

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
& BUDGET ADOPTION  
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 14, 2011 - 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 15, 2011.

**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 via conference call at 7:21 p.m. and Mayor Schirf

City Solicitor Larry Clapper stated that Council held an Executive Session at 6:15pm prior to the council meeting and the purpose was: potential litigation and personnel issues

**PRESENTATIONS** - Monthly Financial Review – Omar Strohm, Finance Director

**ALL PUBLIC COMMENT-** Charles Helsel, 806 East Street, Altoona, PA and Clifford Shoemaker, 804 East Street, Altoona, PA – stated the street is 6 to 8 inches higher than the sidewalk and the ditch is open; asking if this can be closed in; water is running off into their basements

**MANAGER’S REPORT** – the Manager’s Report was distributed previously; handicap ramp upgrades were explained by Public Works Director Dave Diedrich

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS** – the Mayor asked for authorities/boards and commissions volunteers

Vice-Mayor Kelley stated the DCED Southwest Field Representative will be visiting Altoona in January to educate the City on Act 47

Mayor Schirf presented Councilman Mills with a plaque and thanked him for his service to the city and for his involvement in the community

Councilman Mills complimented staff for their quality, dedication and heart and stated Council will need help in the future from the citizens and will need resources from the community; Councilman Mills stated the mandates and rules and regulations need to be changed

**RESOLUTIONS**

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, November 9, 2011. (0136-11)

b) awarding the bid for the Sale of City Owned Property as follows: HWY ITEM 2, 2005 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN#1FAFP71W05X171718), in the amount of \$250.00 to Denny Wolfinger of 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, to be deposited in the Sale of City Property Line item and rejecting the PLAN #1 Bid received for Skids of New Hanover Paving Bricks as this bid is not in the best interest of the City. (0137-11)

c) authorizing the City of Altoona to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for participation in the Federal Special Bridge Funds, Inventory and Inspection Program and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland or Acting City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0138-11)

d) approving the Proposal for the 2012 Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) in the amount of \$4,500,000 and awarding the proposal to First National Bank at an interest rate of 1.59% and further authorizing the City Manager or Acting City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0139-11)

e) approving the Repository Bid submitted by Robert Aikins of 114 Woods Road Chester, Maryland for the property located at 2027-31 12th Avenue, Altoona, PA, Control No. 012-172650, in the amount of \$4097.00 and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland or Acting City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0140-11)

f) adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and continuing to utilize NIMS for all incident management for the year 2010 and further authorizing the Mayor and City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0141-11)

g) adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and continuing to utilize NIMS for all incident management for the year 2011 and further authorizing the Mayor and City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0142-11)

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; Councilman Neugebauer voted via conference call.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Adoption**

#### **Mayor Schirf**

**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 2012. (2012 BUDGET) (ORD. NO. 5624)**

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Mayor Schirf

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Schirf

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present; Councilman Neugebauer voted via conference call.

### **Adoption**

#### **Mayor Schirf**

**2)An Ordinance of the City of Altoona, in the County of Blair, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2012. (2012 TAX MILLAGE) (ORD. NO. 5625)**

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Mayor Schirf

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Schirf

Second – Councilman Neugebauer

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present; Councilman Neugebauer voted via conference call.

## **RESOLUTION-(UPON ADOPTION OF THE MILLAGE ORDINANCE)**

**aa) authorizing City Solicitor Larry Clapper to file the 2012 Millage Petition with the Blair County Court of Common Pleas. (0143-11)**

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; Councilman Neugebauer voted via conference call.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS – none**

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – by Mayor Schirf at 7:55 p.m.