

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010, 6:30 P.M.
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Burget- present Mertz- present Nolin- present
Riding- present Sloan- present Warren- absent

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, Joan Nolin, Jeff Nolin, Sue Knoll, Drew Rosander

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

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

Roll Call Vote:

Y Mertz 2 Sloan Y Riding A Warren 1 Nolin (4-0)

3. Approval of January 4 and 11, 2010, Council Minutes

Mayor Burget requested a motion to approve minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Mertz 1 Sloan Y Riding A Warren 2 Nolin (4-0)

4. Citizens request to address council

No one came forward to speak.

5. Public Hearing to consider approval of water rate increase

Mayor Burget explained the council needs to consider increasing the water rate per 1000 gallons from \$5.18 to \$5.78 effective February 1, 2010. This increase was planned to cover the costs for the capitals projects.

Open Hearing at 6:31 pm

Public Comment: No one came forward to speak.

Close Hearing at 6:32 pm

6. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Altoona, Iowa, 2004, by amending Chapter 92, Section 02 (Water Rates)

ORDINANCE NO. 1-18-2010 # 1 (317) APPROVE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, IOWA, 2004, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 92, SECTION 02 (WATER RATES)

Roll Call Vote: (1st reading)

Y Mertz 1 Sloan N Riding A Warren 2 Nolin (3-1)

Roll Call Vote: (waive 2nd & 3rd reading)

Y Mertz 2 Sloan 1 Riding A Warren Y Nolin (4-0)

Roll Call Vote: (to publish)

Y Mertz 1 Sloan Y Riding A Warren 2 Nolin (4-0)

7. **Public Hearing to consider approval of sewer rate increase**
Mayor Burget stated the council needs to consider increasing the sewer rate per 1000 gallons from \$5.13 to \$6.36 effective February 1, 2010. This increase was planned to cover the costs for capital projects.
 Open Hearing at 6:33 pm
 Public Comment: No one came forward to speak.
 Close Hearing at 6:34 pm
8. **Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Altoona, Iowa, 2004, by amending Chapter 98, Section 10 (Sewer Rates)**
ORDINANCE NO. 1-18-2010 # 2 (318) APPROVE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, IOWA, 2004, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 98, SECTION 10 (SEWER RATES)
 Roll Call Vote: (1st reading)
1 Mertz 2 Sloan N Riding A Warren Y Nolin (3-1)
 Roll Call Vote: (waive 2nd & 3rd reading)
Y Mertz 2 Sloan 1 Riding A Warren Y Nolin (4-0)
 Roll Call Vote: (to publish)
Y Mertz 2 Sloan Y Riding A Warren 1 Nolin (4-0)
9. **Consider approval of professional services agreement storm water utility development project**
Mayor Burget explained this is a professional services agreement from Snyder & Associates, Inc., for the storm water utility study. The scope of the work to be performed includes preparation and digitization of an impervious area geographic information systems database, storm water utility rate calculation, public education program meetings, billing systems and utility rate implementation review and development of the storm water management utility ordinance. The cost of the study shall be on an hourly basis not to exceed \$34,000.
 Roll Call Vote:
2 Mertz Y Sloan 1 Riding A Warren Y Nolin (4-0)
- *Council Member Stacey Warren arrives at 6:36pm**
10. **Consider approval of development, operation and lease agreement of sports league facilities**
Mayor Burget stated this is the revised sports league lease agreement per council's direction. City Administrator Jeff Mark explained the agreement allows the league to restrict outside food during tournament play. Council Member Joe Riding requested that the league be reminded that the fields can be used by Altoona citizens when not being utilized by the league or when fields have not been prepared for game play. Council Member Michelle Sloan also agreed.
 Roll Call Vote:
2 Mertz 1 Sloan Y Riding Y Warren Y Nolin (5-0)
11. **Mayor Appointments**
- a) **Polk County Aviation Board** – Brant Anderson
Resolution 01-18-10 #01 RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRANT ANDERSON AS THE CITY OF ALTOONA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE POLK COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY
 Roll Call Vote:
Y Mertz 2 Sloan 1 Riding Y Warren Y Nolin (5-0)
- b) **Building Board of Appeals**
 -Mike Harmeyer – Residential Builder
 -Eric Mason – Owner of Rental Property
 -Skip Conkling – Retired Plumbing & Mechanical Contractor
 -Terry Bennigsdorf – Master Electrician & Des Moines Electrical Inspector

-Jeff Nolin – Citizen

Roll Call Vote:

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

***Jeff Nolin sworn in as Board of Appeals member**

12. Consent Agenda

a) **Allow Bills**

b) **Capital Project**

B1) **Pay App #3 – Altoona Soccer Park – Elder Corporation - \$79,036.00**

B2) **Pay App #3 – Grading & Iowa Cold Storage Rail Spur Construction – Midwest I, LLC - \$263,191.65**

c) **Resolution to fix a date at which it is proposed to take action for the issuance of not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Refunding Bonds, Series 2010A
Resolution 01-18-10 #02 RESOLUTION TO FIX A DATE AT WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO TAKE ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION URBAN RENEWAL REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010A**

d) **Resolution approving requests for tax abatement**

Resolution 01-18-10 #03 RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUESTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. Beer & Liquor Permits

a) **Olde Town Tap – Class C (Commercial)**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

b) **Anthony's Lounge – Class C (Commercial)**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

c) **Jasmine's Rice and Noodles – Class C (Beer & Wine)**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

14. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

*Council Member Riding shared that a development committee has been formed to create a city-wide celebration for the 2010 year. Council Member Riding asked City Administrator Mark about liability coverage. City Administrator Mark explained the liability coverage and the coverage needed by the organizations.

*Mayor Burget stated that the Altoona Economic Development Corporation had paid the final check on the building of Bass Pro. He also shared that a economist from Iowa State spoke at the Mayors' Meeting.

15. Adjourn

Roll Call Vote at 6:50 pm:

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

Attest to:

Amy S. Hill, Secretary

Timothy Burget, Mayor