

**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 28, 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, August 29, 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 – Monthly Financial Report, Omar Strohm, Finance Director; Omar reviewed July's report with Council and offered to take questions and there were no questions

MANAGER'S REPORT – this was distributed previously and there were no questions at this time

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS – Councilman Butterbaugh gave the following blighted property report – 17 buildings were raised for 2012-13 program year and 14 of the 17 were by the city demo crew at a cost of \$134,217.78 and most of the money was CDBG funds

Mayor Schirf thanked the Penn State Altoona students who recently volunteered at various locations in Altoona

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, August 14, 2013. (103-13)

b) authorizing the City Clerk to sign all appropriate documents in the Planning Module for new land development at the Pleasant Valley Assembly of God Church for submittal to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. (104-13)

c) authorizing the transfer of a city owned vacant lot located at 1822 14th Avenue, Altoona, PA (tax map number 1.5-9-150) to the Altoona Redevelopment Authority by Quit Claim Deed in the amount of \$1.00 plus all other fees related to this transaction, to be deposited in the Sale of City Property Line Item. (105-13)

d) accepting the supplemental proposal submitted by Keller Engineers for the Broadway Avenue Curb and Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$31,292.82 payable from the Transportation Enhancements Program Grant and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (106-13)

e) approving the Repository Bid submitted by Joseph Fisher of 196 Old Rt. 22, Duncansville, PA 16635 for property located at 1005 Lexington Avenue, Altoona, PA, Control No. 14-152850, in the amount of \$111.00 and further authorizing Interim City Manager Omar Strohm to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (107-13)

f) extending the term of exemptions, deductions, abatements and credits for real property, earned income tax, mercantile and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic area in the City of Altoona, Blair County designated as a Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone (KOZ) (tax parcel 1.14-4-1A). (108-13)

the City Clerk pointed out that there was an additional resolution added to the agenda, resolution f, which was read by the City Clerk; the floor was open for public comment on resolution f; there was no public comment; the floor was closed; the resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; consent vote was taken on all items and passed 7 to 0 with all present

ORDINANCES

Adoption – Vice-Mayor Cagle

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY DELETING AND REPEALING CHAPTER 358 THEREOF, "FIRE PREVENTION", WHICH ADOPTED THE "2009 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE" AND REPLACING THE SAME WITH A NEW CHAPTER 358, TO BE ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION" TO ADOPT THE "2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE", REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIAL AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITON HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUIDLINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES AND COLLECTION OF FEES THERFOR; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Vice-Mayor Cagle

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Councilman Neugebauer

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS – none

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

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