

CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024, 6:30 P.M.
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call at 6:30 pm

Mayor O'Connor- present

Boka - present

Duer - present

Dunwoody - present

Evans - present

Stewart - present

City Officials Present: Randy Pierce, Greg Stallman, Jared Ogbourne, John Kraemer, John Shaw, Scott Atzen, Dan Scott, John Dostart, Chad Quick, Jeff Bierl, Andy Lent, Patti Murray, City Attorney Bob Laden.

Audience Present: Stephanie White, Phyllis Murphy, Jon Moss, Deb Leech, Joe Kelly, Terry Thorson, Gary Palmer, Michael Lusky, Brian Ohorilko, Michele Wilkie, Ryan Koopmans, Joe Shepherd, Brad Skinner, Heather Sievers, Alex Payne, Ludmila Scott, Karina Scott and Sabrina Scott.

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda

Mayor O'Connor requested agenda be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka 1 Duer 2 Dunwoody Y Evans Y Stewart (5-0)

3. Brad Robbins with Iowa Rural Water Association (IRWA) presenting a scholarship award to Karina Scott.

Mayor Dean O'Connor presented the Iowa Rural Water Association (IRWA) scholarship to Karina Scott.

4. Approval of May 20, 2024 and May 28, 2024, Council Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

2 Boka Y Duer 1 Dunwoody Y Evans Y Stewart (5-0)

5. Citizens request to address council -
None

6. Consider request from Adventureland to hold Fireworks Display on the following dates: Thursday July 4th, Saturday July 20th, Saturday August 3rd, Saturday September 14th, Friday October 25th, and Saturday October 26th, all starting at 9:45 pm.

City Administrator Randy Pierce stated the city received a request from Adventureland for these dates to display their fireworks. They have gone through the process of having it looked at and inspected by the Fire Marshall. Next step in the process is for it to come before the City Council for consideration.

Michael Lusky, 223 NW Greenway Place, Waukee stated being in the amusement industry that safety is a number one propriety. Adventureland's 50th anniversary is an extra celebration, and they want to have fireworks and a concert to celebrate each decade. They were unaware of needing to discuss this request with Prairie Meadows. After some conversations it was determined that we needed to come before the council to make our request. We want to be good neighbors.

Councilmember Evans asked if the application requesting to have fireworks included dates? Wanting to make sure that no one gave them the indication that those dates were ok'd.

Michael Lusky stated no one gave them the indication that those dates were going to be ok'd.

Mayor O'Connor stated that the Council had received letters from State Veterinaries, Brian Ohorilko and The Horseman's Association.

Ryan Koopmans, 31219 Napa Valley Drive, Waukee, IA stated he represented the Iowa Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. He noted that there are approximately 1300 horses at Prairie Meadows and approximately 20% of the horses must be tranquilized during fireworks.

Deb Leech, 3075 NW 74th Avenue, Ankeny, IA stated she wanted to share what happens during

fireworks with regards to the horses. She also discussed the procedure for setting start times. Joe Kelly, 32276 R Avenue, Adel, IA stated he had to tranquilize his horses. He explained how that affects the horses' training and racing.

Jon Moss, 3447 6th Avenue SW, Altoona, IA commented about the possibility of getting a positive test result from the tranquilizing medications. Also commented on the length of time the racing schedule had been out.

Stephanie White, 1661 Q Avenue, Madrid, IA stated she is an Equine Veterinarian and wanted to speak about the medical aspects of horses and stress.

Councilmember Boka asked how thunderstorms affect the horses?

Stephanie White answered that storms also have a very detrimental effect on the horses.

Councilmember Duer stated it was mentioned that the horses can feel the fireworks. So how far away does the horse have to be to not feel the fireworks.

Stephanie White stated that horses would be more sensitive for longer and further away than people are.

Brian Ohorilko, 8736 NE 50th, Altoona, IA stated he has served as the administrator for the Racing and Gaming Commission for the last twelve years. He just wanted to confirm all the statements regarding safety and business with regards to the fireworks.

The Mayor and Council made statements about how much they appreciate both businesses in town. With regards to fireworks, we have had other groups' present concerns. Discussed the possible underlying liability that was probably not necessary to expose the City of Altoona to. The council suggested that the two groups meet and try to work on a schedule to accommodate more dates.

The council confirmed that September 28, 2024 is the last racing day horses are physically onsite. City Attorney Bob Laden confirmed the liability risk.

Councilmember Boka motioned to approve July 4, 2024, October 25, 2024, and October 26, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

1 Boka Y Dunwoody 2 Duer Y Evans A Stewart (4-0-1 Abstention)

7. Resolution to approve a plat of survey for Parcel #2024-68 (4.77 acres).

Community Development John Shaw stated Contractor Solutions wants to combine two (2) parcels into one 4.77 acres piece of land to be recorded as Parcel 2024-68. This land is located directly 800 feet west of the intersection of 20th Avenue NW and 21st Street NW.

