CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025, 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, Alyssa Wilson, Steve Harris, Jared Ogbourne, Dan Scott, Scott Atzen, John Dostart, John Shaw, Chad Quick, Patti Murray, Jeff Bierl, Andy Lent, and City Attorney Dan Manning.

Audience Present: Phyllis Murphy, Matt Stoffel, Altoona Lions Club, Dean & Tami Nelson, Brenda Morrow, Tresa Vedder, Mark Holm, and online Jim Kerr.

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda.

Mayor O'Connor requested agenda be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

_1_ Boka _Y_ Duer _2_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

3. Approval of May 5, 2025, Council Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

_2_ Boka _Y_ Duer _1_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

4. Citizens request to address council - None

5. Swearing in of new Chaplain Eli Suddarth.

Mayor O'Connor swore in Eli Suddarth.

6. Swearing in Officer Ethan Drown on completing the ILEA and becoming a certified police officer.

Mayor O'Connor swore in Ethan Drown.

7. The Altoona Lions Club will be presenting K9 Nala & Dixie Walker with a check.

Altoona Lions Club presented Dixie Walker with a check.

8. Recognizing Officer Dixie Walker and K9 Nala with the Crisis Canines of the Midlands Academy Graduation Certificate.

Mayor O'Connor swore in Dixie Walker.
Polk County Supervisor Mark Holm presented Dixie Walker with a check.
Lieutenant Harris presented Dixie Walker with the Crisis Canine graduation certificate.

9. Recognizing Officer Dixie Walker with the article in American Police Beat-Iowa officer builds bridges by breaking the language barrier.

Lieutenant Harris presented Dixie Walker with the article in American Police Beat-Iowa.

10. Proclamation for Recognition of EMS Week May 18 – 24, 2025.

Mayor O'Connor proclaimed May 18 – 24, 2025 as EMS Week.

11. Proclamation for Recognition of May 2025 as Bike Month - City of Altoona.

Mayor O'Connor proclaimed May 2025 as Bike Month.

12. Public Hearing to consider adopting the FY25 Budget Amendment.

Finance Director Andy Lent stated this is the second amendment of the FY2025 Annual Budget with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Before approving the amendment, the Council must hold a

public hearing with notice published 10-20 days prior to the hearing. Notice was published in the Des Moines Register on Friday, May 2, 2025.
Hearing opened at 6:47pm
C**omments:** No one came forward to speak.
Hearing closed at 6:47pm

13. **Resolution to Approve FY25 Budget Amendment.**
Roll Call Vote:
_1_ Boka _Y_ Duer _2_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

14. **Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the proposed "Code of Ordinances of the City of Altoona, Iowa.**
City Administrator Randy Pierce stated this public hearing allows the city council to approve the updated version of our city code. This process brings all our city codes up to state standards.
Hearing opened at 6:48pm
C**omments:** No one came forward to speak.
Hearing closed at 6:48pm

15. **Ordinance adopting the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Altoona, Iowa."**
Roll Call Vote (1st Reading):
_1_ Boka _Y_ Duer _2_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)
Roll Call Vote(2nd & 3rd Reading):
_1_ Boka _Y_ Duer _2_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)
Roll Call Vote (To Publish):
_1_ Boka _Y_ Duer _2_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

16. **Public Hearing to consider a request from IALCO Polk County, L.L.C., IALCO Polk County Two, L.L.C., and IALCO Polk County Three, L.L.C., to rezone 373.34 acres from A-1 (Agricultural District) to conditional M-1 (Limited Industrial). (John Shaw)**
Community Development Director John Shaw stated the applicant(s) for this project, IALCO Polk County, L.L.C., IALCO Polk County Two, L.L.C., IALCO Polk County Three, L.L.C., have submitted an application for the rezoning of 373.34 acres from A-1 (Agricultural District) to conditional M-1 (Limited Industrial). At this time, the applicants have requested that the public hearing be continued until the June 2, 2025.
Hearing opened at 6:49pm
C**omments:**
Tami Nelson, 4184 NE 70th Avenue, Ankeny stated they are opposed to the rezoning & concerned about property values.
Jim Kerr, 6155 NE Berwick Dr., Berwick (online) – stated how the rezoning of the area is ruining the property values and the truck traffic on 62nd is just crazy.
Councilmember Duer motioned to continue until June 2, 2025.
Roll Call Vote:
_2_ Boka _1_ Duer _Y_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

17. **Public Hearing to consider plans, specifications, and forms of contract for the Water Main Replacement 2025 Project.**
City Engineer John Dostart stated we received bids for the City's Water Main Replacements 2025 project on May 13, 2025. This project will replace undersized watermains along 6th St. SW, in front of Altoona Elementary, and 3rd Ave. SW from 6th St. SW to 8th St. SW. Staff is recommending award of this project to Synergy Contracting and request that the motions to approve the contract and bond and the award of the contract are made subject to the City Attorney's review.
Hearing opened at 6:52pm
C**omments:** No one came forward to speak.
Hearing closed at 6:53pm

