CITY OF ALTOONA COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
AT THE ALTOONA CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call at 6:30 pm

Mayor O'Connor– present	Duer – present	Evans – present
McFadden – present	Mertz – present	Stewart - present

City Officials Present: Randy Pierce, Greg Stallman, Jared Ogbourne, Scott Atzen, John Dostart, John Shaw, Dan Scott, Chad Quick, Kim Kietzman, Patti Murray, Jeff Bierl, Andy Lent, and City Attorney Dariann Garrison-Nickerson.

Audience Present: Phyllis Murphy and Chelsey Olson.

2. Perfecting and approval of the agenda.

Mayor O'Connor requested agenda be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

_1_ Duer _Y_ Evans _2_ McFadden _Y_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

3. Approval of January 5, 2026 and January 12, 2025, Council Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

_2_ Duer _Y_ Evans _Y_ McFadden _1_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

4. Citizens request to address council – None.

5. Presentation and swearing in of police officers and promotions.

a. Officer Aaliyah Moore (now certified).
b. Officer Trent "Allen" Howard (now certified).
c. Officer Israel "Ray" Ruiz (new hire).
d. Sergeant Mitch Bartleson promoted to Lieutenant.
e. Sergeant David Funk promoted to Lieutenant.

Mayor O'Connor swore in police officers and acknowledged promotions with assistance from Chief Stallman.

6. Resolution authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection to the sale of General Obligation Urban Renewal Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A and authorizing certain parameters for the acceptance and approval of a Bond Purchase Agreement.

Finance Director Andy Lent stated Council has approved staff moving forward with the refinancing of the 2016C Bond Series to obtain a better interest rate that will approximately save $1.3 Million over ten years. As part of the bond issue process a Preliminary Official Statement must be approved by Council. The new debt service will be known as the 2026A Series.

Roll Call Vote:

_1_ Duer _Y_ Evans _2_ McFadden _Y_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

7. Consider the request from resident at 1045 25th Street SE for relief of his sewer bill in the amount of $120.78.

City Administrator Randy Pierce stated 1045 25th Street SE was requesting relief of sewer fees due to an outside spigot that was left on and had frozen. Staff did verify it was an outside spigot left on. Councilmember Mertz moved to approve the request.

Roll Call Vote:

_2_ Duer _Y_ Evans _Y_ McFadden _1_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

8. Consider the request from resident at 1902 16th Circle SE for relief of his sewer bill in the amount of $274.50.

City Administrator Randy Pierce stated 1902 16th Circle SE was requesting relief of sewer fees due to new sod. The homeowner did not have an irrigation meter installed.

Councilmember Duer moved to deny the request.

Roll Call Vote:

_1_ Duer _Y_ Evans _N_ McFadden _2_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (4-1)

9. Consider Consent Agenda

a) Allow Bills

b) Pay Apps

B1) Change Order #001 – DCI Group Inc. – Altoona Fire Station No.26 - $68,450.94.

B2) Pay App #8 – DCI Group Inc. – Altoona Fire Station - $545,570.99.

B3) Pay App #5 – OPUS – Sam Wise Youth Complex $14,470.97.

B4) Pay App #8 – On Track Construction, LLC – SE Sanitary Sewer Extension Phase 1 - $14,157.37.

B5) Pay App#8 – Hansen Company – Altoona Public Works Facility - $1,578,452.86.

c) Resolution to approve writing off of rescue fees for bad debt accounts – collection fees from 10-1-2025 thru' 12-31-2025.

d) Resolution Approving an Urban-State Traffic Engineering Program (U-Step) Funding Agreement for Improvements to the US 65 and 20th Ave NW Intersection with the Iowa Department of Transportation (Dot) for Altoona's North Industrial Area.

e) Resolution Approving a Rebuilding Iowa Sound Economy (Rise) Funding Agreement for a Local Development Award with the Iowa Department of Transportation (Dot) for Altoona's North Industrial Area - #2026-R-006.

f) Resolution Approving a Rebuilding Iowa Sound Economy (Rise) Funding Agreement for an Immediate Opportunity Award with the Iowa Department of Transportation (Dot) for Altoona's North Industrial Area - #2026-R-002.

g) Consider approving MidAmerican Energy agreement for installing new gas service line to serve new commercial building at 2300 25th Street NW, Altoona, IA.

h) Resolution approving the Population Count for the Altoona Voluntary Annexation NC25-34.

i) Consider an agreement from RDG for the Olde Town Comp Update/1st Ave Streetscape and Commercial Nodes Study. The agreement is for $250,000.

j) Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed $66,000,000.

k) Set a Public hearing for FY2026 Budget Amendment.

l) Resolution to Approve FY26 Mid-Year Budgeted Transfers.

m) Consider Event Request -

1) Easter Egg Scramble – Hy-Vee Civic Plaza – March 28, 2026

n) Beer and Liquor Permits

1) Casey's General Store #3789 – Class E Alcohol License (LE)

Roll Call Vote:

_1_ Duer _2_ Evans _Y_ McFadden _Y_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

10. Department Head Reports & Updates

The following gave updates: Police Department–Greg Stallman, Fire Department-Jared Ogbourne, Public Utilities-Dan Scott, Public Works–Scott Atzen, Engineering-John Dostart, Community Development–John Shaw, Economic Development-Chad Quick, Library-Kim Kietzman, HR-Patti Murray, IT-Jeff Bierl, Finance-Andy Lent, City Administrator–Randy Pierce.

11. General Business

12. Adjourn at 6:46pm

Roll Call Vote:

_1_ Duer _Y_ Evans _2_ McFadden _Y_ Mertz _Y_ Stewart (5-0)

Attest to: _____ _____

Randy Pierce, City Clerk **Dean O'Connor, Mayor**