

CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL
Via GoToMeeting
Due to COVID-19 epidemic

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call at 6:30 pm

Mayor O'Connor- present

Boka - present

Burns-Thompson - absent

Duer - present

Mertz- present

Willey - absent

City Officials Present: Jeff Mark, Randy Pierce, Greg Stallman, Jared Ogbourne, John Shaw, John Dostart, Scott Atzen, Jim Utter, Jeff Bierl, Kim Kietzman, Amy Hill and City Attorney Bob Laden

Audience Present: none

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor Dean O'Connor requested to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

2 Boka A Burns-Thompson 1 Duer Y Mertz A Willey (3-0)

3. Approval of February 1, 2021 Council Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

2 Boka A Burns-Thompson 1 Duer Y Mertz A Willey (3-0)

4. Citizens request to address council

None

5. Public hearing prior to project approval to consider a public improvement project which may require acquisition of agriculture land

City Engineer John Dostart explained this is a public hearing to consider proceeding with the necessary steps to acquire ROW for the public improvements to serve property along 8th Street SE. This will include extending the public improvements east to Terrace Hills Golf Course. The owner of the property at 8276 NE 46th Avenue (8th Street SE), has not agreed to the appraised amount for his property. Staff, working with Bob Laden have determined that given the timing required for the completion of this project, it is necessary to proceed with condemnation/emanate domain.

Open hearing at: 6:32pm

Comments: None

Closed hearing at: 6:32pm

6. Resolution #02-15-2021 #01 AUTHORIZING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WHICH MAY REQUIRE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND

Roll Call Vote:

1 Boka A Burns-Thompson 2 Duer Y Mertz A Willey (3-0)

7. Public hearing for plans, specifications and form of contract for 1st Avenue North Reconstruction Project

City Engineer Dostart stated the City of Altoona received and opened bids for the next phase of the 1st Avenue North reconstruction project on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. A total of 7 bids were received with the low bid submitted by Synergy Contracting in the amount of \$4,886,703.50. The funding for the project is included in the CIP budget and is spread over the next two fiscal years.

Open hearing at: 6:33pm

Comments: None

Closed hearing at: 6:33pm

8. Resolution #02-15-2021 #02 APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND FORM OF CONTRACT FOR 1ST AVENUE NORTH RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
Roll Call Vote:
2 Boka A Burns-Thompson 1 Duer Y Mertz A Willey (3-0)
9. Resolution #02-15-2021 #03 APPROVING THE CONTRACT AND BOND FOR 1ST AVENUE NORTH RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
Roll Call Vote:
1 Boka A Burns-Thompson 2 Duer Y Mertz A Willey (3-0)
10. Resolution #02-15-2021 #04 AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR 1ST AVENUE NORTH RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
Roll Call Vote:
2 Boka A Burns-Thompson 1 Duer Y Mertz A Willey (3-0)
11. Resolution #02-15-2021 #05 APPROVING THE MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS FOR FY 21/22
City Clerk Randy Pierce explained this is a redo of the resolution that council approved last meeting. He had included in the resolution the maximum levy rate (9.55227) when he should have included the maximum levy dollar (\$9,847,151) amount of taxes received. Council Member Vern Willey was contacted over the phone to have the correct amount of votes to pass the resolution.
Roll Call Vote:
1 Boka A Burns-Thompson 2 Duer Y Mertz Y Willey (4-0)
12. Resolution #02-15-2021 #06 levying assessments for costs of nuisance abatement BHNAC No. 2021-01, and providing for the payment thereof
City Clerk Pierce explained most of the properties on the lists are there for sidewalk repairs.
Roll Call Vote:
1 Boka A Burns-Thompson 2 Duer Y Mertz A Willey (3-0)
13. Consider Consent Agenda
- a. Allow Bills
 - b. Pay Apps
 - B1) Change Order - Edge Commercial - Terrace Hills Clubhouse - \$331.00
 - B2) Pay App - Koester Construction, Inc. - Northwest Development Area Booster Station - \$27,537.57
 - c. Resolution #02-15-2021 #07 approving requests for tax abatement
 - d. Resolution #02-15-2021 #08 accepting a proposal from The Underground Co. in the amount of \$52,986.00 for the construction of the Spring Creek Storm Sewer PH 2
 - e. Consider approval of MidAmerican Energy to install street lights on 1st Avenue North
 - f. Consider approval of inspection services agreement with Kirkham Michel for 1st Avenue Reconstruction, 2nd Street NW to 9th Street
 - g. Consider approval of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy Program (RISE) Project (Ziegler Drive NW)
 - h. Set a public hearing for Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm to consider the FY 22 proposed budget
 - i. Set a public hearing for Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm to consider an 80/20 voluntary annexation within an urbanized area
 - j. Set a public hearing for Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:30pm to consider an amendment to the City of Altoona Codes of Ordinances Chapter 162.02 (Housing Code)
 - k. Beer and Liquor Permits
 - K1) Git N Go Convenience Store #17 - Class C Beer Permit (BC), Sunday Sales
 - K2) Gilberto's - New - Class B Beer (BB)(Includes Wine Coolers), Sunday Sales
- Roll Call Vote:
1 Boka A Burns-Thompson Y Duer 2 Mertz A Willey (3-0)

14. Department Head Reports & Updates

The following gave updates: Police Department - Greg Stallman, Fire Department - Jared Ogbourne, Public Utilities - Jim Utter, Public Works - Scott Atzen, Engineering - John Dostart, Community Development - John Shaw, Kim Kietzman - Library, IT - Jeff Bierl, Finance - Randy Pierce, Administration - Jeff Mark

15. General Business & Updates

Mayor O'Connor shared an update in regards to water trails.

16. Closed Session - Iowa Code 21.5c (Pending Litigation)

Roll Call Vote (To enter into closed session):

1 Boka A Burns-Thompson 2 Duer Y Mertz A Willey (3-0)

Roll Call Vote (To return to regular meeting):

2 Boka A Burns-Thompson Y Duer 1 Mertz A Willey (3-0)

17. Adjourn at 7:55pm

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka A Burns-Thompson 1 Duer 2 Mertz A Willey (3-0)

Attest to:

Amy S. Hill, Secretary

Dean O'Connor, Mayor