

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 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 – absent

Sloan- present

City Officials Present: Jeff Mark, Randy Pierce, Jody Matherly, Jerry Whetstone, Vern Willey, Chad Quick, Jody Evans, Jon Hanson.

Audience Present: Scott Wyatt, Sierrah Grimes, Jeff Phillips, Aspen Phillips, John McClain, Wally Pelds, Ben Evans, Stephen Sells, Diane Harrigan, Mike Harrigan, Catlin Heck, Amanda Morris, Luryn Sheriff, Kelly O'Connor.

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Skip Conkling requested to approve agenda as presented. Boka asked to remove item 10. b. from the agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Approval of January 5 and 12, 2015, Council Minutes

Mayor Conkling requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. Citizens request to address council

Scott Wyatt, a senior in high school who lives in Oakland Point Apartments approached the council to see if he and his friends could start a new flower garden on a site that the City feels would be good for it. They would like to raise money this spring and start planting this spring. Mayor Conkling told Scott that he would connect him with Terri Henkels and the Master Gardeners to see if that could be incorporated in with one of their areas.

5. Appoint Mary Simon to the Board of Adjustment

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. Public hearing to consider development plan amendment for Altoona Village Development Plan

This is a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Altoona Village Development Plan. The property is located on the east side of 17th Avenue NW, across the street from Willowbrook Elementary and Prairie Meadows. The application proposes to amend the existing R-5 (PUD) Development Plan to allow the new developer to reduce some setback requirements. The owner, Hawkeye Development is trying to sell the property to Brad Stanbrough who is proposing to make changes to the existing plan. The project was resubmitted with only one lot removed.

Open Hearing at 6:37pm

Public Comment: A handed out letter from Diane Harrigan 1344 Rosa Drive, Altoona was read. Diane also told the Council about the homes on Meadow Glade not selling, and is worried about the added homes and the green space being eliminated. Kelly O'Connor of 301 Village Circle also addressed the council on his concern of added residents in the area. He also feels there needs to be added angled parking by Village Park.

Closed Hearing at 6:46pm

- 7. Resolution to approve amendment for Altoona Village Development Plan**
Resolution 1-19-2015 #01 TO APPROVE AMENDMENT FOR ALTOONA VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
Council voted to approve the development plan amendment with removal of one additional lot than the plan that was proposed for a total of 48 lots; 19 single-family and 29 detached townhomes.
Roll Call Vote:
2 Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz A O'Connor Y Sloan (4-0)
- 8. Resolution authorizing the City of Altoona to submit an application for funding from the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**
Resolution 1-19-2015 #02 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) TO THE DES MOINES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
The resolution commits the City of Altoona to matching monies as required by the Federal Surface Transportation Program. The total estimated project cost is \$18,700,000, with the City's share of the project being a total of \$9,350,000 of a multi-year project.
Roll Call Vote:
2 Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz A O'Connor Y Sloan (4-0)
- 9. Resolution approving adoption of National Interoperability Channels by the Polk County Joint E911 Service Board**
Resolution 1-19-2015 APPROVING ADOPTION OF NATIONAL INTEROPERABILITY CHANNELS BY THE POLK COUNTY JOINT E911 SERVICE BOARD
The Polk County E911 Service Board has requested that all member agencies approve this resolution supporting the Boards desire to formally adopt the National Interoperability Channels, as an official method of communication during a multi-agency response.
Roll Call Vote:
2 Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz A O'Connor Y Sloan (4-0)
- 10. Consent Agenda**

 - a) Allow Bills
 - b) ITEM REMOVED
 - c) Resolution approving writing off of rescue fees for bad debt accounts – medicare – medicaid – CMS collections fees from 10-1-2014 thru' 12-31-2014
Resolution 1-19-2015 #03 APPROVING WRITING OFF OF RESCUE FEES FOR BAD DEBT ACCOUNTS – MEDICARE – MEDICAID – CMS COLLECTIONS FEES FROM 10-1-2014 THRU' 12-31-2014
 - d) Resolution approving tax abatement requests
Resolution 1-19-2015 #04 APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT REQUESTS
 - e) Resolution appointing the City of Altoona's Representation to the MPO
Resolution 1-19-2015 #05 APPOINTING THE CITY OF ALTOONA'S REPRESENTATION TO THE MPO
 - f) Resolution approving special assessment schedule No. 2015-01 for delinquent water accounts thru' 01-05-15
Resolution 1-19-2015 #06 APPROVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE NO. 2015-01 FOR DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNTS THRU' 01-05-15
 - g) Request to submit an application for the 2015 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Beer & Liquor Permits

a) **Walmart - Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit and Class E Liquor License**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

12. General Business Items/Reports and Update

*Mayor Conkling reminded everyone that there is going to be a Soup Supper at the Fire Department on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Mayor Conkling also encouraged every council member to join the Healthy Altoona Partnerships Change 3 Challenge.

*Council Members Kyle Mertz, Jeremy Boka and Mayor Conkling discussed the news article related to the police station.

13. Adjourn at 7:07pm

Roll Call Vote:

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

Attest to:

Jody Evans, Secretary

J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor