

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009, 6:30 P.M.
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call at 6:32 p.m.

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

City Officials Present: Jeff Mark, Randy Pierce, John Gray, Jerry Whetstone, Vern Willey, John Shaw, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden

Audience Present: Brent Culp, Dennis Keller, Kyle Mertz, Caleb Smith, Krista Kielsmeier, Scott Sloan, Ike Sloan

**** Mayor Bob Andeweg of Urbandale, 3600 86th St., Urbandale, Iowa, presented Council Member Skip Conkling a plaque in appreciation to his services to the Metro Area Council (MAC).

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Tim Burget requested a motion to approve agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Approval of December 7, 2009, Council Minutes

Mayor Burget requested a motion to approve minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. Citizens request to address council

No one came forward to speak.

5. Resolution to approve Preliminary Tuscany Commercial Plat 1

Resolution #12-21-2009 #01 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PRELIMINARY TUSCANY COMMERCIAL PLAT 1

Mayor Burget explained this is the preliminary plat for the Tuscany commercial development. The property is located at the corner of 8th Street SE and 14th Avenue SE (NE 80th Street). The Plat is 7.98 acres in size and Lot 1 is 1.51 acres in size. The property is zoned Conditional C-2 (General Commercial). City Administrator Jeff Mark stated that staff and representatives from Hubbell resolved all outstanding issues.

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. Resolution appointing the City of Altoona's Representation to the MPO

Resolution #12-21-2009 #02 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CITY OF ALTOONA'S REPRESENTATION TO THE MPO

Mayor Burget explained the MPO requests their appointments be made prior to January 1. The changes are as follows: Michelle Sloan will be a representative along with Jerry Nolin. Kyle Mertz will be an alternate along with Joe Riding. The tech committee will remain the same with Vern Willey and John Shaw as representatives and Aaron Putnam and Chad Quick serving as alternates.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. **Resolution to designate representatives from the City of Altoona, Iowa to the Metro Waste Authority's Board of Directors**
Resolution #12-21-2009 #03 RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY OF ALTOONA, IOWA TO THE METRO WASTE AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Mayor Burget explained the MPO requests their appointments be made prior to January 1. Stacey Warren will be the representative and Mayor Burget will be the alternate.
Roll Call Vote:
Y Conkling 1 Sloan Y Riding Y Warren 2 Nolin (5-0)
8. **Resolution to authorize the City of Altoona to approve the amendment to intergovernmental agreement for the promotion of tourism and convention activities in the greater Des Moines area**
Resolution #12-21-2009 #04 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM AND CONVENTION ACTIVITIES IN THE GREATER DES MOINES AREA
Mayor Burget stated this amendment updates many of the provisions contained in the agreement due to the addition of new parties to the agreement. The language changes reflect the new member agencies and account for the inclusion of council-members and members of the board of supervisors. The original agreement called for mayors to be the CVB board representatives.
Roll Call Vote:
Y Conkling 2 Sloan Y Riding 1 Warren Y Nolin (5-0)
9. **Consider approval of revisions of sport league lease agreements**
Mayor Burget explained the agreements have been revised to reflect concerns raised by the leagues. City Administrator Mark explained the agreements have been reviewed by the Parks Board. They have two concerns. First, the Parks Board disagrees with the leagues and staff that the leagues should be allowed to control food and beverages at the ball fields. Concessions are a source of revenue for the leagues and since the city requires the leagues to be self-sufficient, concessions are an important source of revenue. The second issue concerns the dogs on the playing fields. The Parks Board is against allowing them on the field. The staff's position is that the leagues would need to approve requests for dogs on the field. Council Member Joe Riding motioned to table the decision on revisions until there is clarification when the limitation of non-concession food. Council Member Conkling seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
2 Conkling Y Sloan 1 Riding Y Warren Y Nolin (5-0)
10. **Randy Fix to address the council regarding grease interceptor installation at the Big Steer**
Mayor Burget stated Randy Fix has requested to be on the agenda to address the interceptor installation at the Big Steer. Randy Fix addressed the council with concerns regarding the installation of a grease interceptor at the Big Steer that was required by the WRA. Mr. Fix requested assistance from the City by lending him \$50,000 to be repaid over the next 10 years. Council Member Conkling motioned to grant Randy Fix a loan from TIF funds for 7 years to not exceed \$50,000 with 5% interest to repaid monthly with the Big Steer's water bill. Council Member Nolin seconded the motioned and then asked whether funds from the City sewer fund could be used instead of TIF. Council Member Conkling disagreed with the use of sewer funds stating that TIF was set up to handle these types of small business interests. Council Member Nolin withdrew his second. The motion failed due to the lack of a second to the motion. Council Member Nolin motioned for staff to explore the possibility of using city funds to provide low interest loans to business owners with these types of circumstances. Council Member Stacey Warren seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Consent Agenda

a) **Allow Bills**

b) **Capital Projects**

B1) **Pay App #2 – Altoona Soccer Park – Elder Corporation - \$255,326.03**

B2) **Pay App #6 – Prairie Heritage Civic Center Plaza – Larson & Larson Construction - \$163,974.75**

B3) **Change Order #3 – Adventureland Drive NW Phase 2 – Manatts, Inc. - \$10,421.52**

B4) **Pay App #3 – Adventureland Drive NW Phase 2 – Manatts, Inc. - \$56,237.39**

B5) **Change Order #12 – NW Commercial Area – Phase 1 Division 1 Improvements - \$1,582.00**

B6) **Pay App #26 – NW Commercial Area – Phase I Division 1 Improvements - \$1,502.90**

B7) **Change Order #5 – Grading & Paving of Adventureland Dr. NE & 11th Ave. NE – Eco Tech Construction, LLC – (13,574.70)**

B8) **Pay App #8 – Grading & Paving of Adventureland Dr. NE & 11th Ave. NE – Eco Tech Construction, LLC - \$1,520.70**

Roll Call Vote:

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

12. Beer & Liquor Permits

a) **Altoona Floral – Native Wine**

Police Chief 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)

b) **Adventureland Inn – Class B (Hotel/Motel)**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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c) **Adventureland Inn – Class E (Hard Liquor)**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

d) **Adventureland Park Palace – Class C (Commercial)**

Police Chief 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)

e) **Kum ‘n Go – Class C (Beer & Wine)**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

*Council Member Michelle Sloan stated the Library Board has hired a new director. Her name is Kim Keitzman and she will begin on January 11, 2010.

*Mayor Burget presented Council Member Conkling with a plaque of appreciation for 16 years of service to the City of Altoona serving on the city council and representing our interests on many committees.

*Council Member Conkling expressed his appreciation to city staff for making his 16 years of service much easier because of their dedication. He also stated he enjoyed working with the variety of individuals who have made up the councils throughout the years.

16. Adjourn

Roll Call Vote at 7:30 pm:

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

Attest to:

Amy S. Hill, Secretary

Timothy Burget, Mayor