

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
& 2011 BUDGET REVIEW & BUDGET INTRODUCTION
WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 10, 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, November 11, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Schirf at 7:15 PM in Council Chambers.

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Councilmen Butterbaugh, Geis, Kelley, Mills, Neugebauer and Mayor Schirf

Absent: Councilman Cagle

City Solicitor Larry Clapper stated that Council held an executive session from 6:30 to 7:15 and the purpose was personnel matters; two additional resolutions

Were going to be added to the agenda – item j, the police department collective bargaining agreement and item k, the fire department collective bargaining agreement

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT- none

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS – Mayor Schirf stated the following: he attended the 17th street welcome sign ribbon cutting and the bike path ribbon cutting; the Veterans Day Parade will honor Charlie Ofiesh; the 5th Annual Spirit of Christmas Parade will be held December 2nd and a food drive will be held along the parade route; Mayor Schirf thanked staff for the W. 14th Avenue foot bridge upgrades and mentioned the completion of the Penn and Park Avenue foot bridges; the Mayor also stated that Penn State started the Meyer Jonassen Project and that the Juniata Streetscape Project would be starting soon

Councilman Geis stated the IRC would be distributing recycling bins again at the Blair County Ballpark; City residents can pick up bins at the City Highway Yard any day during regular business hours

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, October 27, 2010.(0165-10)

b)amending the 2009 CDBG Program for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program transferring \$99,320.08 from the Blair Senior Services Project to the Family Services Project.(0166-10)

c)awarding the proposal for Independent Auditing Services for the City of Altoona for the years 2010, 2011, and 2012, including an audit of the Federal Housing and Community Development Funds, to Young, Oakes, Brown and Company of Altoona, PA and authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.(0167-10)

d)approving two agreements with Centax: a 3 year agreement for collection of real estate tax for a charge of \$1.50 per parcel; and a 3 year agreement for collection of other Act 511 taxes such as Business Privilege, Mercantile and Rental taxes for a charge of 2.3% of taxes collected and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same; this is subject to the approval of the final agreement by the City Manager and City Solicitor.(0168-10)

e)approving a lease agreement with the Blair County Tax Collection Committee for office space at City Hall (former location of City Water Authority) for a term of 2 years with no rent charged for year one (1) and rent of \$6.00/square foot for the second (2nd) year of the lease with option to renew for 3 additional 1 year terms and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same; this is subject to the approval of the final agreement by the City Manager and City Solicitor.(0169-10)

f)establishing a Business Advisory Committee to offer advice to the Mayor and Council on ways to improve the business climate in the City of Altoona consisting of nine (9) individuals, with preference for those who have successful businesses within the surrounding area, appointed by the Mayor and City Council.(0170-10)

g)approving the Repository Bid submitted by Richard Morgan of 212 N. 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA for the property located at 216 N. 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA, Control No. 013-332070, 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.(0171-10)

h)approving the Repository Bid submitted by Aaron Beard of 2710 Broad Avenue, Apt. 4, Altoona, PA for the property located at 2305 5th Avenue, Altoona, PA, Control No. 12-101130, in the amount of \$1000.00 and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.(0172-10)

i)rejecting the HVAC System-Centralized Garage Project Bid submitted by Klesius & Sheedy as the bid is not in the best interest of the City.(0173-10)

j)approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Altoona and the Altoona Police Department for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.(0174-10)

k)approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Altoona and IAFF Local 299, Altoona Firefighters, for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.(0175-10)

the resolutions were read by the City Clerk and the consent vote was taken on all items and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Cagle was absent

ORDINANCES

Introduction

1)An Ordinance of the City of Altoona, in the County of Blair, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2011. (2011 BUDGET) (FIRST READING)

A motion was made by Councilman Mills for the proposed budget ordinance to pass the first reading; there was a second by Councilman Butterbaugh; a vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Cagle was absent

The adoption date for the proposed 2011 budget was set for Wednesday, December 8, 2010, the last stated Council meeting for the month of December 2010

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2)An Ordinance of the City of Altoona, in the County of Blair, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2011. (2011 TAX MILLAGE)

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

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3)An Ordinance of the City of Altoona, County of Blair, Pennsylvania, amending and completely restating Ordinance 5521, adopted July 23, 2003, entitled "The Altoona Planning Code" as amended.

The ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Councilman Mills

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4)An ordinance of the City of Altoona amending Ordinance 5521 adopted July 23, 2003 as amended, known as the "Altoona

Planning Code" to amend Title Three of said code known as "Zoning" to rezone, from "Suburban Residential" to "Highway Business Commercial", the property bounded by Jaggard Street, Valley View Boulevard, 16th street and Monroe Avenue (unopened) and having an address of 1116-1122 South Jaggard Street, Altoona, Pennsylvania, upon request of Diventura, as more particularly shown on the map attached hereto; and the ordinance will also establish an effective date.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS – none

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Schirf at 7:45 p.m.