

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 12, 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, February 13, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

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

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

Mayor Pacifico announced that he was reappointing Terry Riley to the Altoona Parking Authority. The Mayor appointed Jeff Arpino to the Shade Tree Commission and reappointed Don DeVorris to the Redevelopment Authority. Mayor Pacifico stated that he would take the other vacant seat on the Redevelopment Authority.

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council would discuss and make recommendations to the authorities, boards and commissions at this time. City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions and Council made recommendation for each appointment as follows:

Councilman Neugebauer recommended Michael Haire for the appointment to the Altoona Water Authority; Mayor Pacifico recommended the reappointment of Mitch Cooper to the Altoona Housing Authority; Mayor Pacifico recommended the reappointment of Dr. Dave Cowger to the AMED Authority; Councilman Cagle recommended the reappointment of Michael Robinson to the AMTRAN Authority; Councilman Butterbaugh recommended the reappointment of Larry Field to the Electrical Civil Service Board; Vice-Mayor Neugebauer recommended the reappointment of John Casanave to the Engineering Civil Service Board; Councilman Hiare recommended the reappointment of Richard Wagner to the Fire Civil Service Board; Councilman Cagle recommended the reappointment of Tim Yingling to the Police Civil Service Board; Councilman Cacciotti recommended the reappointment of Denny Batrus to the Goodman Trust Advisory Board; Vice-Mayor Neugebauer recommended the reappointment of Ron Wendell to the Plumbing Board; Councilman Butterbaugh recommended the reappointment of Mike Halloran to the Zoning Hearing Board; Councilman Butterbaugh recommended the reappointment of Anthony Rhine as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board; there was no opposition to the

recommended appointments and the City Clerk was asked to read the recommended appointments into the record under the resolutions section of the meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT was offered by Mayor Pacifico and none was given

MANAGER'S REPORT – the report was distributed to Council previously; there were no questions and no further discussion was held

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, January 22, 2014. (0021-14)

b) authorizing the transfer of a City-owned vacant lot at 874—878 32nd Street, Altoona, PA to the Altoona Redevelopment Authority by Quit Claim Deed for \$1.00 plus all other fees related to this transaction and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0022-14)

c) awarding a demolition contract to Altoona Contracting Excavating Demolition Services of 535 Sandy Run Road, Altoona, PA for demolition of 1403 2nd Avenue in the amount of \$9,725.00, 713 4th Avenue in the amount of \$9515.00, 400 7th Avenue in the amount of \$11,700.00 and 2214 8th Avenue in the amount of \$9,650.00 for a combined total of \$40, 590.00 payable from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Blighted Property Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0023-14)

d) awarding a demolition contract to Earthmovers Unlimited, Inc. of P.O. Box 187, Kylertown, PA for demolition of 402 7th Avenue in the amount of \$9,238.00 and 1912 13th Street in the amount of \$9,692.00 for a combined total of \$18,930.00 payable from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Blighted Property Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0024-14)

e) appointing Michael Haire of 2014 20th Street, Altoona, PA to the Altoona City Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2019. (0025-14)

f) reappointing Mitchell Cooper of 2516 Quail Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Altoona Housing Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2019. (0026-14)

g) reappointing Dr. David Cowger of 128 Woodland Terrace, Hollidaysburg, PA to the AMED Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2019. (0027-14)

h)reappointing Michael Robinson of 2306 5th Avenue, Altoona, PA to the AMTRAN Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2019. (0028-14)

i)reappointing Larry Field of 1204 Norway Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Electrical Civil Service Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2018. (0029-14)

j)reappointing John Casanave of 409 Walton Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Engineering Civil Service Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2018. (0030-14)

k)reappointing Richard Wagner of 1909 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Fire Civil Service Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2018. (0031-14)

l)reappointing Tim Yingling of 1631 Van Buren Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Police Civil Service Board for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2018. (0032-14)

m)reappointing Dennis Batrus of 2301 4th Street, Altoona, PA to the Goodman Trust Advisory Board for a term of three years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2017. (0033-14)

n)reappointing Ronald Wendell of 1216 29th Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Plumbing Board for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2019. (0034-14)

o)reappointing Michael Halloran of 315 Coleridge Avenue, Altoona, PA to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2019. (0035-14)

p)reappointing Anthony Rhine of 328 28th Avenue, Altoona, PA to serve as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of three years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2017. (0036-14)

the resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; Councilman Haire asked to have item e pulled for a separate vote; the vote was taken on item e and passed 6 to 0 with all present and Councilman Haire abstained stating he would be compensated for attending meetings; the consent vote was taken on all items excluding item e and passed 7 to 0 with all present

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Vice-Mayor Neugebauer stated he had a water main break at his home and had six inches of water in his finished basement; Vice Mayor Neugebauer stated the Altoona Fire Department was there

immediately and the Altoona Water Authority also came with pumps to pump the water; they carried furniture to his garage to keep it from getting further damage; the Vice-Mayor thanked Fire and Water for all of their help and their hard work and for the number of hours they put in and for their follow-up; Vice-Mayor Neugebauer stated they all went above and beyond his expectations and thanked them for all of their help

Vice-Mayor Neugebauer stated he wanted to go on record that yes he does take a vacation periodically because he is a retired person; Vice-Mayor Neugebauer stated when he is on vacation and there is a Council Meeting that he is on the telephone conferenced into the Council Meeting and he has with him the agenda and he know what is going to be discussed, he is on the roll-call and he is there to vote and to have discussion if it is needed and he is on top of things even though he is not physically in the room; Vice-Mayor Neugebauer stated if he is not at a Council Meeting physically the public can be assured that they will hear him on the telephone on a conference call; Councilman Kelley complimented Vice-Mayor Neugebauer on the time and hard work that he puts in as a member of Council stating he does his homework and also serves on some of the boards and committees and he takes care of business and does his due diligence even when he is away; the City Clerk mentioned that the Vice-Mayor or any member of Council calling in for a meeting can get information for the meeting seconds before a meeting begins as everything is done electronically including the attachments to the agendas

Mayor Pacifico stated he was approached by a few people while at Tom and Joe's Diner who received parking tickets recently; they were unable to reach the parking meters because of the amount of snow piled around the meters; Mayor Pacifico stated he would ask staff to look into it and have the issue addressed

MEDIA in attendance included a reporter for the *Altoona Mirror* and Steve Willet, WRTA

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council convened to executive session at 7:25 p.m. for personnel matters and no further business took place or was voted on

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico following executive session at 8:25 p.m.