambrose Station Improvements – J&K Contracting, LLC.
- \$3,845.10**

Council Member Mike Harmeyer asked why this was not included at the beginning of the process. Community Services Director Vern Willey explained that MidAmerican had specified one spot for the pole prior to installing services but when MidAmerican completed the project they had relocated the pole to a different location which required additional materials and time by the contractor to reach the new pole location.

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Beer & Liquor Permit

a) Fireside Grille, LLC – Class C Liquor (LC) (Commercial) Catering, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales

Chief Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

b) Git 'n Go – Class C Beer

Chief Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

12. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

*Council Member Dean O'Connor shared that tipping fees at the Metro Waste Authority's landfills would be increasing. The city's contractor for solid waste will probably increase their fees charged to the city to compensate.

*Council Member Michelle Sloan shared she enjoyed the dinner with the employees on Friday night and that she has received many compliments on the snow removal operations in Altoona.

*Council Member Jeremy Boka stated he had attended the Parks Board Meeting last week and the board was wondering if the bathrooms were still being planned for Sam Wise. City Administrator Jeff Mark expressed the plan is to install bathrooms at Sam Wise.

*Mayor Conkling shared that Tuesday the DART Commission would be voting on a levy increase. He shared his opinion and hope that the Commission would not vote for the increase they had proposed because he believed that several enhancements could be put off to the future to keep the rates down.

13. Adjourn at 7:01pm

Roll Call Vote:

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

Attest to: _____
Amy S. Hill, Secretary

J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor