

CITY OF ALTOONA, WI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2008

(I) Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Tom Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. held in the Council Chambers at Altoona City Hall.

(II) Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Meyer led the Common Council and others in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(III) Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll. Council Persons William Spangler, Brendan Pratt, Dale Stuber, Ray Henning, Colleen Weber and Red Hanks were present. Also present: Mayor Tom Meyer, City Attorney John Behling, City Administrator Michael Golat, Finance Director Jon Pfeilsticker, and City Clerk Cindy Bauer.

(IV) Citizen Participation Period

Andrew Werthmann, representing Citizen Action of Wisconsin, was present to explain the proposed resolution regarding health care reform on the ballot as an advisory referendum. He commented that there are other communities in Wisconsin also reviewing this resolution. Werthmann said over 32,000 signatures were collected statewide to see this referendum go on the ballot.

There being no other Citizen Participation, motion by Stuber/Weber to close Citizen Participation Period.

Motion carried.

(V) Approval of minutes.

Motion by Hanks/Pratt to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2008 Regular Council Meeting. Spangler abstained. **Motion carried.**

(VI) City Officers/Department Heads Report

City Administrator Golat commented that we have recently had several water main breaks in the City of Altoona. These breaks were not from leaks that were found in the leak detection study. Golat said we are progressing with the Curt Manufacturing utility project.

City Committee Reports – none.

(VII) Unfinished Business – none.

Request by Weber to put on the next council agenda a motion rescinding part of the motion from the last agenda regarding the loan structure for Curt Manufacturing. Seconded by Hanks. City Attorney Behling explained that under a procedural matter like this, all that is requested and needed is a second. This matter will now be scheduled on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

(VIII) New Business

(1) Consider approval of Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) application from Curt Manufacturing.

Henning questioned if this is the second forgivable loan to the same business that requested to annex to Altoona who does not want an Altoona address. Mayor Meyer answered yes.

Motion by Spangler/Weber to table action at this time given the request made by Council Member Weber to discuss this item after the previous matter is resolved. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(2) Consider Resolution 8E-08 placing an advisory referendum on the November 4, 2008 ballot regarding health care reform.

City Attorney Behling explained that in terms of the legal issue it's complex, but his recommendation is for the City Council to approve the resolution so the matter of health care reform does go on the ballot. Behling said by

voting for the resolution, Council is not giving an opinion whether Council is for or against it. Council would just be giving an approval to allow city staff to submit the advisory referendum on the ballot. Behling believed the resolution is the easiest and most cost efficient manner for the City to deal with regarding this issue.

Motion by Henning/Stuber to approve Resolution 8E-08 placing an advisory referendum on the November 4, 2008 Ballot. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(3) Consider Purchase Service Agreement between the City of Altoona and Eau Claire Transit Commission from January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008.

City Administrator Golat explained the 2008 transit contract between the City of Altoona and Eau Claire Transit Commission. Golat explained the summary of costs and revenues related to transit service in Altoona. Golat said the contract is arriving now due to delays in WisDot announcing the federal allocations. In spite of the challenges, the contract reflects Eau Claire Transit will be able to maintain the same level of service in 2008 for a modest 2% increase of \$600 which would increase the contract cost to \$34,500; \$37,500 was budgeted in the 2008 budget for the transit contract.

Motion by Spangler/Hanks to approve the Purchase Service Agreement between the City of Altoona and Eau Claire Transit Commission from January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008. Roll call vote, 6-ayes, Spangler, Hanks, Stuber, Henning, Pratt, Weber, 0-nays. **Motion carried 6-0.**

(VIII)(4) Consider proclaiming the fourth Monday of every September as Family Day – A Day to eat dinner with your children in the City of Altoona.

City Administrator Golat explained that the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University asked the City of Altoona to issue a proclamation designating September 22, 2008 and the fourth Monday in every September as Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children. In 2007, the President, all 50 Governors and the Mayors and Executives of more than 750 cities and counties across the nation proclaimed or supported Family Day. CASA launched Family Day in 2001 after CASA's research consistently found that the more often children eat dinner with their parents, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs. Mayor Meyer read the proclamation.

Motion by Pratt/Henning to proclaim the fourth Monday of every September as Family Day. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(5) & (6) Consider convening in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(g) A. Discuss/consider Schmidt Property Jurisdictional Offer and Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(e) A. CottageRidge Group Developer's Agreement.

Motion by Weber/Hanks to convene in closed session at 6:16 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(g) A. Schmidt property Jurisdictional Offer and Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(e) A. CottageRidge Group Developer's Agreement. Roll call vote, 6-ayes, Weber, Hanks, Pratt, Spangler Henning, Stuber, 0-nays. **Motion carried 6-0.**

(VIII)(7) Motion to reconvene to open session for the purpose of discussion on the matters entertained in closed session.

Motion by Spangler/Stuber to reconvene in open session at 7:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussion on the matters entertained in closed session. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(8) Consider matters addressed in closed session as directed by Council.

Motion by Spangler/Henning to direct the City Attorney to prepare a relocation order in anticipation of the condemnation of the Schmidt Property easement. **Motion carried.**

(IX) Miscellaneous Business and Communications

Weber mentioned that the Wellness Committee is sponsoring an Active and Alive Event on Sunday, September 7, 2008 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Hobbs Sports Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

(X) Adjournment.

Motion by Spangler/Weber to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by
Cindy Bauer, City Clerk