

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – MARCH 13, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

The meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast March 14, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:15 PM in Council Chambers, following an executive session
SILENT MEDITATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer
Present: Council members Beatty, Butterbaugh, Carper, Ellis, Ickes, Kelley and Mayor Pacifico

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT - Devin Saylor of 424 Crawford Avenue provided Council with a community clean-up project that he plans to hold in May stating he registered his event with Keep PA Beautiful

Don Bowers of Lloyd Street stated he has worked for the Altoona Parking Authority for 17 years and that there is a terrible homeless situation in the City of Altoona; Mr. Bowers asked Council to provide pandemic money for shelters

PRESENTATIONS

National Autism Awareness Month Proclamation was presented to Councilman Joe Carper

Codes & Inspections Department 2022 Annual Report was presented by Codes & Inspections Director Rebecca Brown

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, February 13, 2023. (0030-23)
- b) awarding the 7th Avenue and East Bellwood Avenue Drainage Improvements Project to Excavating Associates, Inc. of 373 Hyndman Road, Hyndman, PA 15545, in the amount of \$322,445.00 payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0031-23)
- c) approving a Project Cost Sharing Agreement with Logan Township for a Green Light Go Project along Logan Boulevard from West Plank Road to Blair Street, with the City's portion, \$50,731.96, to be paid from In-kind Services or from the General

Fund or Highway Aid, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0032-23)

- d) awarding the Garden Heights Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements Project to Kee-Ta Quay Construction, LLC of P.O. Box 388, 230 Pitt Street, Hustontown, PA 17229, in the amount of \$449,906.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0033-23)
- e) awarding the 2023 ADA Ramps Project to M&B Services, LLC of 15303 Route 322, Clarion, PA 18214, in the amount of \$130,079.86, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0034-23)
- f) approving an agreement between the City of Altoona Police Department and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement. (0035-23)
- g) adopting the 2021 HUD HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), as an amendment to the 2021 HOME Annual Plan and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0036-23)
- h) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00, submitted by Lunar Eclipse, LLC of P.O. Box 34238, Philadelphia, PA 19101, for property located at 1926 12th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0037-23)
- i) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00, submitted by Lunar Eclipse, LLC of P.O. Box 34238, Philadelphia, PA 19101, for property located at 1900-02 10th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0038-23)
- j) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00, submitted by Lunar Eclipse, LLC of P.O. Box 34238, Philadelphia, PA 19101, for property located at 2409 Oak Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0039-23)
- k) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$251.00, submitted by Cheap Lands, Inc. of P.O. Box 1141, Homosassa Springs, Florida 34447, for property located at 3127-33 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0040-23)
- l) approving the use of Goodman Trust Funds, in the amount of \$10,270.65, for Prospect Pool. (0041-23)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; at the request of Vice-Mayor Ickes, item g was pulled for a separate vote and passed 6-1 with all present; Vice-Mayor Ickes voted no; at the request of Councilman Butterbaugh, items h, i, j, and k were pulled for a separate vote which did not pass by a vote of 0 to 7 with all present; the consent vote was taken on all remaining items and passed 7 to 0 with all present

ORDINANCES – Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE BLAIR COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY TO THE INTERMUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, A COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF WHICH THE CITY OF ALTOONA IS A MEMBER AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH ACCEPTANCE OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Councilman Butterbaugh.

Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALTOONA AND COMCAST OF COLORADO/PENNSYLVANIA/WEST VIRGINIA, LLC. (ORD. NO. 5801)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Mayor Pacifico

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

Second – Councilman Carper

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present

Adoption – Councilman Ellis

3)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AMENDS CHAPTER 640 "SUBDIVISION OF LAND AND LAND DEVELOPMENT", ARTICLE I "SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY" SECTION 640-2 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE, TO PERMIT THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL TO CONCURRENTLY SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE ALTOONA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, AND TO REAFFIRM THE REMAINDER OF CHAPTER 640. (ORD. NO. 5802)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer
Introduction – Councilman Ellis

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Ellis

Second – Councilman Beatty

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present

(upon the adoption of Ordinance 3 above)

m)appointing Jesse Ickes to the Altoona City Planning Commission for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027.

Resolution m was read into the record at this time by the City Clerk; the floor was re-opened and public comment was offered with none given; the floor was closed and the City Clerk called for the vote on item m which passed 7 to 0 with all present

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:

- RFP Comp Plan – received four proposals which are being reviewed by a sub-committee with interviews to take place next week
- currently working with the Finance Director on the 2022 year-end which will provide information on the highlights and a 5-year projection

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Carper stated 1 in 44 will be diagnosed with autism with 1 in 16 girls and 1 in 27 males and most after the age of 4

Councilman Butterbaugh suggested getting doctors from Pittsburgh to come to Altoona at least two times per week

Vice-Mayor Ickes thanked Omar for the flow chart to assist residents and business with navigating their codes projects

Councilman Ellis stated he receives calls and makes calls regarding the homeless in our city and it is an issue and when he and others are aware they assist and attempt to identify

Councilman Beatty stated there will be a meeting to finalize the opening of Prospect Pool which is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and Jordan Mansberger of WTAJ TV-10

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:15 p.m.