18. **Resolution to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated costs for the Water Main Replacement 2025 Project.**
Councilmember Boka motioned approval subject to deficiencies.
Roll Call Vote:
_1_ Boka _2_ Duer _Y_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

19. **Resolution to approve the contract and bond for the Water Main Replacement 2025 Project.**
Councilmember Duer motioned approval subject to deficiencies.
Roll Call Vote:
_2_ Boka _1_ Duer _Y_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

20. **Resolution making award of the contract for the Water Main Replacement 2025 Project.**
Councilmember Boka motioned approval subject to deficiencies.
Roll Call Vote:
_1_ Boka _2_ Duer _Y_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

21. **Public Hearing to consider the sale of General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2025A.**
Matt Stoffel, PFM, 801 Grand Ave., Des Moines stated this morning the City of Altoona took bids on $42,665,000 general obligation bonds. There were seven bids. We recommend accepting low bid from Hilltop Securities out of Dallas, TX.
Hearing opened at 6:55pm
C**omments:** No one came forward to speak.
Hearing closed at 6:55pm

22. **Resolution Awarding General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2025A.**
Roll Call Vote:
_Y_ Boka _1_ Duer _2_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

23. **Public Hearing to consider the sale of General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2025B.**
Matt Stoffel, PFM, 801 Grand Ave., Des Moines stated this morning the City of Altoona took bids on $7,125,000 general obligation bonds. There were four bids. We recommend accepting low bid from Hilltop Securities out of Dallas, TX.
Hearing opened at 6:56pm
C**omments:** No one came forward to speak.
Hearing closed at 6:56pm

24. **Resolution Awarding General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2025B.**
Roll Call Vote:
_Y_ Boka _1_ Duer _2_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

25. **Resolution to approve a site plan for Des Moines Water Works Boosters Station.**
Community Development Director John Shaw stated Des Moines Water Works has submitted a site plan to replace the booster station located just northwest of the intersection of 34th Avenue SW and Interstate 80, on the Meta property.
Roll Call Vote:
_Y_ Boka _1_ Duer _Y_ Dunwoody _2_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

26. **Council to consider a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract with Story Construction for the Water System Improvements and Water Plant #4.**
Public Utilities Director Dan Scott stated this contract establishes a Guaranteed Maximum Price with Story Construction for the construction of new water system improvements and the new Water Treatment Plant #4. The total amount of this work is established as $33,684,535.00. Work will begin as soon as possible with construction completion in late 2027.
Roll Call Vote:
_2_ Boka _Y_ Duer _1_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

27. Council to consider approving Five Year Agreement with the Altoona Professional Fire Firefighters Local 4743. (7-1-2025 to 6-30-2030).

City Administrator Randy Pierce stated in your packets is a summary of the changes that have been negotiated with the Fire union representatives. The fire union group has approved of these changes and is asking the council to consider approval.

Roll Call Vote:

_1_ Boka _2_ Duer _Y_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

28. Consider waving a sewer fee request from residents of 706 3rd Avenue SE in the amount of $785.08.

City Administrator Randy Pierce stated in your packet is an email from the homeowner asking for forgiveness of $785.08 for the sewer portion of their utility bill.

Councilmember Boka motioned to deny.

Roll Call Vote:

_1_ Boka _2_ Duer _Y_ Dunwoody _N_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (4-1)

29. Consider Consent Agenda

- **a) Allow Bills**
- **b) Pay Apps**
  - **B1) Change Order #3 – Absolute Group – 8th Street SW Reconstruction-Phase 2 - $68,705.70.**
  - **B2) Pay App #9 – Absolute Group – 8th Street SW Reconstruction-Phase 2 - $469,188.00.**
  - **B3) Pay App #2 – Midwest Field Turf – Spring Creek Sports Complex Turf Replacement - $181,398.13.**
- **c) Resolution to Transfer Funds for June 1, 2025, Debt Service Payments.**
- **d) Council to consider approving The Management Agreement for Altoona Aquatics Park.**
- **e) Consider approving a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Muchikinock Creek Trunk Sewer – 2025 Impact Monitoring and Maintenance.**
- **f) Consider Event Request - None**
- **g) Beer and Liquor Permits**
  1. **Casey's Store #6 – Class E Retail Alcohol License**
  2. **Hyatt Place – Class C Retail Alcohol License**
  3. **Burger Shed – Class C Retail Alcohol License**

Roll Call Vote:

_Y_ Boka _2_ Duer _1_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

30. Department Head Reports & Updates

The following gave updates: Police Department–Alyssa Wilson, 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.

31. General Business

Councilmember Dunwoody stated he will be taking a leave of absence from the council for Military Leave.

32. Adjourn at 7:11pm

Roll Call Vote:

_1_ Boka _Y_ Duer _2_ Dunwoody _Y_ Evans _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

Attest to: _____ _____

Randy Pierce, City Clerk **Dean O'Connor, Mayor**