

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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, John Shaw, Vern Willey, Jody Matherly, Jerry Whetstone, Karen Oppelt, Amy Hill, City Attorney Tim Pearson

Audience Present: Chad Headrick Sr., Joleen Simmen, Bob Hall, Caleb Smith

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Skip Conkling requested approval of agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Approval of August 18 and 25, 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

*Chad Headrick Sr. – 507 9th St. SE, Altoona – shared his concerns about pit bulls including his personal history and stats in regards to attacks by pit bulls vs. other types of dogs.

5. Ordinance amendment to 2004 City of Altoona Code of Ordinances – Chapter 55 (Animal Protection & Control) (2nd Reading)

Mayor Conkling explained this was the 2nd reading for the amendment to the ordinance. Council Member Kyle Mertz requested Chief Matherly to give a review of the changes. Chief Jody Matherly explained that the ordinances will now review a dog on its behavior rather than breed and cleans up language that was contradicting in each ordinance.

Roll Call Vote (2nd reading):

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

6. Ordinance amendment to 2004 City of Altoona Code of Ordinances – Chapter 57 (Dangerous & Vicious Dogs) (1st Reading)

Ordinance No. 8-18-2014 #02 (396) AMENDMENT TO 2004 CITY OF ALTOONA CODE OF ORDINANCES – CHAPTER 57 (DANGEROUS & VICIOUS DOGS) (1ST READING)

Mayor Conkling explained this was the 2nd reading for the amendment to the ordinance.

Roll Call Vote (2nd reading):

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

7. Resolution approving relating to Purple Heart Highway Study

Resolution 9-2-2014 #01 APPROVING RELATING TO PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY STUDY

City Administrator Jeffery N. Mark explained the resolution states the City of Altoona's support to formally request that the Iowa Department of Transportation request that the Federal Highway Administration perform a study to redesignate the interstate status of US Highway 65/Iowa Highway 5 bypass, otherwise known as the Purple Heart Highway.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**8. Consider resolution to approve a final plat for Tuscany Townhomes Plat 1
Resolution 9-2-2014 #02 TO APPROVE A FINAL PLAT FOR TUSCANY TOWNHOMES
PLAT 1**

Mayor Conkling explained the applicant, Tuscany Reserve, LLC, is seeking final plat approval for Tuscany Townhomes Plat 1. Caleb Smith of McClure Engineering, 1360 NW 121st St., Clive, explained the property is located east of 14th Avenue SE (80th Street) across the street from Lake Shore Drive SE. The property is 1.82 acres in size. This is the first phase, 12 units, of a proposed 120 unit townhome development. Council Member Dean O'Connor motioned approval subject to legal documents being reviewed and deficiencies addressed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

9. Consider resolution to approve a site plan for a drive-up ATM for Wells Fargo on the Fareway property

Resolution 9-2-2014 #03 TO APPROVE A SITE PLAN FOR A DRIVE-UP ATM FOR WELLS FARGO ON THE FAREWAY PROPERTY

Community Development Director John Shaw explained Wells Fargo Bank is seeking site plan approval of a drive-thru ATM west of the Fareway grocery store on 8th Street SE. The structure is 10 feet tall and includes a small overhang to protect the drivers. Council Member Dean O'Connor motioned approval subject to legal documents being reviewed and deficiencies addressed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

10. Resolution approving special assessment schedule No. 2014-07 for delinquent water accounts thru' 8-25-2014

Resolution 9-2-2014 #04 APPROVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE NO. 2014-07 FOR DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNTS THRU' 8-25-2014

Mayor Conkling explained this is a resolution authorizing the City Clerk to submit an assessment schedule to the County Treasurer of Polk County Iowa. The state law provides that delinquent water accounts that have been deemed to be un-collectable can be assessed against the property and collected when property taxes are paid.

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Consent Agenda

a) Allow Bills

b) Capital Projects

B1) Pay App #6 – Prairie Vista Sanitary Sewer Connection – J&K Contracting, LLC - \$18,041.60

B2) Pay App #4 – Ambrose Water Main – J&K Contracting LLC - \$10,687.37

B3) Pay App #4 – 12th Ave. NW Water Main & Footing Drain Collector Improvements – Synergy Contracting, LLC - \$20,151.91

c) Set Public Hearing for Monday September 15th at 6:30 pm to consider a development plan amendment for Eagle Creek Estates to change 10 attached townhome units to 10 detached townhome units

d) Set Public Hearing for Monday September 15th at 6:30 pm to consider stop sign additions for certain new streets in Ironwood South Plat 2 and Fieldstone Estates Plat 1

Roll Call Vote:

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

12. Beer & Liquor Permits

- a) **Hy-Vee Clubroom - New Premise Location - outside patio area-temp permit, Class C Liquor License (BW) Beer/Wine**

Chief Matherly explained there are no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

*Council Member O'Connor explained the Campus is updating the fitness room and nursery. The men's locker room has been completed and soon the women's locker room will be started.

*Council Member Jeremy Boka shared an Altoona Palooza update and thanked the staff for their help with the event.

*Mayor Conkling gave an update on the MPO long range planning. He also shared an update on DART for Altoona routes #17 and #99.

14. Adjourn at 6:55 pm

Roll Call Vote:

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

Attest to: _____
Amy S. Hill, Secretary

J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor