

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – JUNE 9, 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, Thursday, June 10, 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, Kelley, Mills, Neugebauer and Mayor Schirf

PRESENTATIONS – City of Altoona Five Year Financial Management Plan Update – Gerald Cross, Executive Director, PEL

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT-none

MANAGER’S REPORT – the Manager’s Report was distributed previously

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Volunteer and Garden Heights Committees met recently; John Robertson does not want his name on the Booker T. Washington Park; BCCAP concerts will start June 16th

Councilman Geis asked to have the Goodman Trust awards added to the agenda and award to the groups that meet the criteria stated in the Solicitor’s legal opinion; Council agreed on the awards in resolution i; the floor was opened to the public for public comment on this addition; Tim Mallon, VP Model Railroaders 2930 S. 10th Avenue, Altoona, PA asked why his project wasn’t funded; Council stated it did not meet the criteria stated in the Solicitor’s legal opinion

RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 26, 2010. (0089-10)

**b)authorizing a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Altoona and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for signals located as follows:
1)North 4th Avenue (SR4013) and North 8th Street (City Street)
2)North 4th Avenue (SR 4013) and North 3rd Street (City Street)
and further authorizing the Mayor or Vice-Mayor (in the Mayor’s absence) to execute all documents and the City Clerk or Deputy**

City Clerk (in the City Clerk's absence) to attest to same. (0090-10)

c)awarding a Demolition Contract for demolition of the following properties: 2326 5th Avenue, 1719 4th Avenue, 2413 7th Avenue and 2204 8th Avenue, Altoona, PA to Demolition and Construction, LLC of 5228 William Penn Highway, Alexandria, PA in the amount of \$20,940.00 payable from CDBG Funds and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0091-10)

d)awarding a Demolition Contract for demolition of the following properties: 1405 1st Street and 1806 11th Street, Altoona, PA to G&R Excavating and Demolition, Inc. of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA in the amount of \$11,565.00 payable from CDBG Funds and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0092-10)

e)restating and amending the Recycling Guidelines of the City of Altoona. (0093-10)

f)authorizing City Manager, Joseph F. Weakland, to execute the attached RCAP Grant Agreement for the Railroaders Memorial Museum extending the term of the agreement for one additional year to December 31, 2011, subject to a written response from Mr. Larry Salone, Executive Director, to City Manager Joe Weakland's letter of May 21, 2010 attached hereto. (0094-10)

g)directing staff to take the necessary action to implement the attached recommendations, including the creation of an ordinance for the Garden Heights section of the City of Altoona. (0095-10)

h)appointing Councilman Jan Mills as the Liaison between City Council and the Railroader's Memorial Museum for the implementation of the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program and Grant and further authorizing City Manager Joe Weakland to notify the Railroader's Memorial Museum of the appointment of Councilman Mills. (0096-10)

i)authorizing the transfer of \$11,200.00 from the Goodman Trust Fund to the following organizations for the following recreation projects: 1) George B. Kelley Amateur Baseball Federation for Geesey Park for infield, fence and backstop repairs and top soil in the amount of \$1500.00 2) Altoona Housing Authority for Fairview Hills Development for new basketball backboards, blacktop on the basketball court, and wood chips, soil and grass

seed for the playground area in the amount of \$3500.00 3) Altoona Boxing Club for the replacement of boxing gloves, handwraps and head gear in the amount of \$600.00 4) Central Blair Recreation Commission for Kipple Run Basketball Court for paving of the basketball court, striping and installation of two backboards and rims in the amount of \$5600.00. (0097-10)

the resolutions were read by the City Clerk; Councilman Kelley requested that resolution i be pulled for a separate vote; the consent vote was taken on all items except for item i and passed 7 to 0; the vote was taken on item i and passed 6 to 1; Councilman Kelley voted no stating Council should have gone with the recommendations of the committee and informed them of the Solicitor's legal opinion for next year

DISCUSSION ITEMS – thanks to the Garden Heights neighborhood for their help and participation in the recent neighborhood meetings

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council convened to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for personnel matters and reconvened only to adjourn with no further business taking place

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Schirf at 9:30 p.m.