

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008, 6:30 P.M.
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Burget-present Conkling- present Nolin- present
Riding- present Sloan- present Warren- present

City Officials Present: Jeff Mark, Randy Pierce, Karen Oppelt, Aaron Putnam, John Shaw, John Gray, Jerry Whetstone, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden

Audience Present: Dennis Keller, Helen Blaney, Brent Culp, Tim West

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Roll Call Vote:

 Y Conkling 2 Sloan Y Riding 1 Warren Y Nolin (5-0)

3. Approval of May 19, 2008 Council Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

 Y Conkling Y Sloan 1 Riding Y Warren 2 Nolin (5-0)

4. Citizens request to address council

No one came forward to speak

5. Resolution to approve an Extension to the Residential Garbage Contract with Artistic Solid Waste Systems, Inc.

Resolution #6-2-2008 #01 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION TO THE RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE CONTRACT WITH ARTISTIC SOLID WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.

Mayor Tim Burget stated the current contract with Artistic Solid Waste Systems, Inc. was a seven-year deal that was approved in 2001 and expires this July 1, 2008. City Administrator Jeff Mark explained the contract does provide for a three-year extension. The rates for the services provided have been adjusted each year using an agreed upon CPI determined by the Department of Labor. If the council approves the extension, this years CPI is 3.28% and would result in a 17-cent increase to \$8.03 per month, (current rate is \$7.86). Artistic is also requesting an 8% or 42-cent fuel charge increase. This would bring the total rate to \$8.45 per month. The total increase for the service would be 59-cents.

Council Member Skip Conkling motioned for approval of the extended contract with the CPI rate increase but not the fuel surcharge. Council Member Riding seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

 1 Conkling Y Sloan 2 Riding Y Warren Y Nolin (5-0)

6. Resolution to approve a plat of survey for land in Section 30, Township 79 north, Range 22 west of the 5th P.M., also known as Allison Farms. (County plat of survey)

Mayor Burget introduced this as a plat of survey for approximately 80 acres just east of the current City Limits on NE 27th Avenue. They are splitting the ground because of a transfer of ownership between family members. Community Development Director John Shaw explained the owners of parcels "G" and "H" have signed a voluntary annexation petition but those two parcels are not directly adjacent to the City.

Council Member Conkling motioned to table the resolution. Council Member Riding seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

1 Conkling Y Sloan 2 Riding Y Warren Y Nolin (5-0)

7. Resolution approving the purchase of real estate located at 1000 Venbury Drive, Altoona, Iowa from DevelopIT Inc.

Resolution #6-2-2008 #02 RESOLUTION TO APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1000 VENBURY DRIVE, ALTOONA, IOWA FROM DEVELOPIT INC.

Mayor Burget stated this is a resolution to approve the purchase of real estate located at 1000 Venbury Drive, (north of the Fire Station). The asking price is \$476,511.15 for the approximately 3.1 acres. An earnest payment of \$5,000 has been placed on the property and will be applied to the total cost at closing. City Attorney Bob Laden is preparing the closing documents, deeds and statement. Council Member Conkling stated he would be voting “no” because of the price of the land.

Council Member Stacey Warren motioned to approve subject to final title opinion, documents and the property being mowed by current owner before City of Altoona takes ownership. Council Member Riding seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

N Conkling Y Sloan 2 Riding 1 Warren Y Nolin (4-1)

8. Resolution to set EMS, HAZMAT and Fire Billing Fees

Resolution #6-2-2008 #03 RESOLUTION TO SET EMS, HAZMAT AND FIRE BILLING FEES

Mayor Burget stated this is a resolution to set EMS, Hazmat and Fire Billing fees. Chief Gerald Whetstone is recommending these new rates to 1) cover the cost and allowable charges for EMS services, and 2) the Polk County Fire Chief’s Association is requesting that all member communities adopt the same fee’s for Hazmat services.

