

CITY OF ALTOONA, WI
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2020

(I) Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Brendan Pratt called the special meeting to order at 2:00 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, Andrew Schlafer, Matt Biren, Tim Sexton, and Susan Rowe were present. Red Hanks was present via phone. Also Present: City Attorney John Behling, City Administrator Michael Golat, Police Chief Kelly Bakken, Fire Chief Mark Renderman, Management Analyst Roy Atkinson and City Clerk Cindy Bauer.

(IV) Citizen Participation Period

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

(V) New Business

(1) Discuss/consider ratification, alteration, modification or repeal of Mayoral Proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Altoona in response to COVID-19 related matters, signed on March 17, 2020.

City Administrator provided the Mayor and Council Members with a memorandum which provided an update on City Operations in the Departments such as Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, and City Hall operations.

City Administrator Golat explained that on March 17, 2020, the Mayor signed a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Altoona in response to COVID-19 related matters. The proclamation is intended to accomplish the following:

- Allows Preparedness for a Flexible and Timely response to an identified national and state health emergency with strong potential for local impacts and the ability to implement necessary community responses.
- Permits remote attendance options for City Council, board and committee meetings and cancelation of non-essential meetings while facilitating reasonable public access to meetings within current social gathering recommendations.

Fire Chief Renderman updated the Council on EMS Services and staff protocol.

City administrator Golat said the proclamation was signed yesterday to show a unified response with Eau Claire County and the City of Eau Claire. State Statute provides that upon the Mayor proclaiming an emergency, the Council shall meet as soon as possible to ratify, alter, modify or repeal the proclamation of emergency.

Police Chief Bakken updated the Council on Police Services and staff protocol. Bakken said they have limited access to the Emergency Services Building.

Motion by Biren/Stuber to ratify the Mayoral proclamation signed March 17, 2020 in response to COVID-19 related matters. **Motion carried.**

(VI) Miscellaneous Business and Communication – none.

(VII) Adjournment.

Motion by Biren/Stuber to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by Cindy Bauer, City Clerk