

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 22, 2014 - 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, January 23, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers
SILENT MEDITATION – for the family of 35 year City employee Dave Weaver and Tyrone Borough Police Officer and Altoona School District Police Officer Chris Amerine

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Councilmen Butterbaugh, Cagle, Haire, Kelley, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

Absent : Councilman Cacciotti

City Solicitor Larry Clapper added a resolution approving the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Altoona and IAFF Local 299 Altoona Firefighters

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an executive session prior to the council meeting and the purpose of the executive session was personnel; Mayor Pacifico also announced there would be another executive session following the council meeting

PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Pacifico congratulated and thanked Sgt. Brian Friewald of the Altoona Police Department and Facebook Page Administrator for being first place in the country for cities that employ 50 to 99 sworn officers; Sgt. Friewald said the page has been an amazing community and policing tool and popularity is directly related to the success; word of mouth has spread among fans and helped to identify the “bad guys”; Sgt. Friewald said he is proud to be a part of it and thanked Chief Freehling for giving him the opportunity to manage the page as it has benefited the City of Altoona and the surrounding region

Explore Altoona – Mark Ickes, Executive Director stated they serve Blair County and they are the official tourism promotion agency, convention and visitors bureau or what is now referred to as the destination marketing organization as designated by the Blair County Board of Commissioners; a power point presentation reviewed their mission statement, branding and identity, launch of the new website, name change and the 2013 visitors guide and campaigns

PUBLIC COMMENT was offered by Mayor Pacifico and none was given

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Organizational Meeting held Monday, January 6, 2014. (0012-14)
- b) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, January 8, 2014. (0013-14)
- c) authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an agreement with Keller Engineers of 420 Hollidaysburg, PA, for Consulting Engineering Services for the year 2014, with projects assigned on an as needed basis and further authorizing the City Clerk to attest to same. (0014-14)
- d) authorizing the Interim City Manager, or Acting Manager in his absence, and the City Solicitor, to sign either electronically or manually, any and all paperwork pertinent to the Federal – Aid Highway Projects, more specifically Phase 6, including the award of the project and if necessary for the City Clerk to attest to same with all project costs paid from the \$1.47 million Federal Earmark monies. (Reimbursement Agreement No. 098694) (0015-14)
- e) authorizing a Hazardous Material Response Team Agreement between the City of Altoona, County of Blair and the Blair County Local Emergency Management Planning Committee through December 31, 2016 and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0016-14)
- f) authorizing Mayor Matthew Pacifico to execute a Quit Claim Deed to the Altoona Water Authority for Tax Map Parcel 14-7-58A, located off Route 36 in Logan Township, consisting of approximately 91 acres and which said Parcel was intended to be conveyed to the Altoona Water Authority in the 1955 omnibus deed and with said Parcel and any other such overlooked parcels being a part of the consideration under the 2010 Second Amended and Restated Cooperation Agreement between the City of Altoona and the Altoona Water Authority; the said Parcel having a legal description as set forth in the attached Quit Claim Deed, and further authorizing the City Clerk to attest to same. (0017-14)
- g) amending the Omnibus Agreement between the City of Altoona, the County of Blair and Altoona Regional Health System n/k/a UPMC Altoona, dated November 21, 2013 and adopted by Altoona City Council on December 11, 2013, Resolution 0141-13, and further authorizing Interim City Manager Omar Strohm to execute the amended agreement and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0018-14)
- h) approving the Repository Bid submitted by Ann C. White of 321 Walnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 for property located at 319 Walnut

Avenue, Altoona, PA, Control No. 14-264480, in the amount of \$200.00 and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0019-14)

i) approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Altoona and the IAFF Local 299 Altoona Firefighters, for the period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 and authorizing Interim City Manager Omar Strohm to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0020-14)

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Council thanked the Altoona Firefighters for their good faith effort in negotiating a contract and asked that all of the contracts be placed on the City's website once they are completed and signed.

MEDIA in attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and Steve Willet, WRTA

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council convened to executive session at 7:35 p.m. and no further business took place or was voted on

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico following executive session at 9:35 p.m.