Roll Call Vote:

2 Conkling Y Sloan 1 Riding Y Warren Y Nolin (5-0)

9. Resolution authorizing July 1, 2008 Salaries

Resolution #6-2-2008 #04 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JULY 1, 2008 SALARIES

Mayor Burget explained this resolution is to authorize salary of the full time staff of the City of Altoona. The resolution lists the hourly rate for hourly employees and the annual salary amount for salaried employees. City Administrator Mark stated these are the base wages for all employees. They amounts include the union approved and budgeted COLA of 4.5 percent. If the employee is eligible for a step increase, that amount is also reflected. The amount listed does not include overtime or longevity as provided under the union contract and City of Altoona Employee handbook. These wages will go into effect on each employee’s anniversary date (for most of our employees, that date is July 1).

Roll Call Vote:

Y Conkling Y Sloan 1 Riding 2 Warren Y Nolin (5-0)

10. Resolution to approve a site plan addition for Fareway Stores Inc.

Resolution #6-2-2008 #05 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SITE PLAN ADDITION FOR FAREWAY STORES INC.

Mayor Burget introduced that Fareway Grocery Store is proposing to add 8,649 square feet of additional space. Snyder & Associate’s Engineer Tim West, located at 2727 SW Snyder Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa, was present to represent the interests of Fareway Grocery Store. He explained the

extra area will allow them to add one aisle and back room space to their store. A variance granted by the Board of Adjustment in 1991 allowed Fareway to build with a zero lot setback on the south. They are adding additional parking stalls, widening the main entrance to accommodate an additional exit lane, and creating a parking lot connection to Bank Iowa to the west.

Council Member Gerald Nolin motioned for approval subject to receiving the hold harmless agreement. Council Member Michelle Sloan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Conkling 2 Sloan Y Riding Y Warren 1 Nolin (5-0)

11. Consent Agenda

a) **Allow Bills**

b) **Capital Project**

B1) Pay App FINAL – Altoona Campus 2006 Expansion – Russell Construction Company - \$85,061.74

B2) Pay App #1 – Center Place SW – Elder Corporation - \$53,186.92

B3) Change Order #1 – Center Place SW – Elder Corporation - \$65,715.00

B4) Change Order #11 – 1st Avenue South Reconstruction – Eco Tech Construction, LLC. - \$8,004.82

B5) Pay App #11 – 1st Avenue South Reconstruction – Eco Tech Construction, LLC. – \$13,455.47

c) **Set Public Hearing for June 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to consider an ordinance amendment to Chapter 167.02 Fences, Walls and Hedges.**

d) **Set Public Hearing for June 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to consider awarding the contract for grading and paving Adventureland Drive NE and 11th Avenue NE**

e) **Consider approval of Altoona Campus Flag Football lease agreement**

f) **Consider approval of Hold Harmless and Indemnification agreement with Metro Lodging L.C. to conduct police training**

g) **Consider approval of revised 28E agreement for Safety Coalition of Central Iowa Cities to include Polk City**

Council Member Conkling motioned to approve with exception of consent agenda item “B1” being removed for separate vote and discussion. Council Member Sloan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

1 Conkling 2 Sloan Y Riding Y Warren Y Nolin (5-0)

B1) Pay App FINAL – Altoona Campus 2006 Expansion – Russell Construction Company - \$85,061.74

Council Member Joe Riding motioned approval with exception of \$5000 to cover lighting issues that still need to be resolved at the Campus. Council Member Warren seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Conkling Y Sloan 1 Riding 2 Warren Y Nolin (5-0)

20. Beer and Liquor Permits

a) **Being There Coffee House – Class B (Beer and includes wine coolers)**

Police Chief John Gray stated that there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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b) **Godfather’s Pizza – Class B (Beer and includes wine coolers)**

Police Chief John Gray stated that there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Conkling 2 Sloan Y Riding 1 Warren Y Nolin (5-0)

21. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

*Council Member Warren stated that the interviews for the BRAVO executive director went well. She also extended her appreciation to the council for providing the benefits package to the BRAVO Executive Director on behalf of the BRAVO committee members.

*Council Member Nolin stated his appreciation on behalf of the Park Board who took a tour of Altoona's parks and stated that Park Supervisor Tim Van Wyk was doing an excellent job.

22. Adjourn

Roll Call Vote: at 7:10 p.m.

1 Conkling Y Sloan Y Riding 2 Warren Y Nolin (5-0)

Attest to:

Amy S. Hill, Secretary

Timothy J. Burget, Mayor