

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 27, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA**

The meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast Thursday, February 28, 2013.

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 (via phone) and Mayor Schirf

PRESENTATIONS – Monthly Financial Review, Omar Strohm; Omar reviewed the month of January 2013 and offered comparison to January of last year with expenditures exceeding revenues for the current year and for January of last year; Omar stated for the first sixty days of the year the city is on a modified accrual accounting system

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – none

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS – Mayor Schirf stated the Sheetz family members were recently recognized at the CBRC Dinner and Mayor Schirf thanked them for their many contributions to the City of Altoona and for being so community oriented and for always giving back to our community

Councilman Butterbaugh stated he attended the BPRC meeting where seven properties were determined for the blighted list and two were removed

Councilman Haire stated he attended the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation meeting and asked the public to take their old televisions and appliances to the store where they will be recycled and the organization will be paid for them

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, February 13, 2013. (0026-13)

b) amending the 2011 CDBG Program transferring \$79,662.23 from the following projects: Lexington Avenue Curb and Sidewalk, Booker T. Washington Parking Lot, Hope Community Playground, Nehemiah 11th Street Kitchen Rehab, 6th Avenue Curb and Sidewalk, 6th Ward Community Center Improvements and the Men's/Women's Transitional Shelter to the Street Resurfacing Program. (0027-13)

c)amending the 2012 CDBG Program changing the project description for the 2012 Lloyd Street Curb and Sidewalk Project attached hereto. (0028-13)

d)amending the Citizen Participation Plan for the Housing and Community Development Programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to adopt revised funding applications to be used by agencies, citizens and City Departments requesting funding from the Housing and Community Development Program, and including the option to either post public notices and/or to advertise in the local newspaper. (0029-13)

e)rejecting all bids submitted for the Lloyd Street Curb and Sidewalk Project opened on February 15, 2013 as the bids were determined to not be in the best interest of the City of Altoona. (0030-13)

f)awarding the Memorial Park Pool Demolition Bid to Mike Ventre Excavating of 813 Ventre Road, Altoona, PA in the amount of \$35,992.85 payable from the Recreation Project Account and authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland or the Acting City Manager in his absence to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0031-13)

the resolutions were read and the consent vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0; Councilman Neugebauer voted by phone

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Councilman Kelley stated the Pennsylvania Municipal League will attend the March 13th council meeting to discuss the home rule charter form of government; Councilman Kelley stated he also asked the league to review all of the programs offered by the League

Councilman Kelley asked if CBRC is involved with what is going on with the Valley View soccer fields and encouraged Mayor Schirf and Vice Mayor Cagle as CBRC board members to get involved

Councilman Kelley suggested that with the announcement by the Altoona Area School District to close two schools that Council should be pro-active regarding the buildings and their future uses; Councilman Kelley encouraged Council's involvement

MEDIA – Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and Chris Forshey, WRTA

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Schirf at 7:30 p.m.