

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 27, 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 28, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Schirf at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

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

PRESENTATIONS - AMTRAN & The Trolleyworks Business Park
Overview- Eric Wolf, General Manager

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT- Attorney Jackie Bernard of Grappone Law Office asked for Council's support of the vacation ordinance

MANAGERS REPORT- this was distributed previously; there were no questions

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Resolution honoring Staff Sgt. Matt Ingham

WHEREAS, the City of Altoona has been the home to numerous Veterans of the United States Military; and

WHEREAS, the current effort to free Afghanistan from the insurgency has resulted in the loss of almost 1000 American lives; and

WHEREAS, recently native son, MATT INGHAM, made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, MATT INGHAM joins countless other Altoona Veterans in service to their beloved Country.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor William Schirf, on behalf of the Governing Body of the City of Altoona, do hereby officially designate the period of January 27, 2010 through February 10, 2010, as a period of mourning and special respect and admiration, for Staff Sgt. Ingham and all Veterans, and, hereby request that all citizens and businesses in Altoona post in a prominent display the name of Staff Sgt. Matt Ingham together with any wishes or prayers the citizens or businesses believe appropriate as a symbol of respect, admiration and awe for the sacrifices and the courage of Staff Sgt. Matt Ingham, and, of all Veterans of the City of Altoona. **(0020-10)**

Vice Mayor Bruce Kelley commented on how the week touched the community and how many continued to express sympathy to the family of Matt Ingham, offering their love and patriotism

Mayor Schirf read the resolution and the City Clerk called for the vote and the vote passed 7 to 0 with all present

Authorities/boards/commissions appointments

Council reviewed and discussed and appointments were then voted on under resolutions

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, January 13, 2010. (0021-10)

b) awarding the bid submitted for Highway Item No. 4 – 2000 Ford Ltd. Crown Victoria (VIN 151754) to Kenneth Servello of 309 North 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA in the amount of \$150.00 to be deposited in the Sale of City Property Line Item. (0022-10)

c) awarding the Demolition Bid for 1820 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA to Earthmovers Unlimited of Kylertown, PA in the amount of \$4,242.00 payable from the Community Block Grant Blighted Property Program and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0023-10)

d) awarding the Demolition Bid for 3320 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA to Earthmovers Unlimited of Kylertown, PA in the amount of \$6,242.00 payable from the Community Block Grant Blighted Property Program and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0024-10)

e) appointing Master Electrician Larry Field of 1204 Norway Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Altoona Code Appeals Board to fill the unexpired term of K.R. Krater. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2011. (0025-10)

f) reappointing Larry Field of 1204 Norway Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Electrical Civil Service Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2014. (0026-10)

g) reappointing Dr. John Joyce of 3518 Fort Roberdeau Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Goodman Trust Advisory Board for a term of three years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2013. (0027-10)

h)reappointing Dennis Batrus of 2301 4th Street, Altoona, PA to serve as an alternate on the Goodman Trust Advisory Board for a term of three years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2013. (0028-10)

i)appointing Alternate Horace McAnuff to the Zoning Hearing Board as a regular member to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Frezza. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2011. (0029-10)

recommending to the Blair County Commissioners the reappointment of Altoona City Planning Commission member Bob Gutshall to serve as a city representative on the Blair County Planning Commission. Said term shall expire December 31, 2013. (0030-10)

appointing Jan Mills of 3005 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate member to fill the unexpired term of Horace McAnuff. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2012. (0031-10)

the resolutions were read by the City Clerk; the consent vote was taken and passed 7 to 0 with all present

ORDINANCES - Adoption

Councilman Cagle

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. (ORD NO. 5603)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Cagle

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Geis

Second – Councilman Kelley

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

Councilman Geis

2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA RESCINDING THE RENAMING OF 12TH AVENUE BETWEEN 18TH STREET AND 11TH STREET TO BLUE AND WHITE AVENUE AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD NO. 5604)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Geis

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Geis

Second – Councilman Kelley

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

Councilman Neugebauer

3)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. (ORD. NO. 5605)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Neugebauer

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Neugebauer

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS – none

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Schirf at 7:35 p.m.