

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 24, 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, April 25, 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, Haire, Kelley, Neugebauer and Mayor Schirf
Absent: Councilman Geis

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Silas Jones, 13th Avenue and 18th Street; asked the City to remove the codes fine so he can repair his garage

Patricia McNally, 1816 20th Avenue; reported code violations at 1810 20th Avenue

PRESENTATIONS – Sister Cities, Debbie Flaig and St. Polten students; the students were introduced and will be visiting until May 3rd; there were 16 students in June 2012 and there will be 20 students in April 2014; they will be looking for activity ideas and they will be raising funds for the future trip

Cesare Battisti Club – Mike Provenzano and Joe Russo presented Council with the petition they had signed by the neighborhood regarding outdoor music stating they are ready to apply for the PLCB permit; Larry Clapper will prepare the petition and the resolution for a future council meeting; also announced the Central PA Humane Society will hold the fundraising event Bikers for Barkers at their location in the middle of July

Monthly Financial Review – Omar Strohm, Finance Director, reviewed March revenues and expenditures; general property taxes are better and people appear to be paying

MANAGER'S REPORT – none

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS –

Mayor Schirf announced the Great American Clean Up to be held April 27th at 8:30 a.m. for Mill Run Stream from behind Macy's Logan Valley Mall to Tuckahoe Park

Councilman Butterbaugh asked about no truck signs in the Race Street area during PennDOT's 31st street project

Councilman Butterbaugh stated two properties were added at the BPRC

meeting – 525 1st Avenue and 318 4th Avenue; also the program used \$106,000 of community development block grant funds to demo 21 properties and helped the neighborhoods raise their property values

Councilman Butterbaugh recently attended blight court and staff was prepared and efficient; he also reminded that codes is complaint driven and there are 5 officers with 3 dealing with property maintenance issues and 2 dealing with rental inspections

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, April 10, 2013. (0046-13)

b) awarding the bid for 2013-2014 Road Materials for items 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 23, as described in the attached bid tab, to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt of Hollidaysburg, PA in the amount of \$207,414.00 payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid and purchased on an “as needed” basis and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0047-13)

c) awarding the bid for 2013-2014 Road Materials for items 3, 7, and 25, as described in the attached bid tab, to Woodland Equipment & Supply Company of Woodland, PA in the amount of \$19,806.60 payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid and purchased on an “as needed” basis and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0048-13)

d) awarding the bid for 2013-2014 Road Materials for items 4, 8, 15, 21, and 22, as described in the attached bid tab, to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. of New Enterprise, PA in the amount of \$29,901.50 payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid and purchased on an “as needed” basis and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0049-13)

e) authorizing the donation of bicycles currently held in storage by the Altoona Police Department to the Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0050-13)

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS – none

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Schirf at 7:50 p.m.