

CITY OF ALTOONA, WI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2020

(I) Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Brendan Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference/Video conference due to Coronavirus COVID-19.

(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, Timothy Lima, Maria Guzman, Matt Biren, Tim Sexton, and Susan Rowe were present. Also Present: City Attorney Christopher Gierhart, City Administrator Michael Golat, City Planner Joshua Clements, DPW/City Engineer David Walter, Management Analyst Roy Atkinson, and City Clerk Cindy Bauer.

(IV) Citizen Participation Period

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

(V) Approval of minutes.

Motion by Lima/Stuber to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

(VI) City Officers/Department Heads Report

Management Analyst Roy Atkinson commented on the Ginormous Pumpkin Festival and the dedication of River Prairie Trolls that was held on September 26, 2020 in River Prairie Park.

City Planner Joshua Clements updated the Council on housing construction for 2020.

City Committee Reports – None.

(VII) Consent Agenda – None.

(VIII) Unfinished Business – None.

(IX) New Business

(1) Discuss/consider awarding Contract for tree supply and planting program services.

Management Analyst Roy Atkinson explained that a budget item for urban forestry and tree planting was included and approved in the 2020 City Budget in order to replace trees that were impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer mitigation program and to plant tree varieties which will further diversify Altoona's street tree population. 200 trees will be planted along various impacted areas of the city.

Atkinson said the City prepared and released an RFP for tree supply and planting for responses due on October 5, 2020 and received a total of two proposals from the following vendors: TCO Landscapes \$88,210.50 Green Oasis \$48,048.55. Initially, staff requested a proposal for the purchase and planting of 315 total trees. Upon further consideration of the total number of trees we will need to maintain, including what will be planted this year plus the previous year, staff concluded that the maintenance will be considerable. Staff believes that the manageable planting size for this year will be 200 total trees. Therefore, staff recommends awarding the contract to Green Oasis for the tree supply and planting program in the amount of \$33,481.12.

Motion by Lima/Stuber to approve awarding the tree supply and planting contract to Green Oasis at the submitted price of \$33,481.12. **Motion carried.**

(IX)(2) Discuss/consider approval of Refuse Haulers License in the City of Altoona to the following applicant: GFL Solid Waste Midwest LLC

City Administrator Golat explained that the City received an application for a Refuse Hauler license from GFL Solid Waste Midwest LLC, Applicant, Mark Vinall, 11888 & 11863 30th Ave, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 for the remainder of the licensing period through June 30, 2021.

City Administrator Golat explained that Waste Management, Inc (together with affiliates and subsidiaries known as “WM”) and Advanced Disposal Services, Inc. (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries known as “ADS”) agreed to sell certain respective assets to affiliates of GFL, following the closing of WM’s proposed merger with ADS. It is contemplated that a subsidiary of GFL will acquire certain hauling operations that will require GFL to obtain the Refuse Haulers License in the City of Altoona. At this time, GFL plans to utilize the existing WM and ADS licensed trucks which have previously been inspected by the Eau Claire City/County Health Department. In the future, if GFL wishes to utilize additional trucks, those trucks will be required to be inspected by Eau Claire City/County Health Department. Waste Management and Advanced Disposal will continue to operate under their existing hauling licenses and permits prior to and following closing of the Transaction. According to Altoona Municipal Code, Section 5.16.050 *No more than six garbage hauling licenses shall be issued for any one license period.* Currently the City has issued five licensed refuse hauler licenses in the City of Altoona.

Discussion followed regarding looking into the possibility of limiting the licenses to a lower amount or the feasibility of one hauler. Staff to do some research and report back at a future meeting.

Motion by Stuber/Sexton to approve a Refuse Haulers License to GFL Solid Waste Midwest LLC for the remainder of the Licensing period through June 30, 2021. **Motion carried.**

(IX)(3) Discuss/consider convening in closed session pursuant to the following Wis. Stats:

A. 19.85 (1)(e). 1. Purchase and/or sale of property and B. 19.85 (1)(g). 1. Woodman’s Real Estate Tax Claim.

Motion by Stuber/Sexton to convene in closed session at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(e) 1. Purchase and/or sale of property and Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(g) 1. Woodman’s Real Estate Tax Claim. Roll call vote, 6-eyes, Lima, Rowe, Stuber, Sexton, Biren, Guzman, 0-nays. **Motion carried 6-0.**

(IX)(4) Motion to reconvene to Open Session.

Motion by Biren/Rowe to reconvene in open session at 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote, 6-eyes, Guzman, Biren, Rowe, Lima, Stuber, Sexton, 0-nays. **Motion carried 6-0.** No action reported out of closed session.

(X) Miscellaneous Business and Communication.

(XI) Adjournment.

Motion by Lima/Rowe to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by Cindy Bauer, City Clerk