The meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast Thursday, July 11, 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

City Solicitor Larry Clapper announced that Council went into executive session prior to this Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters; Council also held an executive session on July 2, 2013 for the purpose of personnel matters

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Scott Brown, Race Street, asked Council for their assistance on Race Street; Mr. Brown stated that since the PennDOT detour was put into place as they work on the Mill Run stream wall along 31st street - there has been speeding, increased traffic, tree limbs broken, tractor trailer and truck traffic, traffic running stop signs, wear and tear on their street and vehicles driving on sidewalks and neighbors nearly being struck by passing vehicles; Mr. Brown stated this is the second time traffic has been routed to their neighborhood due to detours and that it is ruining their once quiet and safe neighborhood; stated the pipe is broken on his sidewalk and he has been pushed into the hedges after being struck by the side mirror of a passing car

Paul Myers, 901 Race Street, stated he has young children who can no longer play in the front of their home; also, there are no curbs on this street and the cars are using the sidewalk as a road; the neighbors are also parking their cars on the sidewalk to get them off of the street because of the increased amount of traffic

Eric Beam, 3164 Oak Avenue, stated he has lived in the neighborhood since 1996 and travels Race Street to get out of his neighborhood; stated he has almost been hit by passing cars and he has to use the Race Street yards to walk along for safety reasons; stated he has witnessed the constant speeding and the lawns being torn up from cars driving on them

Rob Donlan, 893 Race Street, stated he has a four year old and a two year old and that he can no longer let them play in the driveway; stated he almost ended up in the ditch while on his bike because of a passing car

some of the possible solutions that were offered include posting a sign on 31st
Street that states local traffic only; possible sign at both ends of Race Street and intersection of West Chestnut and intersection of Pine Avenue that says street closed to local traffic only; also need to contact trucking companies and Logan Township

Members of Council stated they would meet with Scott Brown and walk the neighborhood

Patricia McNally, 1816 20th Avenue; reported code violations to council as follows: trash at 1810 20th Avenue, a car at 2021 19th street with no inspection sticker, tall grass at corner house on 31st street and West Chestnut Avenue

PRESENTATIONS – Monthly Financial Report, Omar Strohm, Finance Director; Omar reviewed report with Council and offered to take questions; Omar stated the Act 511 taxes are behind due to a change in collection; some of this is also a timing issue

MANAGER’S REPORT – none

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS – Mayor Schirf reappointed Ted Newkirk to the Shade Tree Commission

Mayor Schirf congratulated Councilman Butterbaugh and the City Clerk for a good town hall meeting to discuss the UPMC/Altoona Regional merger

Mayor Schirf stated Ruskin Drive from Ward Avenue to Beckman will be paved in mid-August as part of the Transportation Improvement Project

Mayor Schirf asked Planning Director Lee Slusser to give a report on Broad Avenue; Lee stated the project meeting is delayed as they are looking at a more extensive project; an income survey is going out to residents of Broad Avenue to see if they meet income eligibility for CDBG money; Lee stated this funding could help complete a curb and sidewalk project

Lee Slusser also reported there is an ash borer that is killing ash trees in the neighborhoods and the City is working to treat the trees; Lee stated ash trees in the city should be reported to the Planning Department

Mayor Schirf encouraged the public to visit the 6th Ward Community Center; the basketball court was recently refurbished

Councilman Haire stated he read a letter from Mr. Gingrich’s attorney that requested the Oneida Avenue vacation be placed on a future Council agenda; Councilman Haire requested the tabled ordinance come before Council again for a vote; City Solicitor Larry Clapper stated it would need to be re-advertised and could be placed on the August 14th agenda; Council asked for a copy of the title
Councilman Butterbaugh stated the recent UPMC Altoona Town Hall meeting was informative and positive and thanked Representative McGinnis, Senator Eichelberger, Jim Frank for Congressman Shuster, Mayor Schirf, Councilmen Cagle and Haire and the City Clerk for attending and participating; Councilman Butterbaugh stated the hospital is now holding a town hall meeting for their employees

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, June 12, 2013. (0079-13)

b) authorizing the Revised Price Quote for “Gunite” and “Cured-in-Place” lining of storm sewer piping at West 15th Avenue and Ivyside Drive Alley and further authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0080-13)

c) amending the 2012 CDBG Program and distributing additional program income received in the amount of $107,573.83 to the Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation Community Room and the 7th Street Bridge Passive Park Project. (0081-13)

d) adopting the 2013 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and authorizing City Manager Joseph F. Weakland to execute all documents and the City Clerk to file appropriate statements, certifications and meeting minutes to the Department of Community and Economic Development. (0082-13)

e) rescinding and readopting the Recycling Guidelines of the City of Altoona to provide for additional materials to be recycled and to update and consolidate as hereinafter set forth. (0083-13)

f) appointing Betsy Kreuz, Acting CFO for UPMC Altoona as the hospital representative to the AMED Authority to fill the unexpired term of hospital representative Charles Zorger. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2016. (0084-13)

g) reappointing Architect Dave Albright of 108 W. Holmes Avenue, Altoona, PA to the City of Altoona Code Appeals Board for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2018. (0085-13)

h) approving a budget of $2050.00 for the Government Study Commission through the year 2013 and authorizing expenditures to be paid from the City of Altoona General Fund Budget Contingency Line Item 10-53925-4930. (0086-13)
i) rejecting the Spread Spectrum Radio System Bids as the bids are not in the best interest of the City of Altoona. (0087-13)

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

**ORDINANCES**

**Introduction**


This ordinance was read by the City Clerk and was introduced by Vice-Mayor Cagle

**Adoption – Mayor Schirf**

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. (ORD. NO. 5640)

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; Councilman Neugebauer voted by phone

Adoption – Councilman Neugebauer

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.
(ORD. NO. 5641)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer
Introduction – Councilman Neugebauer
Motion for Adoption – Councilman Neugebauer
Second – Councilman Hiare
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0; Councilman Neugebauer voted by phone

Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

(ORD. NO. 5642)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer
Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh
Motion for Adoption – Councilman Kelley
Second – Vice-Mayor Cagle
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0; Councilman Neugebauer voted by phone

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** – none

**MEDIA** – Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and Steve Willett, WRTA

**ADJOURNMENT** – by Mayor Schirf at 8:20 p.m.