

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 11, 2012 - 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, January 12, 2012.

**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, Haire, Kelley, Neugebauer and Mayor Schirf

**PRESENTATIONS** – Brownfields, Pat Miller, Executive VP-ABCD Corp.  
(powerpoint attached to minutes)

**ALL PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS** – Mayor Schirf mentioned an article cited by IRC Executive Director John Frederick regarding Greater Altoona and the crime rate being among the lowest 15% of all cities in the U.S.; also the City is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> for comparable sized communities in the U.S. for safety; the Mayor stated the City of Altoona takes a proactive approach of protecting neighborhoods and removing blighted properties; the Mayor offered congratulations to all city departments and residents for these statistics and thanks to all help to make Altoona what it is

**RESOLUTIONS**

**a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, December 14, 2011. (0003-12)**

**b) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Organizational Meeting held Tuesday, January 3, 2012. (0004-12)**

**c) authorizing payment to the Blair County Planning Commission for the City of Altoona's local share for the year 2010 in the amount of \$11,142.00 and for the year 2011 in the amount of \$11,142.00 both payable from the Contingency Line Item. (0005-12)**

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** – Council reviewed and updated their committee assignments.

Councilman Kelley asked for the union representatives and Representative Geist and Senator Eichelberger to be invited to the Act 47 meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>

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

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