

CITY OF ALTOONA, WI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2009

(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 Brendan Pratt, Ray Henning, Dale Stuber, William Spangler, Colleen Weber and Red Hanks were present. Also present: Mayor Tom Meyer, City Administrator Mike Golat, Finance Director Jon Pfeilsticker, and City Clerk Cindy Bauer.

(IV) Citizen Participation Period

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

(V) Approval of minutes.

Motion by Henning/Hanks to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

(VI) City Officers/Department Heads Report

City Administrator Golat mentioned that legal staff drafted a letter to the railroad regarding the conversion clause for the possible sale of the Hobbs Center. Golat said the Bartlett Avenue Street project started this week; estimated completion date of September 8.

City Committee Reports – none.

(VII) Unfinished Business – none.

(VIII) New Business

(1) Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as is practical) to discontinue a part or portion of East Willson Drive pursuant to §66.1003, Wis. Stats.

Mayor Meyer opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

City Administrator Golat explained that a public hearing is required for discontinuing and vacating the use of streets in Altoona. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the street vacation at their June 8, 2009 meeting. The reason for the discontinuance is to clear title to the River Prairie Property in preparation for the River Prairie Development. Golat noted that WisDot will also need to convey title to the right-of-way prior to development of the property. Golat said staff is working with WisDot staff on this issue and the quit claim deed has been drafted.

Motion by Henning/Spangler to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(2) Consider Resolution 6B-09, a resolution to discontinue a public way, a part or portion of East Willson Drive, pursuant to §66.1003, Wis. Stats.

City Administrator Golat explained that Resolution 6B-09 is to discontinue a part or portion of East Willson Drive. Council Member Weber asked when construction of the road for the new subdivision will start and how long the road will be closed. Golat commented that they will be going out for bids this week and starting time should occur sometime in July.

Motion by Spangler/Stuber to approve Resolution 6B-09 a resolution to discontinue a public way, a part or portion of East Willson Drive, pursuant to §66.1003, Wis. Stats. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(3) Consider reconsideration of motion at the May 22, 2008 Regular Council Meeting that the City of Altoona will not pay for maintenance of the trails outside the corporate limits of the City of Altoona.

City Administrator Golat explained that at the June 11, 2009 Council Meeting, a motion was made by Spangler and seconded by Pratt to reconsider the motion of the May 22, 2008 Regular Council Meeting at the June 25, 2009 Council Meeting. For clarification, City Administrator Golat suggested that the motion that needs to be made tonight is the original motion which is to not pay for maintenance of the trails outside the corporate limits of the City of Altoona.

Motion by Spangler/Hanks that the City of Altoona will not pay for maintenance of the trails outside the corporate limits of the City of Altoona. Discussion followed.

Council Member Henning commented on the \$2,400 maintenance cost per year which amounts to \$50,000 for 21 years and \$100,000 for 42 years. Henning felt the trail does not bring business and is not beneficial to the city.

Council Member Weber commented on a recent real estate report that stated trails in the City is beneficial to house values.

Council Member Hanks felt that the City should maintain the trail. Hanks reiterated what Council Member Weber said that by having a trail it's a selling tool for homeowners.

Council Member Pratt questioned the \$2,400 maintenance fee, if it will cost that much? Pratt agreed that any amenities we can add to the City such as trails will only benefit the City.

City Administrator Golat clarified the motion noting that an aye vote will mean the City will not pay for maintenance. A nay vote means the City will pay for maintenance outside the corporate limits of the City of Altoona.

Roll call vote on the motion, 2-ayes, Stuber, Henning, 4-nays, Spangler, Hanks, Pratt, Weber, **Motion failed 2-4.** The City will pay for maintenance of the trails outside the corporate limits of the City of Altoona.

(VIII)(4) Consider directing staff to move forward on the Eastern Loop Trail project.

Mayor Meyer requested putting this item on the agenda for possible action to move forward on the Eastern Loop Trail project.

Motion by Pratt/Weber to direct staff to move forward on the Eastern Loop Trail project. Discussion followed.

City Administrator Golat explained that the next step for the Eastern Loop Trail project is to approve the contract for SEH to complete the design work and obtain the required easements.

Council Member Henning asked what the cost will be to the City.

City Administrator Golat gave a breakdown of project costs and indicated there would be no cost to the City. All monies will come from grants and Altoona Outdoors. The City Engineer's and Administrator's time is an internal cost to the City.

Council Member Henning requested that City Administrator Golat keep track of his time on an ongoing basis for the Eastern Loop Trail project.

Roll call vote on the motion, 4-ayes, Pratt, Weber, Spangler, Hanks, 2-nays, Henning, Stuber.

Motion carried 4-2.

(VIII)(5) Consider approval of Combination "Class B" Retailers' Licenses to sell fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors in the City of Altoona.

The City received the remaining five renewal applications for "Class B" Retailers Licenses: Happy Hollow Tavern, Inc. D.B.A. Happy Hollow Tavern, Judi Corey-Malone, Agt, 1628 North Hillcrest Pkwy; Fischers On the Green, Inc., D.B.A. Fischers' on the Green, David Fischer, Agt, 2333 Hillcrest Parkway; James Eckwright, Partner, Amy Eckwright, Partner, D.B.A. 400 Club, 1411 Spooner Avenue; Golden Spike Bar & Grill Inc, D.B.A. Golden Spike Bar & Grill, Mark Anderson, Agt, 228 Division Street;

Altoona VFW Post 10405, Inc, D.B.A. Altoona VFW Post 10405 – Fox Hole Bar, Rick Huffman, Agt, 1419 Lynn Avenue.

