

CITY OF ALTOONA, WI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 30, 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, Attorney John Behling, City Administrator Mike Golat, Finance Director Jon Pfeilsticker, and City Clerk Cindy Bauer.

(IV) Citizen Participation Period

There being no Citizen Participation, motion by Henning/Spangler to close Citizen Participation Period. **Motion carried.**

(V) Approval of minutes.

Motion by Stuber/Pratt to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2008 Regular Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Henning/Hanks to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008 Special Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

(VI) City Officers/Department Heads Report

Motion by Henning/Hanks to put on the next Council meeting a motion to reconsider Ordinance 10A-08 amending Chapter 13.20 of Altoona Municipal Code, Rates and Regulations, to reassign the responsibility for repair, replacement and maintenance of sanitary sewer laterals from the City to the property owner being served. Henning asked to change his vote; he felt that those mostly affected by this ordinance are in the lower income bracket and wouldn't be able to afford it. Discussion followed. On the motion there were three ayes, Henning, Hanks, Stuber, and three nays Pratt, Weber, and Spangler. The Mayor broke the tie with an aye vote. **Motion carried 4-3.** This item will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

City Committee Reports – none.

(VII) Unfinished Business - none

(VIII) New Business

(VIII)(1) Discuss/consider approval of an application from The Potting Shed Garden & Gifts, Inc. for a "Class A" Retailer's license.

City Administrator Golat explained that the Potting Shed was inadvertently given the wrong classification of liquor license. Mike Krisik from the Department of Revenue contacted the City Clerk to inform her the Potting Shed should have been given a "Class A" license instead of a "Class C" License. Clerk Bauer immediately contacted the Potting Shed and informed them of the situation. The Potting Shed re-filed the Alcohol Beverage License Application for a "Class A" license and submitted it to the Clerk.

Motion by Spangler/Henning to approve the application from The Potting Shed Garden & Gifts, Inc. for a "Class A" Retailer's liquor license. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(7) Consider list of comparable communities for Classification and Compensation Study.

City Administrator Golat explained that as previously discussed, attached for Council's review is a list of recommended comparable cities for the wage and classification study proposed by Carlson Dettman (CDC). For selection criteria CDC used Population, AGI per Return, Equalized Value (EV), EV per Capita, Type of Municipality, and location, including location in relationship to the City of Altoona and Cities similarly situated to another larger city. Golat was asking the Council for confirmation of the comparables. Katherine McCloskey was available by phone during the meeting to address any questions. Joel Creydt, representing the Library Board asked if these comparables included the library positions.

Motion by Stuber/Pratt to continue with the comparable list as presented. Hanks nay. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(2) Consider Resolution 10A-08 supporting the state of Wisconsin's goal of replacing 25% of its electric power and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025.

City Administrator Golat explained that Resolution 10A-08 is a resolution supporting the state of Wisconsin's goal of replacing 25% of its electric power and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025. By passing the resolution the City of Altoona becomes an "Energy Independent Community" partner, which entitles Altoona to the following:

1. Additional access to state and federal funding.
2. Increased technical assistance from state and federal agencies.
3. Improved energy efficiency creating additional savings and capital availability for budgeting.

Also attached for your review are materials from the Office of Energy Independence describing its mission and further outlining its first call for grant applications. The purpose of the grant is to help communities generate plans to reach the 25 by 25 goals stated above.

Motion by Hanks/Spangler to approve Resolution 10A-08 supporting the state of Wisconsin's goal of replacing 25% of its electric power and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(3) - Consider approval of bartender licenses.

City Administrator Golat explained that the City has received bartender license applications from Bryce Kunkel, Maureen Zimmerman, Deidre Crosby, Samantha Stoeberl, Betty Hatfield and Michelle Shores. Police Chief Chaney has reviewed and recommends approval of the bartender license application.

Motion by Spangler/Stuber to approve the bartender license applications for the aforementioned applicants. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(4) (5) Consider convening in closed session.

Motion by Weber/Hanks to convene in closed session at 6:35 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(e) A. CottageRidge Group Developer's Agreement, B. Consider Insurance Benefits for Non-represented contract employees and 19.85 (1)(g) A. Schmidt Property Jurisdictional Offer. Roll call vote, 6-ayes, Weber, Hanks, Stuber, Spangler, Henning, Pratt, 0-nays. **Motion carried 6-0.**

(VIII)(6) Motion to reconvene to open session for the purpose of discussion on the matters entertained in closed session.

Motion by Spangler/Hanks to reconvene in open session at 7:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussion on the matters entertained in closed session. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Spangler/Pratt to direct City staff and legal counsel to enter into negotiations with non-represented, contracted employees to clarify, amend and re-negotiate their employment agreements. Hanks nay. **Motion carried.**

(IX) Miscellaneous Business and Communications

Mayor Meyer commented on the seminar from the League of WI Municipalities Conference regarding purchasing items through state bids.

(X) Adjournment.

Motion by Weber/Spangler to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by
Cindy Bauer, City Clerk