

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – JUNE 12, 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, June 13, 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 and Mayor Schirf

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – none

PRESENTATIONS – none

MANAGER’S REPORT – the report was distributed previously

Questions/Comments: Broad Avenue Tree update – the City met with PennDOT and Penn State to examine trees and at least 41 need to be removed and 28 need critical pruning; the Penn State Forester states there is no danger at this time to the neighborhood; PennDOT will remove trees but not until November because of the Indiana Bat requirement as it is an endangered species; the City is to develop a proposal and a public meeting with the residents of Broad Avenue which will be held in approximately one month to see what the residents want

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS – Mayor Schirf thanked the Altoona High School for providing 400 students and 38 teachers for a clean-up day in the City

20th avenue and 18th street signal light has a 3 second yellow and 2 second red which is typical of an intersection of this size; in 5 years there have been 4 accidents reported; this intersection is still being monitored and citations have been issued; Penn DOT is to place a sign warning of the traffic signal ahead

Mayor Schirf reviewed blighted properties, demolitions and rehabilitated properties

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 22, 2013. (0073-13)

b) authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland or Acting City Manager in his absence and the City Solicitor or designated

representative in his absence to sign all paperwork, either electronically or manually, for the Broadway Sidewalk Project, including the construction contract, and if necessary, the City Clerk to attest to same. (0074-13)

c)awarding the Demolition Bid for 1115 6th Avenue and 408 12th Street to Earthmovers Unlimited, Inc. of P.O. Box 187, Kylertown, PA in the amount of \$17,672.00 payable from CDBG Funds and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0075-13)

d)awarding the Demolition Bid for 722 4th Avenue, Altoona, PA to Altoona Contracting Excavating Demolition Services of 535 Sandy Run Road, Altoona, Pa in the amount of \$6,728.00 payable from CDBG Funds and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0076-13)

e)authorizing the donation of one bicycle 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. (0077-13)

f)amending and restating the Fee Resolution 0121-09 as amended to include fees as required by the codification of the City of Altoona and amend certain fire safety related fees. (0078-13)

the resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; the consent vote was taken on all items and passed 7 to 0

ORDINANCES

Introduction

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 170, TO BE ENTITLED "FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS" REGULATING AND GOVERNING FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA; PROVIDING FOR: DEFINITIONS, AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE TAPE DIALER; PERMITS AND MEANS FOR REVOCATION OF PERMITS PROCEDURE; PROHIBITION OF INTENTIONAL AND MALICIOUS FALSE ALARMS; A FALSE ALARM FEE; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read by the City Clerk and was introduced by Mayor Schirf

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2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 346, TO BE ENTITLED "FIRE COST RECOVERY" AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF RECOVERY OF COST INCURRED BY THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN RESPONDING TO CERTAIN EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY INCIDENTS; REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read by the City Clerk and was introduced by Councilman Neugebauer

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3)AUTHORIZING AND SECURING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$30,000,000, PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, TO: (1) CURRENTLY REFUND THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A AND B OF 2003 AND SERIES OF 2008, (2) ADVANCE REFUND THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2009, (3) ACQUIRE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY BUILDINGS, STREETS AND ROADS, FOR BY THE PUBLIC WORKS, POLICE, FIRE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS, AND (4) PAY THE COSTS OF ISSUING THE BONDS; ACCEPTING A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; SETTING FORTH THE PARAMETERS, TERMS AND SUBSTANTIAL FORM OF THE BONDS; PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE CITY TO SECURE THE BONDS; APPOINTING A PAYING AGENT AND SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; AUTHORIZING THE ESCROW AND REDEMPTIONS OF THE REFUNDED BONDS; AND APPROVING RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ACTS.

This ordinance was read by the City Clerk and was introduced by Councilman Butterbaugh

Adoption

The Governing Body

4)AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT AN ORDINANCE CODIFICATION OF A COMPLETE BODY OF LEGISLATION FOR THE CITY OF ALTOONA, COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF

PENNSYLVANIA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; TO SAVE FROM REPEAL CERTAIN OTHER LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE CODE OR CHAPTERS THEREOF. (ORD NO 5639)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – The Governing Body

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Geis

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Councilman Butterbaugh stated he saw an article in the newspaper today about the former Triangle building and the developer and their issues; Councilman Butterbaugh stated the following is being done to make Altoona more business to include: more than 25% of the planning code and the hoops that people had to jump through have been eliminated, the City is constantly trying to improve relationships with contractors and since doing this - business licenses have increased annually; Councilman Butterbaugh stated staff is doing their best, there is a lot of work and dedication and the challenges are great especially with Act 47 now in place

MEDIA – Ryan Brown, *Altoona Mirror* and Chris Forshey and Steve Willett, WRTA, Ben Manning, WTAJ TV-10

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Schirf at 7:25 p.m.