Motion by Henning/Hanks to approve the Combination “Class B” Retailers’ Licenses to sell fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors in the City of Altoona to those listed above for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(6) Consider approval of Cigarette License. Happy Hollow Tavern, Inc., 400 Club, and Golden Spike Bar & Grill, Inc.

The following businesses applied for renewal of cigarette licenses: Happy Hollow Tavern, Inc, 400 Club, and Golden Spike Bar & Grill, Inc.

Motion by Spangler/Stuber to approve a Cigarette License to Happy Hollow Tavern Inc, 400 Club, and Golden Spike Bar & Grill, Inc. valid for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(7) Consider approval of Refuse Haulers License.

The following applicants have applied for a Refuse Haulers License: Waste Management, Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, Inc, Tambornino Sanitation, LLC and Valley Waste. Clerk Bauer mentioned that the Eau Claire County Health Department will be inspecting Veolia Waste and Valley Waste by next week and suggested approving the refuse haulers licenses contingent on getting approval from the Eau Claire County Health Department.

Motion by Spangler/Weber to approve the Refuse Haulers Licenses to Waste Management, Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, Inc, Tambornino Sanitation and Valley Waste for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 contingent on getting inspection approval from the Eau Claire County Health Department. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(8) Consider approval of Bartender Licenses.

The City has received renewal and new bartender license applications for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 from the following applicants: Samantha Derouin, Elaine Galewski, Ralph Lanners, Dawn Lium, Roshelle Frye, Amanda Morrison, Michelle Hanson, Anne Hoffman, Rebecca Sheridan, Karen Anderson, BillieJo Krimpelbein, Dana Allen, Sarah Archer, Megan Bauer, Megan Behrens, Jessica Bengtson, Emily Blum, Sarah Camp, Yaneris Collado, Emily Fiedler, Sarah Green, Desire Hazuga, Reggis Horel, Lauren Jelks, Angela Kurtzhals, Sarah Langworthy, Lucas Ley, Tessa Lindstrom, Kendra Marsolek, Lindsay Rendon, Jessica Schaaf, David Sibley, Brittany Suckow, Hailey Sullivan, Samantha Szalkus, Ray Henning. (Approved by the Altoona Police Department).

Motion by Spangler/Stuber to approve the renewal and new bartender licenses submitted by the applicants as listed above. Henning abstained. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(9) Consider approval of Resolution 6C-09, a resolution of the Altoona Common Council submitted in compliance with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR – 208 regarding submittal of the City’s Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for its wastewater collection system.

City Administrator Golat explained the 2008 Sewer Utility Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. The annual report is required by all operators of a wastewater collection system. The goal of the report is to analyze the City’s operations and financial practices pertaining to the sewer utility in order to identify any problems. The City has scored a grade of “A” in both finance and operations, and no mitigation is required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 208 requires the governing body of a collection system to pass a resolution that a) acknowledges that the CMAR has been reviewed, and b) lists any recommendations or action plan, if required.

Motion by Spangler/Weber to approve Resolution 6C-09, a resolution of the Altoona Common Council submitted in compliance with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR – 208 regarding submittal of the City’s Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for its wastewater collection system. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(10) Consider setting Public Hearing date for rezoning and to refer the rezoning requests to the Plan Commission for their recommendation prior to the public hearing. Recommended date July 23, 2009 at 6:05 p.m.

City Administrator Golat explained that City Code requires rezoning requests be brought before the Common Council to set a public hearing date and refer the requests to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation. Staff is recommending the following three rezoning actions be considered.

- Parcel #201-1014-08 (Lot 4-3-G) and Parcel 201-2050-09 (West ½ of NW ¼ of Block 8, Shutes Addition) from Residential (R-1) to Public and Conservancy (P) both located on Third Street West as submitted by the School District of Altoona.
- Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Certified Survey Map #1994, Volume 11, page 01, and Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map #2499, Volume 13, page 330, from Industrial (I) to Residential (R-1) all located on the south side of Lake Road.
- Parcel #201-1001-10 (2-4-E) from Residential (R-1) and Public and Conservancy (P) to River Prairie Mixed Use (RPMU) and Public and Conservancy (P).

City Administrator Golat explained that the Council approved the rezoning of five parcels of property owned by the School District of Altoona earlier this year. The School District of Altoona has submitted another request to rezone the remaining two properties located on Third Street West. The request is to rezone the lots from R-1 to Public and Conservancy to accommodate anticipated projects to compliment school operations.

The second rezone action is to initiate rezoning four lots located on Lake Road from industrial to R-1 as a matter of housekeeping; These lots have been developed with single family homes; however, the zoning change, while discussed by the Plan Commission in 2002, was never initiated.

Parcel #201-1001-10 is owned by the Schmidt Property located in the River Prairie Development. The action requested is to rezone the subject parcel to River Prairie Mixed Use to within approximately 75 feet of the river's edge per the agreement approved at the May 14, 2009 Council Meeting.

Motion by Spangler/Hanks to set a public hearing date to rezone the above mentioned parcels on July 23, 2009 and to refer the petition to the Plan Commission for their recommendation prior to the public hearing. **Motion carried.**

(IX) Miscellaneous Business and Communications

The next Joint Meeting of the Chippewa Valley will be held on Monday, June 29, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at Draganetti's Ristorante sponsored by the City of Altoona.

(X) Adjournment.

Motion by Weber/Spangler to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by

Cindy Bauer,
City Clerk