

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 22, 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, September 23, 2010.

**CALL TO ORDER** – by Councilman Geis 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 (via phone), Mills, Neugebauer (via Phone)

Absent: Mayor Schirf

**PRESENTATIONS** - Proclamation for National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and City of Altoona Gold Ribbon Day – Dawn Morden

Nathan Freet, Altoona Troop 25 - Eagle Scout Project Presentation asked Council if he could rehab Gospel Hill Park for his project; plans include rebuilding benches, repainting railings, cleaning the sign and replacing plexiglass, removing brush and picking up trash; Nathan will be working with Public Works Director Dave Diedrich; Councilman Geis gave Nathan Council's support on his project and asked him to keep Council updated and to report back at the end of his project

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council convened to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of litigation; Council reconvened to the Council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Presentations, continued

Monthly Financial Review – Omar Strohm, Finance Director, 1,331,682 Aug actual revenues, 14,271,846 ytd august, 58.65%; 3,122,996 Aug actual expenses, 16,310,566 ytd August, 67.03%

2011 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) – Omar Strohm, Finance Director, Omar reviewed the MMO report with Council

**ALL PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**MANAGER'S REPORT** – the Manager's Report was distributed previously; Council had no questions or comments at this time on the report

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Got Drugs project will be held Saturday, Sept 25th from 10-2 at the Altoona Police Dept. and the public can bring unused, expired and unwanted prescriptions and non prescription drugs and drop them off

Councilman Geis stated Gary Clare will be coordinating another Operation SOS project for the troops to receive holiday care packages from home and items can be dropped off at Smith Furniture in Duncansville

Councilman Cagle gave an update on the Booker T. Project

Councilman Geis mentioned that a park should be named in honor and memory of Lucy Johnson within the Booker T. project because of all that she contributed to the City over the years

Councilman Butterbaugh stated the Blighted Property Review Committee added 3 properties to the list which gives the City more authority and the opportunity to contact the property owners; the Magistrates are behind by several hundred cases

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, September 8, 2010. (0152-10)**

**authorizing the exoneration of real estate taxes on certain Altoona Redevelopment Authority owned parcels attached hereto and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0153-10)**

**approving the Repository Bid from Christopher Brown of 706 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA for the property located at 1820 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, Control No. 12-136230, in the amount of \$520.00 and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0154-10)**

**approving the Repository Bid from Richard Butterbaugh of 1451 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA for the property located at 1450-1452 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA, Control No. 14-281430, in the amount of \$100.00 and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0155-10)**

**amending and restating Fee Resolution 0121-09 which established fees for applications, permits and licenses for the City of Altoona. (0156-10)**

the resolutions were read by the City Clerk and the consent vote was taken on all items and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Kelley and Councilman Neugebauer voted by telephone and Mayor Schirf was absent

## **ORDINANCES**

### Introduction

**An Ordinance of the City of Altoona adopting the 2009 edition of the *International Fire Code*, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the City of Altoona; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing Ordinance No. 5471 of October 11, 2000 the City of Altoona and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith; and establishing an effective date.**

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Councilman Geis

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** – none

**MEDIA** – Scott Musko, *Altoona Mirror*; Chris Forshey, WRTA Radio

**ADJOURNMENT** – by Councilman Geis at 8:00 p.m.