

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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- absent Sloan- present Warren- absent

City Officials Present: Jeff Mark, Randy Pierce, Ken Dales, John Shaw, Vern Willey, Karen Oppelt, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden

Audience Present: Brent Culp, Dennis Keller, Mark Jones, Bret Handy, Brant Anderson, Jerry Oliver, Kari Aalbers

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Tim Burget requested to remove item #10B2 from the agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

1 Mertz 2 Sloan A Riding A Warren Y Nolin (3-0)

3. Approval of September 20, 2010 Council Minutes

Mayor Burget requested motion to approve minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Mertz 2 Sloan A Riding A Warren 1 Nolin (3-0)

***Council Member Stacey Warren arrived at 6:33pm**

4. Citizens request to address council

Leonard Free, 3213 NE 80th Street, Altoona, came forward to discuss the storm water drainage issue along his property with the construction of the Altoona Sports Complex. City Administrator Jeff Mark explained when the project is complete the storm water drainage issue will be improved. Engineer Brent Culp of Snyder & Associates, 2727 Snyder Blvd, Ankeny, Iowa, spoke in regards to the scope of the storm water retention on the project. Community Services Director Vern Willey explained that the project was behind due to weather and Elder Corporation. The plan is for Elder Corporation to be done with the storm water detention this fall so the issue should be addressed in time for spring thaw. Mayor Burget requested staff and Mr. Free to meet and review the project plans. City Administrator Mark stated he would have more rock delivered to Mr. Free to fill in the water pockets created by the storm water issues in August.

5. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Altoona, Iowa, 2004 to rezone approximately 2.56 acres of property from A-1 (Agricultural) to C-6 (Commercial Entertainment/Recreation) for Adventurelands of America (2nd Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 9-20-2010 #1 (326) AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, IOWA, 2004, TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 2.56 ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-6 (COMMERCIAL ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION) FOR ADVENTURELANDS OF AMERICA

Mayor Burget explained Adventurelands of America is requesting a rezoning of three parcels they recently acquired. The current parcels are zoned A-1 (Agricultural). They are proposing to rezone the three parcels to C-6 (Commercial Entertainment/Recreation). This is the same zoning as the remainder of their property. Adventurelands of America is planning to extend the park and attractions into this area. Kari Aalbers, 446 31st Avenue SW, Altoona, requested information on

type of plant material planned for the berm, construction work hours, hours of operations, construction traffic and rezoning of separate residential properties. Jerry Oliver, of CEC located at 2400 86th Street, Des Moines, representing Adventure Lands of America, Inc., acknowledged the need for Adventureland to put the berm in. City Administrator Mark explained the berm, hours of operations and buildings will be good issues to bring up with Adventureland as they move into the site plan. Mayor Burget explained that the council said there would be no “spot zoning” but the residential property is contiguous to the current Adventureland property. Mayor Burget explained that Adventureland is allowed to access their property from the residential area but general admission will be restricted from 31st Street and addressed with the final site plan.

Roll Call Vote: (2nd Reading)

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

Roll Call Vote: (Waive 3rd Reading)

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

Roll Call Vote: (To publish)

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

6. Resolution to approve membership into Des Moines Partnership

Resolution #10-04-2010 #01 TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP INTO DES MOINES PARTNERSHIP

Mayor Burget explained this membership is for the ‘Choose Des Moines First’ and the fee is \$10,000. The Des Moines Partnership promotes the Greater Des Moines area in advertising throughout the nation and internationally.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. Resolution approving City of Altoona Park Department request for Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant

Resolution #10-04-2010 #02 APPROVING CITY OF ALTOONA PARK DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR PRAIRIE MEADOWS LEGACY GRANT

Mayor Burget stated staff is requesting council’s approval to submit an additional Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant request. City Administrator Mark explained the Council has already approved the submittal of the Fire Department’s request for a ladder truck in the amount of \$900,000. The new request is for the band shelter to be constructed at the Prairie Heritage Civic Plaza in the amount of \$540,000. Per the grant criteria, staff is recommending that the band shelter incorporate Prairie Meadows in its name. Council Member Gerald Nolin motioned approval with priority to be given to Fire Department’s legacy grant request. Council Member Michelle Sloan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

8. Bret Handy to address council in regards to water bill

Mayor Burget explained Bret Handy, a resident of Altoona, has inadvertently not been charged for water usage that has gone through his irrigation meter since installation in 1999. City Administrator Mark stated this was discovered this summer when the staff was installing the new radio read meters. Apparently, the old meter system was not entered into the city’s computer system, or was improperly installed. City Administrator Mark explained since 1999, the irrigation meter has had 324,000 gallons of water usage. The city has no way of tracking what the water rate was for all 324,000 gallons used in the past 11 years. Council Member Stacey Warren motioned that Mr. Handy pay \$500 over the next 6 months. Council Member Kyle Mertz seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

9. Brant Anderson to give an update on Polk County Aviation Authority

Mayor Burget introduced Brant Anderson who is our representative to the Polk County Aviation Authority. Brant Anderson, 2204 9th St. SW, Altoona, gave an update on the Polk County Aviation Authority's organization activities.

10. Consent Agenda

- a) **Allow Bills**
- b) **Capital Projects**
 - B1) **Final Pay App – Venbury Fire Station Addition – Edge Commercial, LLC. - \$9,064.02**
 - B2) **REMOVED**
- c) **Resolution approving tax abatement requests**
Resolution #10-04-2010 #03 APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT REQUESTS
- d) **Consider consultant services agreement with Snyder & Associates, Inc. for Casebeer Wetland Mitigation Monitoring**
- e) **Resolution to approve an application to the *Trees Please!* Grant Program and to contribute matching funds**
Resolution #10-04-2010 #04 TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION TO THE TREES PLEASE! GRANT PROGRAM AND TO CONTRIBUTE MATCHING FUNDS
- f) **Set Public Hearing for October 18th at 6:30 pm to consider vacating a portion of right-of-way in the 1000 block of 8th Street SW**

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

*Mayor Burget requested a storm water update for possible improvements. Community Services Director Willey explained that staff has continued to meet with Snyder & Associates, Inc. in regards to different options for reducing the amount of footing tiles that are draining into the sanitary sewer in certain areas of town. Mr. Willey stated they will have a presentation ready for council at the October 11 work session and is hoping to get some direction from council on how they want to proceed.

*Council Member Warren gave an update on the BRAVO special funding sub committee.

*City Administrator Mark shared that Vista Real Estate is hoping to host the Home Show Expo in Altoona. There are some requirements that the city would need to meet to be able to accommodate the show. Mr. Mark indicated he will keep the council informed.

*Mayor Burget shared that the historical building's exterior restoration has been completed.

12. Adjourn

Roll Call Vote at 7:31 pm:

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

Attest to:

Amy S. Hill, Secretary

Timothy Burget, Mayor