

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 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, March 13, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:10 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 (via phone) and Mayor Pacifico

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting for the purpose of personnel matters and also on March 4, 2014 for the purpose of personnel matters; Mayor Pacifico announced that a resolution would be added to the agenda recommending Larry Carter as the City representative on the Blair County Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

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

RESOLUTIONS

approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, February 26, 2014. (0041-14)

awarding the ADA Upgrades – Memorial Pool Bath House Project to C.E. Wood Construction of Duncansville, PA in the amount of \$60,914.10 payable from the Recreation Project Account (Account No. 62-54405-000) and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0042-14)

rejecting the Repository Bid submitted by Stephen Quinones of 308 11th Street, Altoona, PA for property located at 111-113 9th Street, Altoona, PA as the bid is not in the best interest of the City. (0043-14)

recommending to the Blair County Commissioners the appointment of Larry Carter of 1105 Broadway, Altoona, PA 16601 to the Blair County Planning Commission as representative of the City of Altoona. (0044-14)

the resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; a consent vote was taken on all items and passed 7 to 0 with all present for the vote; Councilman Neugebauer voted via telephone

ORDINANCES

Introduction

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DISCUSSION ITEMS – Councilman Haire stated he attended the PennDOT MPO meeting and Vince Greenland is expecting more money due to the gas tax and they are expecting to be able to place sidewalks along Pleasant Valley Boulevard

Councilman Butterbaugh commended the police department on their investigations and arrests regarding vehicle break ins

Mayor Pacifico stated he had the opportunity of doing a ride along with the Altoona Police Department Friday, March 7th stating it was good to see what they do on a daily basis; Mayor Pacifico stated he was able to go with the police while they served a search warrant; Mayor Pacifico stated that if it wasn't for the funding from Operation Our Town the procedure the police would have to follow would be to ask the Chief is there was overtime available and if it was not available they would have to contact the Attorney

General's Office for funding and the Mayor offered thanks to Operation Our Town for making funding available

Councilman Butterbaugh asked about the recent situation in an apartment building on 23rd Street and 7th Avenue and if the City would file citations against the renters and the landlord; Planning Director Lee Slusser stated it was never the City's intention to file citations against the tenants stating they were the victims in the situation

MEDIA in attendance included Bill Kibler for the *Altoona Mirror* and Ben Manning for WTAJ TV 10

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:30 p.m.