

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015, 6:30 P.M.
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call at 6:30 pm

Mayor Conkling – present

Boka – present

Harmeyer – present

Mertz- present

O'Connor – present

Sloan- present

City Officials Present: Jeff Mark, Randy Pierce, Jody Matherly, John Shaw, Jon Hanson, Amy Hill, Scott Atzen, Vern Willey, City Attorney Bob Laden, Mike McClafin

Audience Present: Becca Barrick, May McClelland, Bob Hall, Gerald Madero, Tom Dilts

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Skip Conkling requested to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer Y Mertz 2 O'Connor 1 Sloan (5-0)

3. Present safety award to Mike McClafin

4. Approval of October 5, 2015, Council Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)

5. Citizens request to address council

*Gerald Madero - 2218 Ironwood Dr., Altoona, is the Chair of the Ironwood Cottages Homeowners Association (HOA). The association is requesting the city to take over the maintenance of their street.

*Tom Dilts – 2234 Ironwood Dr., Altoona, agreed with Mr. Madero in regards to the history and the future maintenance issues. Mr. Dilts also believed that the residents having to take care of the road is similar to taxation without benefits.

*Council Member Dean O'Connor explained that the council reviewed the issue at length in regards to this HOA during a council work session. The council shared at that time they did not want to take ownership of the roads and infrastructure that were built to save the homeowners money but did not meet the maintenance requirements for our city equipment (ie. snow removal operations, sidewalks, storm sewer requirements, etc.)

*Council Member Kyle Mertz shared he currently owns a condo in a similar situation here in Altoona. He did not know how this would be fair to take ownership of this one HOA's roads and infrastructure without having to take all of Altoona's HOAs roads and infrastructure.

*Council Member Jeremy Boka explained the issues of having our city equipment attempt to do snow removal in their area which included not being able to plow and also having to haul away the snow. These items cost the rest of the tax payers of Altoona additional funds.

*Mayor Conkling stated that the HOA process does come through the planning and zoning process and the developers pass the cost savings on to the home buyers because the roads do not require the additional concrete or the additional sidewalks. This is done to save money for the home buyers on the front side and the understanding to the homebuyer is the maintenance will be covered by them over the course of home ownership. He stated that he considers this matter closed unless the council directs him they want to make changes.

6. Consent Agenda

a) **Allow Bills**

b) **Capital Projects**

- B1) Pay App #13 – Synergy Contracting LLC – 12th Ave. NW Water & Footing Drain Collector Improvements - \$26,419.74
- c) Resolution 10-19-2015 #01 APPROVING REQUESTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT
- d) Resolution 10-19-2015 #02 ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM CONCRETE PROFESSIONALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,850.73 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADVENTURELAND ESTATES SIDEWALK RAMP PROJECT
- e) Consider approval of amended Safety Coalition of Central Iowa Cities 28E agreement
- f) Set a public hearing for Monday, November 3, 2015, at 6:30pm to consider amendment to the City of Altoona Code of Ordinances Chapter 98.01 (Wastewater Service Charges - Rates)
- g) Set City of Altoona Beggars' Night as October 30, 2015

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz 2 O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)

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

*Council Member Mertz gave an update on BRAVO and MPO.

*Council Member Michelle Sloan shared about the update to the library's frog sculpture

*Mayor Conkling shared the SEP Dollars for Scholars event went well.

10. **Adjourn at 6:51 pm**

Roll Call Vote:

2 Boka Y Harmeyer 1 Mertz Y O'Connor Y Sloan (5-0)

Attest to: _____
Amy S. Hill, Secretary

J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor