

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 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- absent O’Connor – absent Sloan- present

City Officials Present: Jeff Mark, Randy Pierce, Jody Matherly, Jerry Whetstone, Vern Willey, John Shaw, Jon Hanson, Scott Atzen, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden

Audience Present: Steve Moyna, Kayla DeBruin, Kira Brown, Greg Long, James Heuer, Kim Heuer, Matt Linser, Robert Hall

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Skip Conkling requested to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Approval of April 20 and 27, 2015, Council Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. Citizens request to address council

James and Kim Heuer, 905 15th St. SE – addressed the council about speeding, parking and the drainage way in their neighborhood. Council requested that staff work with Mr. and Mrs. Heuer by answering their questions and addressing the speeding.

5. Public hearing to consider amending Chapter 55 to allow therapy animals by special consideration of the City Council

Mayor Conkling explained the ordinance amendment is to consider allowing therapy animals if they are prescribed by a physician and only with specific approval from the City Council.

Open hearing at 6:41pm

Public comment: Kira Brown, 106 9th St. SE, explained the need for the therapy pig versus a traditional pet for allergy purposes.

Closed hearing at 6:43pm

6. Ordinance to amend Chapter 55 to allow therapy animals by special consideration of the City Council

Ordinance No. 5-4-2015 #01 (406) TO AMEND CHAPTER 55 TO ALLOW THERAPY ANIMALS BY SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Roll Call Vote (1st Reading):

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

7. Public hearing to consider a 2015 amendment to urban renewal plan for Altoona Urban Renewal Area

City Administrator Jeff Mark explained this is a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for the Altoona Urban Renewal Area. This is in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa. The state requires that the City provide information about new urban renewal projects that are proposed to be undertaken in the Urban Renewal Area. The proposed

agreement provides to New England Development, a rebate of the real estate taxes for the first year, and a rebate of 100% of the property taxes for the second and third years of the agreement. The total amount of all rebates is not to exceed \$5,000,000.

Open hearing at 6:47pm

Public comment: No one came forward to speak.

Closed hearing at 6:48pm

8. Resolution to approve 2015 Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Altoona Urban Renewal Area

Resolution 5-4-2015 #01 TO APPROVE 2015 URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE ALTOONA URBAN RENEWAL AREA

Roll Call Vote:

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

9. Public hearing 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

City Administrator Mark explained Staff and New England Development are still working out the language in the agreement.

Open hearing at 6:49pm

Public comment: No one came forward to speak.

Closed hearing at 6:50pm

10. Resolution approving development agreement with New England Development and Authorizing Annual Appropriation Economic Development Payments

Council Member Michelle Sloan motioned to defer to the May 18, 2015, council meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Consider event request from Grace Church for a community picnic at Village Park on Tuesday June 2nd

Pastor Greg Long with Grace Church, 4200 E 25th St., Des Moines is requesting to hold community picnic in Village Park. There will be food, inflatables, crafts and some music with a sound system. The event will run from about 6-8 pm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

12. Consider event request from Crossway Community Church for VBS family events on June 14th (Village Park), July 12th (Ironwood Park), and August 9th (Haines Park)

Mr. Matt Windsor representing Crossway Community Church, 608 8th St. SW, is requesting to hold three community events at three different parks this summer. They would be held on Sunday evenings, on the second Sunday of the month, from 5-7 pm. The events will include free food, crafts, games, etc.

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. Consider approval for the 2015 Prairie Meadows Iowa Classic Parade on Saturday August 8th

Kayla DeBruin representing Prairie Meadows, 1 Prairie Meadows Dr., is seeking approval for the 2015 parade. It will begin at 10:30 am and follow the traditional course down Adventureland Drive to 12th Avenue, turning west on 4th Street NW and then back north on 17th Avenue. Beginning and ending at Prairie Meadows. They have worked through the process with Police, Streets and Parks Departments on signage and closings.

Roll Call Vote:

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

14. Consent Agenda

a) Allow Bills

b) Capital Projects

- B1) Change Order #1 – Altoona Adventureland Drive Standpipe Painting – Central Tank Coatings, Inc. – (\$159.00)**
- B2) Pay App #1 - Altoona Adventureland Drive Standpipe Painting – Central Tank Coatings, Inc. - \$80,465.00**
- B3) Pay App # 12 – 12th Ave. NW Water Main & Footing Drain Collector Improvements – Synergy Contracting, LLC. - \$32,746.69**
- c) Set public hearing for Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm to consider a comprehensive plan land use map amendment from Grinnell State Bank and Redwood Living, Inc. to change from low and high density residential to medium density residential land uses for approximately 28.75 acres of ground located north of Adventureland Drive NW and an extension of 5th Avenue NW**
- d) Set public hearing for Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm to consider a rezoning request from Grinnell State Bank and Redwood Living, Inc. to rezone approximately 6.34 acres from C-5 (Office Park) to R-5 (Planned Unit Development)**
- e) Set public hearing for Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm to consider a PUD development plan request from Grinnell State Bank and Redwood Living, Inc. to develop a 177 unit townhome community on approximately 28.75 acres north of Adventureland Drive NW and an extension of 5th Avenue NW**
- f) Set public hearing for Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm to consider an ordinance amendment to Chapter 168.10(3) Permitted Conditional Uses of the C-4 (Village Commercial) zoning district to add a new paragraph adding contractor offices**
- g) Set public hearing for Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm to consider an ordinance amendment to Chapter 167.04 Accessory Buildings by adding an exception section to deal with property on the east side of 26th Avenue SW between 10th Street SW and 17th Street SW with large rear yard easements**
- h) Notice to set a public hearing for Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm for the City of Altoona Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget Amendment**

Roll Call Vote:

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

15. Beer & Liquor Permits

- a) Pancheros Mexican Grill – Class B Beer (BB) (includes wine coolers)**
Chief Jody Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- b) The BrewHouse No 25 - Class C Liquor License (LC)(Commercial)**
Chief Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

16. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

***Council Member Jeremy Boka** shared the Polk County Master Gardeners have presented their plans for a children's garden at the Enabling Gardens. He stated the Parks Board recommended approval.

17. Adjourn at 6:56pm

Roll Call Vote:

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

Attest to: _____
Amy S. Hill, Secretary

J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor