

**CITY OF ALTOONA, WI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2018**

(I) Call Meeting to Order

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

(II) Pledge of Allegiance

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

(III) Roll Call

City Clerk Cindy Bauer called the roll. Mayor Brendan Pratt, Council Members Dale Stuber, Red Hanks, Matthew Biren, Tim Sexton and David Rowe were present. Also Present: Attorney Christopher Gierhart, City Administrator Michael Golat, City Planner Joshua Clements, Management Analyst Roy Atkinson, and City Clerk Cindy Bauer. Police Chief Jesse James arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Absent: Council Member Andrew Schlafer.

(IV) Citizen Participation Period

Motion by Biren/Rowe to close Citizen Participation Period. **Motion carried.**

(V) Approval of minutes.

Motion by Rowe/Sexton to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

(VI) City Officers/Department Heads Report

City Planner Joshua Clements mention that the next meeting of the Chippewa Valley Housing Task Force will take place on Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 8-10 a.m. at the River Prairie Center.

City Administrator Mike Golat mentioned that there will be a press conference on Friday, October 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Amphitheater in River Prairie with Prevea announcing projects that will be happening in River Prairie.

Police Chief Jesse James mentioned that on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. the Altoona Police Department will be having a “Drug Take Back Day” at the Altoona Emergency Services Building, 1904 Spooner Avenue.

City Committee Reports – None.

(VII) Unfinished Business – None.

(VIII) New Business

(1) Discuss/consider approval of Resolution 10A-18, a Resolution of support for UW-Eau Claire Science and Health Sciences Building Project.

City Administrator Golat explained that the UW System Board of Regents has approved a plan to replace Phillips Hall with a new UW-Eau Claire Science and Health Science building. UW-Eau Claire’s Science and Health Science building project requires \$109 million in the 2019-21 state budget. Additionally, this building project requires advanced enumeration of \$147 million in the 2021-23 budget, bringing the project’s total budget to \$256 million. Providing state funding for a new Science and Health Science building at UW-Eau Claire would allow for the construction of critical economic infrastructure to support northwestern Wisconsin’s talent recruitment and retention needs in STEM and health science fields.

City Administrator Golat said this resolution pledges support of the Altoona City Council for the

inclusion of UW-Eau Claire's Science and Health Science building in the 2019-21 Wisconsin State Budget as recommended by the UW System Board of Regents. It also provides support for an advance enumeration for funding in the 2021-23 Wisconsin State Budget to ensure this project is completed without additional inflation and that Phillips Hall can be demolished in a timely manner to eliminate ongoing maintenance and operational expenses.

Motion by Biren/Stuber to approve Resolution 10A-18, a Resolution of support for UW-Eau Claire Science and Health Science Building Project. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(2) Discuss/consider approval of Resolution 10B-18, a Resolution of support of the "Just Fix It Campaign".

City Administrator Golat explained that the League of Wisconsin Municipalities is working in coalition with the Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Counties and Towns Associations on the "Just Fix It" campaign to encourage the Legislature and Governor to develop a long-term sustainable solution to fund Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure. The Just Fix It resolution has been passed by almost 700 counties, cities, villages and towns as of October 3, 2018. This resolution urges the Governor and Legislature to "Just Fix It" [the roads] and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system. Furthermore, approval of this resolution directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators, Governor Scott Walker and to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Motion by Sexton/Stuber to approve Resolution 10B-18, a Resolution of support for the "Just Fix It Campaign". **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(3) Discuss/consider approval of Ordinance 10A-18, an Ordinance amending Chapter 9.24 of the Altoona Municipal Code "Tobacco Product and E-Cigarette Use by Minors Prohibited" relating to the prohibition of the use or possession of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette supplies by minors.

Police Chief Jesse James explained that within the last month, Officer Lauscher has cited 7 students for vaping/possession in school. This issue is impacting the school's environment, affecting the mindset and health of our students who use them, as well as impacting the non-using student population. Our current existing ordinance does not address e-cigarettes and "vaping" devices specifically; it centrally pertains to tobacco use, not nicotine use. However, the oils used in e-cigarettes or "vaping" devices contain nicotine. This ordinance amendment expands prohibition from use and possession of tobacco by minors to also include prohibition of the use or possession of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette supplies by minors. The purpose of this ordinance amendment is to add language regarding the use and possession of these devices as well as defining them.

Motion by Sexton Stuber to approve Ordinance 10A-18, an Ordinance amending Chapter 9.24 of the Altoona Municipal Code "Tobacco Product and E-Cigarette Use by Minors Prohibited" relating to the prohibition of the use or possession of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette supplies by minors. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(4) Discuss/consider Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the City of Altoona and the West Central Drug Task Force for 2019.

Police Chief James explained that the City of Altoona and the West Central Drug Task Force annually enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement. The West Central Drug Task Force is a federally funded unit and Altoona is a controlling member. Each year the unit must pre-apply for federal funding, and, as a requirement, the Federal Government requires that all participating units of government have an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement in place that specifies how the Task Force will operate. The City of Altoona has been an active member of the organization since its inception and we are equal voting members in regards to management of the unit. James noted that the additional language added to the agreement this year is the assurance of compliance regarding confidential funds, and use of income generated by seizures and forfeitures. There is now a Federal Asset Forfeiture user account within the City of Altoona. This allows our agency to receive a full share of forfeiture if the seizure occurs with our agency.

Motion by Sexton/Rowe to to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the City of Altoona and the West Central Drug Task Force for 2019.

(VIII)(5) Discuss/consider placement of announcement feature in River Prairie.

City Administrator Golat explained that the City budgeted \$100,000 for an announcement feature in River Prairie. The intent of the announcement feature is primarily to draw the attention of the traveling public from along the Highway 53 corridor. Golat said staff met with a WisDOT representative in charge of signage along state and federal highways to determine whether a sign would be allowed at the preferred location south of Staybridge Suites and north of WestConsin Credit Union (refer to map provided -- Point A). The representative approved the location; however, they noted that no moving sign parts would be allowed. Therefore, if the City wants to erect a windmill there, the blades would need to be fixed. Given that information, staff is recommending the windmill be installed within the park near the granary (Point B). Estimated cost of the purchase and installation of the windmill is approximately \$20,000. Staff is recommending the balance of the budget (\$80,000) be directed to erecting a sign on the preferred site between Staybridge and WestConsin. Staff has located a 60 foot windmill tower that is in great condition and can be moved to the site. Locating the windmill within the park will allow for interaction with park visitors and picture opportunities. Golat mentioned three choices for Council to consider:

1st Choice – Windmill with the sign attached to the windmill with fixed blades.

2nd Choice – Place both windmill and sign in close proximity by the Hwy 53 Bypass.

3rd Choice – Two separate structures/locations.

No action. This item will be brought back at a future meeting.

(VIII)(6) Discuss/consider approval of bartender license to Carmal Morris.

Clerk Bauer explained that the City has received a bartender license application from Carmal Morris for the period of now through June 30, 2019: Police Lieutenant Livingston has reviewed and recommends approval of the bartender application as submitted by Clerk Bauer.

Motion by Rowe/Stuber to approve the bartender license to Carmal Morris for the 2018-2019 licensing period as submitted by Clerk Bauer and recommended by Lieutenant Livingston. **Motion carried.**

(VIII)(7) Discuss/consider convening in closed session pursuant to the following Wis. Stats:

A. Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(e) 1. Purchase and/or sale of property and B. Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(c) 1. City Administrator Performance Review.

Motion by Stuber/Hanks to convene in closed session at 6:33 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(e) 1. Purchase and/or sale of property and Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(c) 1. City Administrator Performance Review. Roll call vote, 5-ayes, Stuber, Hanks, Biren, Sexton, Rowe, 0-nays. **Motion carried 5-0.**

(VIII)(8) Motion to reconvene to Open Session for the purpose of discussion and possible consideration on the matter entertained in Closed Session.

Motion by Hanks/Stuber to reconvene to open session at 9:07 p.m. Roll call vote, 5-ayes, Stuber, Hanks, Biren, Sexton, Rowe, 0-nays. **Motion carried.**

City Administrator Golat explained that there were three items regarding real estate matters that was discussed in closed session, none of which required action at this time. Also discussed in closed session was the City Administrator's performance Review.

(IX) Miscellaneous Business and Communication - None.

(X) Adjournment.

Motion by Hanks/Rowe to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by Cindy Bauer, City Clerk