

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011, 6:30 P.M.
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Burget-absent	Mertz- 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 Robert Laden

Audience Present: Brent Culp, Ward Schneider, Chris Brooks, Skip Conkling, Dean O'Connor, Jessica Timperley, Suzette Miesner

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Nolin requested to amend the agenda by removing item #9b.

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Approval of October 17, 2011 Council Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem Nolin requested motion to approve minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. Citizens request to address council

No one came forward to speak.

5. Public hearing to consider lease with Altoona Historical Society

Mayor Pro-Tem Nolin explained that Attorney Bob Laden has prepared the lease and the Altoona Historical Society has reviewed the document. City Administrator Jeff Mark explained the duration of the lease is for an initial term of 25-years and the society shall pay the city on an annual basis the amount of \$1.00 per year for its use of the facility. The terms of this agreement are consistent with other leases for the use of city owned facilities.

Open Hearing at 6:33 pm

Public Comment: No one came forward to speak

Closed Hearing at 6:34 pm

6. Consider approval of lease with Altoona Historical Society

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. Consider approval of proposed fee increase for the Altoona Aquatics Park for the 2012 season

Mayor Pro-Tem Nolin explained the Altoona Campus is making a recommendation for the 2012 Altoona Aquatic's Park admission fees. Altoona Campus Executive Director Bruce Mason explained the recommendation calls for an increase in the daily fees of 25 cents. This would be for residents and non-residents. In addition, the recommendation calls for an increase of \$5.00 for all non-resident season passes. The fees for resident season passes would not change.

Roll Call Vote:

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

8. Consider approval of the management agreement with Greater Altoona Campus for the Altoona Aquatics Park for the 2012 season

Mayor Pro-Tem Nolin explained there are no changes to the language of the agreement other than the dates have been changed.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Mertz _2_ Sloan _Y_ Riding _1_ Warren _Y_ Nolin (5-0)

9. Consider waiving utility fees

Mayor Pro-Tem Nolin explained we have four water customers that are seeking relief on their utility bills.

a) John Johnston – 306 4th Ave. SE

Council Member Stacey Warren moved to approve removing 4,000 gallons from John Johnston's water bill. Council Member Michelle Sloan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Mertz _2_ Sloan _Y_ Riding _1_ Warren _Y_ Nolin (5-0)

b) Item removed from agenda

c) Mike & Jessica Timperley – 1700 17th St. SE

No action taken

d) Ron & Suzette Miesner – 824 10th St. NW

Council Member Warren motioned to deny request to waive the \$39.94 on the water bill and return the \$75.00 turn on fee. Council Member Joe Riding seconded the motion to deny.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Mertz _Y_ Sloan _2_ Riding _1_ Warren _Y_ Nolin (5-0)

10. Consent Agenda

a) Allow Bills

b) Capitol Projects

B1) Pay App #6 – Altoona Water Main Improvements Project 2011 – Synergy Contracting, LLC - \$33,818.18

B2) Pay App #8 – Grading & Iowa Cold Storage Rail Spur Construction – Midwest I, LLC - \$7,036.76

B3) Change Order #2 – Control House & Water Main Improvements Project – Vanderpool Construction, Inc. - \$2,010.00

B4) Pay App #2 – Control House & Water Main Improvements Project – Vanderpool Construction, Inc. - \$404,275.63

B5) Change Order #3 – Adventureland Drive NW Sanitary Sewer Relief Project – Priority Excavating, LLC - \$7,279.43

B6) Pay App #4 – Adventureland Drive NW Sanitary Sewer Relief Project – Priority Excavating, LLC - \$103,762.63

B7) Change Order #1 – Above ground Storage Tank Project – Pittsburg Tank & Tower - \$19,500.00

c) Set a public hearing for Monday, November 21 at 6:30pm to consider an ordinance amendment for Chapter 63.14 to move the special speed zone at 1st Ave South and 13th St SE/SW to 1st Ave South and 24th St SE/SW

Roll Call Vote:

Y Mertz _1_ Sloan _Y_ Riding _2_ Warren _Y_ Nolin (5-0)

11. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

Council Member Riding explained that Hy-Vee will not be sponsoring Music in the Plaza for the 2012 season. The Altoona Chamber has also denied sponsoring, so unless another sponsor steps up there will be no Music in the Plaza.

12. CLOSED SESSION Per Iowa Code 21.5(c) – Pending Litigation

Enter into Closed Session

Roll Call Vote:

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

Return to Regular Session

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. Adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Attest to:

Amy S. Hill, Secretary

Gerald Nolin, Mayor Pro-Tem