

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
& BUDGET ADOPTION
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 8, 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, December 9, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Schirf at 7:05 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

City Solicitor Larry Clapper stated that Council held an executive session from 6:30 to 7:05 prior to the council meeting and the purpose was: add item h to the agenda – approving the discharge of Police Officer Eric Kriner

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT- none

MANAGER’S REPORT – the Manager’s Report was distributed previously; Joe Weakland stated a new fire truck was purchased to replace one that was 28 years old and council is welcome to review it at the fire station across the street

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS – CBRC- passed their budget

BCCAA – commended for the Spirit of Christmas Parade

ARHS-outpatient ribbon cutting held

Med Express- ribbon cutting held

Salvation Army Adult Rehab - have new leaders

BPRC – added 6 properties to 30 day appeal, removed 4 properties due to rehabbing by private investors

Youth Committee – has 7 applicants, will meet in December

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, November 10, 2010. (0176-10)

b) approving the Proposal for the 2011 Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) in the amount of \$4,000,000 and awarding the proposal to First National Bank at an interest rate of 1.94% and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0177-10)

c) approving a Ten (10) Year Lease Agreement with Lois J. Hampton for property located at 5708-10 Maryland Avenue, Altoona, PA in the

amount of \$1.00 per year and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0178-10)

d)awarding a Demolition Contract for 1618 11th Street (\$6,239), 1709 14th Avenue (\$5,339), 1411 18th Avenue(\$6,343) and 1535 9th Street(\$6,242), Altoona, PA to Earthmovers Unlimited of P.O. Box 187, Kylertown, PA in the amount of \$24,163.00 payable from the CDBG Blighted Property Program and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0179-10)

e)approving the City Council meeting schedule for the year 2011, in accordance with the Third Class City Code and Administrative Code of the City of Altoona. (0180-10)

f)approving the Repository Bid submitted by James Kobel of 2411 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA for the property located at 2413 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA, Control No. 12-144960, in the amount of \$800.00 and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0181-10)

g)approving the Repository Bid submitted by William Bartley of 226 21st Avenue, Altoona, PA for the property located at 2016-18 10th Avenue, Altoona, PA, Control No. 12-159120, in the amount of \$1700.00 and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0182-10)

h)approving the discharge of Eric R. Kriner from employment as a City of Altoona Police Officer, in accordance with the recommendation of the City Manager. (0183-10)

the resolutions were read by the City Clerk and the consent vote was taken on all items and 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 City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Councilman Mills.

Adoption

Councilman Mills

2)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) (ORD. NO. 5612)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Mills

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Mills

Second – Councilman Neugebauer

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present; Councilman Butterbaugh, Councilman Cagle and Mayor Schirf abstained only on the Juniata Civic Association line item because they are active members

Adoption

Councilman Geis

3)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) (ORD. NO. 5613)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Geis

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Geis

Second – Councilman Cagle

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

RESOLUTION-(UPON ADOPTION OF THE MILLAGE ORDINANCE)

aa) authorizing City Solicitor Larry Clapper to file the 2011 Millage Petition with the Blair County Court of Common Pleas. (0184-10)

resolution aa was read by the City Clerk and the meeting was opened to the floor for public comment on resolution aa; there was no public comment; the meeting was closed to the floor; the vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present

DISCUSSION ITEMS – none

MEDIA – Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror*; Chris Forshey, WRTA Radio; Carolyn Donaldson, WTAJ TV 10

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Schirf at 7:40 p.m.