

CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016, 6:30 P.M.
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call at 6:30 pm

Mayor Conkling - present

Boka - present

Mertz- present

O'Connor - present

Sloan- present

Willey - present

City Officials Present: Jeff Mark, Randy Pierce, Jody Matherly, Jerry Whetstone, John Shaw, Jon Hanson, Scott Atzen, Jim Utter, Karen Oppelt, Amy Hill, City Attorney Bob Laden

Audience Present: Grant Arnold, Luke Williams, Christina Lynn, Jim Ellingson, Angela Balduchi, Rachel Matson

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Skip Conkling requested to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Approval of February 15 and 22, 2016, Council Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. Citizens request to address council

No one came forward to speak.

5. Public hearing for the City of Altoona's proposed budget for fiscal year 2016/2017

City Clerk Randy Pierce explained per council direction, the detailed budget and budget summary show no increase in the FY 2016/17 levy rate for the City of Altoona.

Hearing opened: 6:34pm

Comments: No one came forward to speak.

Hearing closed: 6:35pm

6. Resolution #03-7-2016 #01 ADOPTING THE CITY OF ALTOONA'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 (TAX RATE 9.94369)

Council Members Kyle Mertz and Michelle Sloan shared positive experiences with the process of working through the budget this year with both council and staff. They enjoyed being able to say yes to some staff and projects after having to be so fiscally tight over the last 5-6 years.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. Consider approval of Easter Egg Scramble for Saturday, March 19, 2016

Mayor Conkling explained this is the same event as in years past. It is being held in Prairie Heritage Park on March 19th and 12:00Pm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

8. Consider approval of CAP Theatre outdoor production of The Tempest August 1-7, 2016 at Haines Park stage on Monday-Saturday 5-9 pm, and Sunday noon-5pm

Mayor Conkling explained Class Act Production is seeking approval to use the Haines Park Stage from August 1st thru the 7th. They will be using the facility for practices and performances. The events will take place from 5PM to 9PM August 1st thru the 6th, and from 12PM to 5PM on the 7th.

Roll Call Vote:

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

9. Consider approval of Music in the Park at Haines Park Stage for last Sunday afternoon/evening in June, July, August, and September, 2016

Mayor Conkling explained Chris Lynn is the organizer for Music in the Park. She is seeking approval to use the Haines Park Stage for the last Sunday in June, July, August and September. The events run from 5PM to 9Pm except for September which runs from 12PM to 4Pm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

10. Consider approval of 2016 Altoona Aquatics Park Rates

Mayor Conkling explained the recommended rates for the 2016 Altoona Aquatics Park Rates. There are increases in some of the rates for this year, but they are small and comparable to other municipal pool rates.

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Consider Consent Agenda

a) Allow Bills

b) Consider approval of GTSB Grant application

c) Set Public Hearing for Monday March 21, 2016, at 6:30 pm to consider a rezoning request from Dr. Copolla for property at 753 8th Street SW to rezone 1.233 acres from R-3 (Multi-family Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial)

d) Set public hearing for Monday March 21, 2016, at 6:30 pm to consider a comprehensive plan land use map amendment from SAJG Boys Rental Properties LLC to amend 1.22 acres from low density residential to commercial at 2662 8th Street SW

e) Set public hearing for Monday March 21, 2016, at 6:30 pm to consider a rezoning request from SAJG Boys Rental Properties LLC to rezone 1.22 acres from R-1 (Single-family Residential) to Conditional C-2 (General Commercial) for property at 2662 8th Street SW

f) Set public hearing for Monday March 21, 2016, at 6:30 pm to consider a development plan amendment for The Shoppes at Prairie Crossing - Waterside Entertainment Territory

g) Set a public hearing for Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:30pm to consider amendment to the 2004 City of Altoona Code of Ordinances Chapter 161.09 (Open Burning and Recreational Fires)

h) Set a public hearing for Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:30pm to consider plans, specifications and form of contract for 2016 Water Main Replacement Project

i) Set a public hearing for Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:30pm to consider Franchise Revenue Statement

j) Set a public hearing for Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:30pm to consider amendment to Electrical Franchise Agreement

k) Set a public hearing for Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:30pm to consider Natural Gas Franchise Agreement

l) Consider approval of league lease with RAMS Baseball Club

m) Consider approval of league lease with Altoona Youth Soccer Association

n) Consider approval of league lease with SEP Youth Tackle Football

o) Consider approval of league lease with Altoona Adult Softball

p) Consider approval of league lease with Altoona Baseball League

q) Consider approval of league lease with Greater Altoona Girls Softball Association

r) Consider approval of league lease with Greater Altoona Campus (Flag Football)

s) Consider approval of league lease with Greater Altoona Campus (Wee Ball)

Roll Call Vote:

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

12. Beer & Liquor Permits

- a) Claxons Smokehouse and Grill - Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Catering, Sunday Sales & Outdoor

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

- b) Monterrey LLC - Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), Sunday Sales

Chief Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- c) Casey's General Store #2916 - 170 36th Ave SW - Class C Beer Permit (BC), Class B Native Wine Permit, Sunday Sales

Chief Matherly stated there were no violations at this establishment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. General Business Items/Reports and Updates

*Council Member Dean O'Connor discussed the upcoming work session that MWA will be presenting information on comingling trash and compost.

*Council Member Kyle Mertz shared that BRAVO is looking for at-large board members. He also shared that MPO will be making decisions this week about STP funding.

*Council Member Vern Willey explained he shared areas for future parks and trails at the last Park Board Meeting.

*Mayor Conkling gave council and update on DART budget meeting and shared that he was attending a CVB meeting to begin working through budget issues.

14. Adjourn at 6:49pm

Roll Call Vote:

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

Attest to:

Amy Hill, Secretary

J.M. Skip Conkling, Mayor