

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 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: Randy Pierce, Jody Matherly, Jerry Whetstone, Vern Willey, John Shaw, Jon Hanson, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden

Audience Present: Kathy McElree, John McClain, Steve Johnson, Greg Edwards, Joe Riding, Cristel Oberbroeckling, Clara Smith-Larson

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Skip Conkling requested to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Approval of April 6, 2015, Council Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. Citizens request to address council

No one came forward to speak.

5. Greg Edwards of Des Moines Convention & Visitors Bureau to present an update

6. Consider request from Southeast Polk nurses to hang a banner from the 8th St. Pedestrian Bridge for a SEP Health Fair on August 1, 2015

Kathy McElree and Cristel Oberbroeckling, nurses from Southeast Polk schools, 8379 NE University Ave., Pleasant Hill, are organizing a one-day free clinic on Saturday August 1st. The nurses are requesting to hang a banner from from the 8th St. Pedestrian bridge 10 days prior to the event and the day of the event.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. Resolution levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement BHNAC schedule No. 2015-03, and providing for the payment thereof (Snow & grass nuisance abatement)

Resolution 4-20-2015 #01 LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR COSTS OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT BHNAC SCHEDULE NO. 2015-03, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF (SNOW & GRASS NUISANCE ABATEMENT)

Roll Call Vote:

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

8. Consider approval of memorandum of understanding between City of Altoona and Dr. Myles Kawamura to act as a medical director for the Altoona Fire Department

Fire Chief Gerald Whetstone explained the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Altoona and Dr. Myles Kawamura for providing medical direction and overall supervision of the Altoona Fire Department Emergency Medical Services. Dr. Kawamura has been our Medical Director

for 14 years. Each EMS department is required by State law to have a Medical Director. The reason for the MOU is that Mercy Hospital has changed this service and the new provider doesn't want to carry the liability on the doctors. In reality, the liability has always been the City's and will remain so.

Roll Call Vote:

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

9. Resolution – Money in Politics

Resolution 4-20-2015 #02 MONEY IN POLITICS

Clara Smith-Larson, 1200 5th Ave. SE, requested the council to consider this resolution in regards to the amount of money private individuals can donate to political campaigns. Council Members Dean O'Connor and Kyle Mertz asked questions in regards to the issue not being a city issue since Altoona council candidates do not run on partisan party issues. Joe Riding, 225 Cottonwood Dr. SW, expressed his views on the resolution and spoke about the history of the resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

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

10. Consent Agenda

a) Allow Bills

b) Set Public Hearing for Monday, May 4th at 6:30 pm to consider amending Chapter 55 to allow therapy animals by special consideration of the City Council

c) Resolution setting a date for public hearing for Monday, May 4th at 6:30pm to consider a Development Agreement with New England Development, including annual appropriation tax increment rebate payments in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000

Resolution 4-20-2015 #03 SETTING A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, MAY 4TH AT 6:30PM TO CONSIDER A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH NEW ENGLAND DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TAX INCREMENT REBATE PAYMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000

d) Set Public Hearing for Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm to consider vacating and selling a portion of park ground in Outlot "Y", F&S Rosenberg Plat 2 (Redwood Living project)

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Beer & Liquor Permits

a) Big Steer Restaurant/Lounge - Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial)

Chief Jody Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

b) Johnny's Italian Steakhouse - Class C Liquor License (LC)(Commercial), Catering Privilege, Sunday, Outdoor sales

Chief Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

c) Walgreens - Class C Beer Permit (carryout beer), Class E Liquor License (LE), Class B Wine, Permit (carryout wine-includes native wine), Sunday sales

Chief Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

d) Pizza Hut (3221 Adventureland Dr) - Class B Beer (BB) (includes wine coolers)

Chief Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

e) Caseys (3348 8th St SW) - adding Carry Out Native Wine

Chief Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

12. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

*Council Member O'Connor shared information about the Metro Waste Authority Annual Dinner and the passage of the yard waste bill.

*Council Member Mertz spoke about the Metropolitan Planning Organization's funding for the 2019 fiscal year.

*Mayor Conkling shared information about the Water Reclamation Authority sale of \$30 million in bonds that will net \$4 million in savings.

13. Adjourn at 7:12pm

Roll Call Vote:

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

Attest to: _____

Amy S. Hill, Secretary

J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor