

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call at 6:32 p.m.

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

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

**Audience Present:** Brent Culp, Dennis Keller, Mark Jones, Scott Henry, Ed Skinner, Kari Grett, Dana Gruber, John Rullman, Tim Mallicoat, Keith Kuennen

**2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda**

Mayor Tim Burget requested to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**3. Approval of October 4 and 11, 2010 Council Minutes**

Mayor Burget requested motion to approve minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**4. Citizens request to address council**

\*Kari Grett, 505 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Altoona, came to request some relief on her water bill which has been in excess of \$700 total for two months in a row due to leaky toilet. Mayor Burget asked if the toilet was fixed now. Ms. Grett responded that the parts have been bought and the toilet is currently turned off. Council Members Kyle Mertz and Gerald Nolin stated they would be willing to discuss this further when if Ms. Grett would like to bring it back as an agenda item. Mayor Burget requested Ms. Grett to discuss the options with City Clerk Randy Pierce and come back to the council with a request.

**5. Public Hearing to consider vacating a portion of right-of-way in the 1000 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW**

Mayor Burget explained a developer is planning on constructing a 6,000 square foot commercial retail building in the 1000 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW. This is the site of the old Altoona Vet Clinic located at 1005 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW. As part of the site plan, the developer is asking that a portion of the right-of-way be vacated and sold to the developer. Chuck Bishop from Bishop Engineering, 3501 104<sup>th</sup> St., Urbandale, representing owner Larry Smith, owner explained this will allow for additional parking in front of the proposed building. The vacation request is for a strip of ground 25 feet wide along the frontage of the property. Community Development Director John Shaw explained if approved, there will remain 43 feet of right-of-way between the property line and the curb. This will leave substantial space for future lane widening and utility work. The right-of-way vacation is the first step in the process.

Open Hearing at 6:38 pm

Public Comment:

Closed Hearing at 6:39 pm

**6. Resolution to vacate a portion of right-of-way in the 1000 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW**

**Resolution #10-18-2010 #01 TO VACATE A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 1000 BLOCK OF 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET SW**

Mayor Burget explained this is the resolution to vacate the portion of ROW.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**7. Resolution to approve a site plan for a commercial building at 1005 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW**

**Resolution #10-18-2010 #02 TO APPROVE A SITE PLAN FOR A COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 1005 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET SW**

Mayor Burget stated Smith Properties, LLC is proposing to purchase the property at 1005 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW. The developer is going to raze the existing building and parking lot and construct a new 6,000 square foot building and parking lot. The lot is 1.55 acres in size and is zoned C-2 (General Commercial). With the purchase of the vacated right-of-way the site will have the land required for the proposed 50 parking stalls. The building meets the architectural design standards with it being 100% brick and cultured stone. Council Member Joe Riding motion approval subject to the sale of the ROW to Smith Properties. Council Member Stacey Warren seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**8. Consider approval of extension for Temporary Portable PCC Batch Plant**

Mayor Burget explained the council had received a letter from Ed Skinner representing the Rasmussen Group. The Rasmussen Group is requesting that the council reconsider their request for a temporary extension for the portable PCC batch plant located east of Iowa Cold Storage. Ed Skinner, 160 Adventureland Dr., Suite B, Altoona, representing Rasmussen Group commented that Rasmussen Group has a contract for work related to the construction of the new Prairie Meadows hotel and would like for the extension to be in effect until the completion of the hotel. Council Member Riding motioned approval through the completion of the Prairie Meadows hotel. Council Member Mertz seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**9. Resolution to approve footing drain disconnection financial assistance grant policy**

**Resolution #10-18-2010 #03 TO APPROVE FOOTING DRAIN DISCONNECTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT POLICY**

Mayor Burget explained this policy provides for financial assistance for the disconnection of footing drains from the City's sanitary sewer system. The grants will be available on a tiered reimbursement plan based on the extent of improvement required to disconnect from the sanitary sewer system.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**10. Resolution to approve a plat of survey for Lot 1, Gulling Estates Plat 1 (County)**

**Resolution #10-18-2010 #04 TO APPROVE A PLAT OF SURVEY FOR LOT 1, GULLING ESTATES PLAT 1 (COUNTY)**

Mayor Burget stated the parcel is located in rural Polk County and falls within the City of Altoona's review area. The owner at 8370 NE 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue wants to parcel off a 2,399 square foot piece of Lot 1, and add the square footage to the newly created parcel A.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**11. Consent Agenda**

a) **Allow Bills**

- b) **Capitol Projects**  
 B1) **Pay App #4 – Altoona Soccer Park – Phase 2 – Elder Corporation - \$85,480.76**
- c) **Resolution to approve site plan amendment for Bass Pro Phase 2 – Parking Lot Paving**  
**Resolution #10-18-2010 #05 TO APPROVE SITE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR BASS PRO PHASE 2 – PARKING LOT PAVING**
- d) **Resolution approving writing off of rescue fees for bad debt accounts – Medicare Medicaid – CMS collection fees from 7-1-2010 to 9-30-2010**  
**Resolution #10-18-2010 #06 APPROVING WRITING OFF OF RESCUE FEES FOR BAD DEBT ACCOUNTS – MEDICARE MEDICAID – CMS COLLECTION FEES FROM 7-1-2010 TO 9-30-2010**
- e) **Resolution to fix Monday, November 1, 2010, at 6:30pm at which it is proposed to approve a Development Agreement with Adventurelands of America, Inc., including annual appropriation tax increment payments in an amount not to exceed \$200,000**  
**Resolution #10-18-2010 #06 TO FIX MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010, AT 6:30PM AT WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO APPROVE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ADVENTURELANDS OF AMERICA, INC., INCLUDING ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TAX INCREMENT PAYMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**12. General Business Items/Reports and Updates**

\*Mayor Tim Burget stated he has been excited to be cutting so many new business ribbons.

\*City Administrator Jeff Mark shared that Altoona has been chosen to host the Home Show Expo next July.

**13. Adjourn**

Roll Call Vote at 6:53 pm:

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

Attest to:

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 Amy S. Hill, Secretary

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 Timothy Burget, Mayor