Councilmember Boka motioned approval subject to deficiencies being met.

Roll Call Vote:

1 Boka 2 Duer Y Dunwoody Y Evans Y Stewart (5-0)

8. Resolution to approve a site plan for Contractor Solutions.

Community Development John Shaw stated Contractor Solutions is requesting approval of a site plan to allow an expansion of their outdoor storage. They have outgrown their current site and have acquired the parcel directly west of them to expand their operation. The proposed site plan details the pavement expansion, landscaping, and fencing.

Councilmember Boka motioned approval subject to deficiencies being met.

Roll Call Vote:

1 Boka Y Duer 2 Dunwoody Y Evans Y Stewart (5-0)

9. Resolution to approve a final plat for Spring Creek Ridge West Plat 1.

Community Development John Shaw stated this is the final plat for Spring Creek Ridge West Plat 1. Stubbs Development, the developer, is close to completing the construction of phase 1 of the development and is looking to finalize the southeastern portion.

Councilmember Duer motioned approval subject to deficiencies being met.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Boka 1 Duer 2 Dunwoody Y Evans Y Stewart (5-0)

10. Resolution to approve site plan amendments for ATN1, ATN2, ATN3-4, ATN 5-6, PCI 1-2, PCI 3-4, and PCI5-6 of the Meta Campus.
Community Development John Shaw stated this is a request from META to approve site plan amendments for the ATN Campus and the PCI Campus.
Craig Bennett, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE explained about the multiple site plans. He also wanted to say thank you from Meta to the City of Altoona, Council, Staff and Boards.
Councilmember Duer motioned approval subject to deficiencies being met
Roll Call Vote:
2 Boka 1 Duer Y Dunwoody Y Evans Y Stewart (5-0)
11. Consider request for Altoona Arts & Culture Commission to use funding from budget to help support Altoona Historical Society's 4th of July post parade event at Haines Park. Total \$3,000 (\$2,000 for Inflatables and \$1,000 for music).
City Administrator Randy Pierce stated this request comes from the Altoona Historical Society to have inflatables and some live music in Haines Park after the July 4th parade. They are requesting funding from the Altoona Arts & Culture Commission Budget for these activities.
Roll Call Vote:
2 Boka 1 Duer Y Dunwoody Y Evans Y Stewart (5-0)
12. Consider Consent Agenda
- a) Allow Bills
 - b) Pay Apps
 - B1) Pay App 6 - Elder Corporation - Spring Creek Park South Pond Boat Ramp and Parking Lot - \$8,396.40.
 - B2) Pay App 6 - Alliance Construction Group - 8th Street SE Widening - \$74,083.53.
 - B3) Pay App 2 - RW Excavating Solutions, LC - Spring Creek North Pond Bank Stabilization - \$32,682.57.
 - c) Consider approving the funding agreement with the Iowa DOT.
 - d) Consider approving the City of Altoona Procurement Card Policy.
 - e) Resolution authorizing Public Hearing to consider the grant of a gas easement in Outlot D, Venbury Plat 8, Outlot C, and Venbury Plat 17.
 - f) Set a public hearing for June 17, 2024, to consider a request from Sunstone Investments LLC to rezone 34.8 acres from A-1 (Agricultural District) to C-2 (General Commercial).
 - g) Resolution authorizing July 1, 2024, Salaries.
 - h) Consider Approval of Waste Hauler Permits
 - i) Consider Approval of Cigarette/Tobacco Permits
 - j) Consider Event Request -
 - 1) WillowFest - Willowbrook Elementary - July 3rd, 2024 (2nd Annual)
 - 2) Enabling Garden Food Bank Collection Event - June 29, 2024 at 9:00 am
 - k) Beer and Liquor Permits
 - 1) Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant - Class C Retail Alcohol License & Outdoor Sales.
 - 2) Burger Shed - Class C Retail Alcohol License & Outdoor Sales.
- Roll Call Vote:
1 Boka 2 Duer Y Dunwoody Y Evans Y Stewart (5-0)
13. Department Head Reports & Updates
The following gave updates: Police Department-Greg Stallman, Fire Department-Jared Ogbourne, Public Utilities-Dan Scott, Public Works-Scott Atzen, Engineering-John Dostart, Community Development-John Shaw, Economic Development-Chad Quick, HR-Patti Murray, IT-Jeff Bierl, Finance-Andy Lent, City Administrator-Randy Pierce.
14. General Business

15. Adjourn at 7:30pm

Roll Call Vote:

1 Boka 2 Duer Y Dunwoody Y Evans Y Stewart (5-0)

Attest to:

Randy Pierce, City Clerk

Dean O'Connor, Mayor