

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 21, 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 – absent       Sloan- present

**City Officials Present:** Jeff Mark, Randy Pierce, Jody Matherly, Jerry Whetstone, Karen Oppelt, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden, Cody Poffenberger

**Audience Present:** Bob Hall, Steve Johnson, Tammi Poffenberger, Brian Poffenberger, Skylar Poffenberger, Kelly Caylor, Jon Burmeister

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

Mayor Skip Conkling requested approval of the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**3. Approval of July 7 and 14, 2014, Council Minutes**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**4. Swear in new police officer**

Mayor Conkling swore in Cody Poffenberger as a new full-time officer for the City of Altoona.

**5. Citizens request to address council**

No one came forward to speak.

**6. Resolution awarding Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, and authorizing redemption of General Obligation Urban Renewal Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2007A and Series 2007B**

**Resolution 7-21-2014 #01 AWARDING SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014, AND AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION URBAN RENEWAL CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2007A AND SERIES 2007B**

Mayor Conkling explained this resolution authorizes the issuance of the 2014 Series Go refunding bonds. The city will takes bids on Monday July 21, 2014. This bond issue is for an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 and will be paid back with property taxes. Jon Burmeister of PFM, 801 Grand Ave., Suite 3300, Des Moines, explained the tabulation of the bids.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**7. Consider agreement with Polk County for animal control**

Mayor Conkling explained the agreement provides for Polk County to retrieve and impound abandon or at-large animals within the corporate limits of the City of Altoona. City Administrator Jeff Mark the new fees represent a nearly 23% increase. The fees have not been increased since July, 2007. The total cost will be determined by our usage.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**8. Consider approval of a request from Hy-Vee to hold a community picnic on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8 pm in the Civic Plaza**

Mayor Conkling explained Hy-Vee is requesting to hold a community picnic on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 5 to 8 pm at the Civic Plaza. Kelly Caylor of Hy-Vee, 108 8<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Altoona, shared information in regards to the picnic.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**9. Consider request waive part of utility bill for 707 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S**

Mayor Conkling explained the owners of this property are asking for the sewer portion (\$535.09) of their bill and ½ of the water (\$239.90) to be waived. City Clerk Randy Pierce explained they purchased this property and didn't realize there was a water leak until after they took possession of the property. They assumed the water was turned off after we finalized the last bill for the previous owner. It is not our practice to turn water off at properties when ownership changes unless it is requested to be shut off by owner. Council Member Kyle Mertz motioned to waive the sewer portion only due to it leaking into the crawl space which was verified by the water department and the city didn't have to pay to have it treated through the Water Reclamation Authority.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**10. Consent Agenda**

- a) \*set aside for separate discussion and vote
- b) Consider professional services agreement with Shuck-Britson, Inc. for 2014 Bridge Inspection Services
- c) Resolution approving writing off of rescue fees for bad debt accounts – Medicare – Medicaid – CMS Collection Fees from 4-1-2014 thru' 6-30-2014  
**Resolution 7-21-2014 #02 APPROVING WRITING OFF OF RESCUE FEES FOR BAD DEBT ACCOUNTS – MEDICARE – MEDICAID – CMS COLLECTION FEES FROM 4-1-2014 THRU' 6-30-2014**
- d) Set a public hearing for Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, to consider a comprehensive plan land use map amendment from commercial to high density residential and to rezone from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-3 (Multi-family Residential) for property owned by R&D Plumbing at 301 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW
- e) Set a public hearing for Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, to consider establishing a moratorium

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**\*a) Allow Bills**

Council Member Jeremy Boka had a question in regards to G Asphalt System for the sealing of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N. He wondered if the painting of the lines was required as part of the contract. City Clerk Pierce stated he would ask the Streets Supervisor on Tuesday. Council Member Boka motioned the payment be held if the contract required painting but approved the rest of the allow bills.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**11. Beer & Liquor Permits**

- a) Oasis - ZaGaZig Temple - Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial) and Sunday Sales  
Chief Jody Matherly stated there are no violations at this establishment.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**b) Uncle Buck's Fishbowl and Grill - Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Sunday Sales and Outdoor Sales**

Chief Matherly stated there are no violations at this establishment.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

\*Council Member Mertz shared his appreciation of the police reserve program being able to provide quality candidates for our open police positions. He also shared that he is excited about the continued triple A bond rating the city received even with the tougher standards and know it is because of the diligence of the staff, council, developers, builders and residents to make Altoona a place people want to be.

\*Council Member Michelle Sloan shared that staff and she attended CIRDWC where we met with Black & Veach in regards to the new metro wide study.

\*Mayor Conkling gave an update on meeting with Pleasant Hill Mayor in regards to working together as communities.

**13. Adjourn at 6:57pm**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka Y 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