

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 13, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA**

The meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and rebroadcast Thursday, January 14, 2010.

**CALL TO ORDER** – by Mayor Schirf at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers. Council convened to a Public Hearing and then reconvened to the council meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**SILENT MEDITATION** – for Staff Sgt. Matt Ingham

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL** – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Councilmen Butterbaugh, Cagle, Geis, Ibrahim, Kelley, Neugebauer, and Mayor Schirf

**ALL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pat Miller, Executive Director of the Altoona Parking Authority discussed the proposed parking authority ordinance

Attorney Jackie Bernard, discussed the proposed vacation ordinance for the relocation of Sheetz

**MANAGERS REPORT**- resolution h was tabled until further notice; resolution c should read 2824 Broad Avenue; the county approved \$25, 000 for the Gateway Project

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Schirf thanked the City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and the Deputy City Clerk Kim Carrieri for planning and carrying out the Inauguration Ceremony.

Dave Diedrich gave an update on the MPO meeting; the Juniata Streetscape was discussed and the 8<sup>th</sup> street Bridge project

Council discussed authority/boards and commission appointments which were voted on under resolutions

Mayor Schirf reappointed Bruce Johnstone to the Altoona Parking Authority Don Devorris to the Altoona Redevelopment Authority, and Allan Bassler to the Altoona Redevelopment Authority. Mayor Schirf appointed Kathleen Heller to the Shade Tree Commission and Paula Over to the Shade Tree Commission.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, December 9, 2009. (0003-10)**

**b) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Organizational Meeting held Monday, January 4, 2010. (0004-10)**

**c) approving the request of D'Ottavio, Inc. to transfer Liquor License No. E-03720 from the Borough of Tyrone for use at a restaurant located at 2824 Broad Avenue, Altoona, PA. (0005-10)**

**d) rescinding Resolution No. 0080-09 adopted July 8, 2009 which awarded Sale of City Property to Ralph Trevorrow and accepting the withdrawal of bid letter submitted by Mr. Trevorrow. (0006-10)**

**e) awarding the bid submitted for Highway Item No. 8 – 1994 Ford Ltd. Crown Victoria (VIN 153949) to Denny Wolfinger of 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA in the amount of \$300.00 to be deposited in the Sale of City Property Line Item. (0007-10)**

**f) authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to enter into an agreement with Keller Engineers of 420 Hollidaysburg, PA, for Consulting Engineering Services for the year 2010 with projects assigned on an as needed basis and further authorizing the City Clerk to attest to same. (0008-10) (separate vote)**

**g) authorizing the acceptance of the proposal submitted to Penn DOT through its Engineering and Construction Management System by Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. of 5506 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rear, Altoona PA for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Over Brush Run Project in the amount of \$243,181.19 to be reimbursed by PennDOT and further authorizing the City Manager and City Solicitor to sign, either electronically or manually, all documents, including the project award, and for the City Clerk to attest to same as needed. (0009-10)**

**h) accepting the proposal submitted by Keller Engineers, Inc. of 420 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA for Construction Inspection Services for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Over Brush Run Project in the amount of \$75,719.85 to be reimbursed by PennDOT and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (TABLED)**

**i) reappointing Tony Ruggery of 2618 Maple Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Altoona City Water Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2015. (0010-10)**

**j) reappointing Scott Brown of 881 Race Street, Altoona, PA to the Altoona Housing Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2015. (0011-10)**

**k)reappointing Jennifer Mikolajczyk of 32 Mansion Boulevard, Altoona, PA to the Altoona City Planning Commission for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2014. (0012-10)**

**l)appointing Patrick Condrin of 224 Ruskin Drive, Altoona, PA to the AMED Authority to fill the unexpired term of Joe Moran. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2012. (0013-10)**

**m)reappointing Terri Henshaw Kelley of 43 Seneca Avenue, Altoona, PA to the AMTRAN Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2015. (0014-10) (separate vote)**

**n)reappointing Richard Wagner of 1909 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Fire Civil Service Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2014. (0015-10)**

**o)reappointing Tim Yingling of 1631 Van Buren Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Police Civil Service Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2014. (0016-10)**

**p)appointing Councilman Dave Butterbaugh to the Blighted Property Review Committee for a term of two years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2012. (0017-10)**

**q)reappointing Charles Ofiesh of 5718 Ohio Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2015. (0018-10)**

**r)reappointing Donna Royer of 1301 Monroe Avenue, Altoona, PA to serve as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of three years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2013. (0019-10)**

the resolutions were read by the City Clerk; it was requested by Councilman Butterbaugh that item f be pulled for a separate vote because he may have a conflict of interest because the firm he works for submitted a proposal; it was requested by Councilman Kelley that item m be pulled for a separate vote because he may have a conflict of interest because the appointee is his spouse; the vote was taken by the City Clerk on item f and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Butterbaugh abstained; the vote was taken by the City Clerk on item m and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Kelley abstained; the consent vote was then taken by the City Clerk on all other items and excluded item f and m; the consent vote passed 7 to 0 with all present

## **ORDINANCES - Introduction**

**1)AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA INCREASING PARKING RATES CHARGED FOR OFF STREET PARKING BY THE ALTOONA PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA.**

This ordinance was read by the City Clerk and was introduced by Councilman Cagle.

**2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA RESCINDING THE RENAMING OF 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BETWEEN 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO BLUE AND WHITE AVENUE AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance was read by the City Clerk and was introduced by Councilman Geis.

**3)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING ORDINANCE 5521 ADOPTED JULY 23, 2003, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE "ALTOONA PLANNING CODE", AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, ADOPTED BY TITLE THREE SECTION 403, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1617 – 1631 NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, ALTOONA, CHANGING FROM NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS COMMERCIAL TO GENERAL INDUSTRIAL.**

This ordinance was read by the City Clerk and was introduced by Mayor Schirf.

**4)AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF ALDRICH AVENUE FROM PLANK TO A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 338 FEET NORTH, CONTAINING FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE SQUARE FEET OR 0.124 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN THE**

**CITY OF ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA; AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAME BE STRICKEN FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY PLAN.**

This ordinance was read by the City Clerk and was introduced by Councilman Neugebauer.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** – Council Committee Assignments; Council agreed on the assignments attached hereto

**MEDIA QUESTIONS** – Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror*, Chris Forshey, WRTA

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council convened to Executive session for the purpose of personnel matters at 8:00 p.m. with no further action taken

**ADJOURNMENT** – by Mayor Schirf at 8:30 p.m.