

**CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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, Jerry Whetstone, John Shaw, Jon Hanson, Scott Atzen, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden

**Audience Present:** Phyllis Murphy, Adam McRoberts, Nate Clement, Bob Hall, Zach Nunn, Melissa Horton, John McClain

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

Mayor Skip Conkling requested to approve the agenda as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**3. Approval of August 3, 2015, Council Minutes**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**4. Citizens request to address council**

No one came forward to speak.

**5. Mayor to appoint Amy Foust to Library Board**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**6. Representative Zach Nunn to presented legislative update**

**7. Ordinance No. 7-20-2015 #01 (411) AMENDING 2004 CITY OF ALTOONA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 159, SIGN CODE TO ALLOW TRAILBLAZER SIGNS (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**Roll Call Vote (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading):**

2 Boka Y Harmeyer N Mertz 1 O’Connor Y Sloan (4-1)

**Roll Call Vote (To Publish):**

2 Boka Y Harmeyer N Mertz 1 O’Connor Y Sloan (4-1)

**8. Ordinance No. 7-20-2015 #02 (412) AMENDING 2004 CITY OF ALTOONA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 120.05 (11), LIQUOR LICENSE (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

\*Phyllis Murphy, 607 4<sup>th</sup> St. SE, asked council to not pass the ordinance. Altoona Chamber Executive Director Melissa Horton, 119 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, requested that council consider allowing the liquor license change and evaluate the outcomes after Cinemark is allowed to implement the change for a while. Adam McRoberts, 402 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, and Nate Clement, 813 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW, both spoke in support of the change. Council Member Jeremy Boka stated that he appreciated the willingness of the public to come and speak about items they are passionate about and also to maintain the discussion in a civil tone. Mayor Conkling shared that he had received 40 calls against the change but he believes the ordinance change will be an enhancement to Cinemark but that this change would put more

pressure on the police force. Mayor Conkling also stated that he would not veto the ordinance but he would not sign it and in 14 days the change would be legal in the City of Altoona.

**Roll Call Vote (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading):**

2 Boka Y Harmeyer N Mertz 1 O'Connor Y Sloan (4-1)

**Roll Call Vote (To Publish):**

2 Boka Y Harmeyer N Mertz 1 O'Connor Y Sloan (4-1)

**9. Resolution No. 8-17-2015 #01 TO APPROVE A FINAL PLAT FOR RC 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION FINAL PLAT**

Community Development Director John Shaw explained this final plat was originally approved by Council in early June but was never recorded. Woodsonia Real Estate, Reuter Corporation, and Menard's have now platted off the southern portion of the original plat (for Discount Tire) and are ready to move forward combining the Menards existing property with the remaining Outlot from the original plat. This new plat is 21.743 acres.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**10. Consider request from AltoonaPalooza to erect signs advertising the event both on public right-of-way and on private property**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**11. Consent Agenda**

a) Allow Bills

b) Resolution No. 8-17-2015 #02 APPROVING REQUESTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT

c) Resolution No. 8-17-2015 #03 LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR COSTS OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT BHNAC SCHEDULE NO. 2015-05, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

d) Consider holding the next scheduled council meeting on Monday, August 31, 2015

**Roll Call Vote:**

Y Boka P Harmeyer Y Mertz 1 O'Connor 2 Sloan (4-0)

**12. Beer & Liquor Permits**

a) Fareway Stores #925 - Class E Liquor License, Class B Wine Permit (Carryout Wine-includes native), Class C Beer Permit

Chief Jody Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

b) Altoona Palooza - Special Class C Liquor License Outdoor

Chief Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

\*Council Member Kyle Mertz shared that he is receiving a lot of feedback about the changes happening in Altoona. People are excited and he is excited about the new marketing campaign that will be revealed soon. He also shared that BRAVO passed the next year's budget.

\*Mayor Conkling stated he appreciated the willingness of the community to share their opinions.

**14. Adjourn at 6:54 pm**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Attest to: \_\_\_\_\_

Amy S. Hill, Secretary

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J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor