

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 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, Vern Willey, Karen Oppelt, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden

**Audience Present:** Doug Schmidt, Melissa Horton, Robin Norris, Russ Wilkins

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

Mayor Skip Conkling requested that the agenda be approved with the removal of items 12 through 14 from the agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**3. Approval of July 21 and 28, 2014, Council Minutes**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**4. Citizens request to address council**

\*Robin Norris – 406 7<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Altoona – came to speak in regards to SEP Dollars for Scholars. She requested a sign be hung on the overpass for the month previous to the event. Also, she shared that she had tickets for sale for the event. Council Member Michelle Sloan motioned approval of the sign.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**5. Public hearing to consider a comprehensive plan land use map amendment from commercial to high density residential for property owned by R&D Plumbing at 301 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW consisting of 0.328 acres**

Mayor Conkling shared the owner has requested that this hearing be continued.

**Open Hearing at 6:34pm**

Council Member Dean O’Connor motioned approval to continue the public hearing to Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**6. Resolution to amend the comprehensive plan land use map amendment from commercial to high density residential for property owned by R&D Plumbing at 301 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW consisting of 0.328 acres**

No action taken.

**7. Public hearing to consider a rezoning request 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 consisting of 0.328 acres**

Mayor Conkling shared the owner has requested that this hearing be continued.

**Open Hearing at 6:35pm**

Council Member O'Connor motioned approval to continue the public hearing to Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

8. **Ordinance to rezone property at 301 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW owned by R&D Plumbing consisting of 0.328 acres from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-3 (Multi-family Residential)**

No action taken.

9. **Public hearing to consider establishing a building and development moratorium north of Adventureland Drive NW, south 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 establishing a building and development moratorium north of Adventureland Drive NW, south of I-80, west of Hubbell Ave., and east of the Altoona water tower on Adventureland Drive NW. The duration of the moratorium is for a period of six months from the date of the adoption of the resolution. The purpose of the moratorium is to allow the City Council and City Staff to review the proposed new Comprehensive Land Use Plan in order to establish the appropriate zoning and land use for the designated area. During the moratorium period, the City Council will not consider any subdivision plats, site plans, plats of survey, or building plans.

**Open Hearing at 6:36pm**

**Public Comment:** No one came forward to speak.

**Closed Hearing at 6:37pm**

10. **Resolution establishing a building and development moratorium north of Adventureland Drive NW, south I-80, west of Hubbell Ave., and east of Bass Pro Shops and the Altoona water tower)**

**Resolution 8-4-2014 #01 ESTABLISHING A BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM NORTH OF ADVENTURELAND DRIVE NW, SOUTH I-80, WEST OF HUBBELL AVE., AND EAST OF BASS PRO SHOPS AND THE ALTOONAWATER TOWER)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

11. **Resolution to approve a final plat for Adventure Village Plat 4**

**Resolution 8-4-2014 #02 to approve a final plat for Adventure Village Plat 4**

Mayor Conkling explained the property owner, Community Business Lenders, is proposing to re-plat an existing area of Adventure Village. Community Development Director John Shaw explained the property is located on the vacant ground north of Adventureland Drive and east of Bianchi Boys. The owners wanted to create another buildable lot with frontage along Adventureland Drive. The existing storm water detention basin will be relocated to the north on the west side of lot 1. Council Member O'Connor motioned approval subject to legal documents and bonds being received and reviewed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

12. **Item Removed from the agenda**

13. **Item Removed from the agenda**

14. **Item Removed from the agenda**

15. **Resolution authorizing issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2014 and prepayment of outstanding bonds**

**Resolution 8-4-2014 #03 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2014 AND PREPAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS**

Mayor Conkling explained this resolution authorizes the issuance of the 2014 GO refunding bonds that the city took bids on back on July 21, 2014. City Clerk Randy Pierce explained this bond issue is for \$4,545,000 and will be paid back with property taxes.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**16. Request to appeal the notice to abate nuisance – 2890 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S**

Mayor Conkling explained the property located at 2890 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, is owned by the Altoona Christian Church. Russell Wilkins, 9602 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Runnells, representing Altoona Christian Church requested council consider review of the amount of time on the notice to abate nuisance.

**17. Consider request from Berean Assembly of God Church to hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Rib & Music fest at Haines Park on Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm to 9 pm**

Mayor Conkling explained the church is planning to hold their community picnic event in Haines Park on the last Sunday of September. The activities are games, inflatables, pony rides, car show, some live music, and of course free food. The event sets up on Saturday afternoon and runs Sunday from about 3-9 pm. They rented the shelter for the entire weekend.

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

**18. Mayor appointment to Healthy Altoona Partnership board – Walt Mozdzer**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**19. Consent Agenda**

a) Allow Bills

b) Capital Projects

B1) Pay App #3 – 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Water Main & Footing Drain Collector Improvements – Synergy Contracting, LLC - \$27,455.51

B2) Pay App #10 – Ambrose Pump Station – J&K Contracting, LLC - \$16,967.00

c) Resolution approving requests for tax abatement

**Resolution 8-4-2014 #04 APPROVING REQUESTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT**

d) Set a public hearing for Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:30pm to consider amendment to City of Altoona Code of Ordinances – Chapters 55 and 57 (Dangerous & Vicious Dogs)

e) Set a public hearing for Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:30pm to consider adopting the Altoona Comprehensive Plan

f) Set a public hearing for Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:30pm to consider a rezoning request from Bucklin Properties V, LLC to rezone the two lots consisting of 0.43 acres from C-2 (General Commercial) to C-4 (Village Commercial), locally known as 209 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW

g) Set a public hearing for Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:30pm to consider plans, specifications, and form of contract for RISE project (Adventureland Dr. East)

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**20. Beer & Liquor Permits**

a) Casey's General Store #2870 - Class C Beer Permit (BC) and Class B Native Wine Permit and Sunday sales

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

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

b) Bianchi Boys Pizza and Pasta - Class C Liquor License (BN) (Commercial) and Sunday sales

Chief Matherly stated there are no violations at this establishment.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

c) **Fareway Stores #925 - Class C Beer Permit, Class E Liquor License, Class B Wine Permit (carryout wine includes native wines)**

Chief Matherly stated there are no violations at this establishment.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

d) **Altoona Palooza - Special Class C Liquor License with Outdoor endorsement**

Chief Matherly stated there are no violations at this establishment.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

\*City Administrator Jeff Mark asked council if they wished to sponsor the IWLC Conference this year at \$1,500.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

\*Mayor Conkling explained the Planning & Zoning needs an appointment filled because a current appointee has moved out of Altoona.

**22. Adjourn at 6:52pm**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Attest to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy S. Hill, Secretary

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J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor