

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 23, 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, April 24, 2014.

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

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Jr. Girl Scout Troop 43010 of Mardorf United Methodist Church Juniata Gap

ROLL CALL – taken by Deputy City Clerk Kim Carrieri

Present: Councilmen Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Cagle, Haire, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico; Councilman Kelley was absent

Mayor Pacifico welcomed Interim City Manager Peter Marshall

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

PRESENTATIONS – a Monthly Financial Report was provided by Finance Director Omar Strohm for March and offered the comparisons between this March and last March as follows: real estate tax collection numbers are higher in 2014 as the bills were sent out two weeks earlier than 2013; there is a smaller TRAN in 2014 than in 2013 because the Act 47 Plan called for sending the real estate tax bills out earlier ; the City also went to court earlier in 2013 for the millage hearing and wanted the bills out even earlier but the County was unable to have the figures ready; this will help the TRAN because the smaller the TRAN the less interest paid; EIT receipts are also higher because of the timing of payments; under item 332, Federal Grants and Revenues – this is the result of the revenue received under the AFG Grant and the SAFER Grant as the city budget is now being reimbursed for this; under expenditures all benefits were budgeted through Human Resources in 2013 under line item 1550 and in 2014 they are broken down by department; also the MMO contribution was paid in March of 2014 and it was not paid in March of 2013

MANAGER’S REPORT – Interim City Manager Peter Marshall stated although he has only been with the City for a few days he is impressed by city staff and Council

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, April 9, 2014. (0070-14)

b)amending the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) transferring \$32,000.00 from the 2013 Street Resurfacing Project to the 2013 ADA Ramps Upgrade Project. (0071-14)

c)awarding the ADA Ramps Upgrade Project-12th Street btw. 11th Avenue and 13th Avenue to D.C. Ventre & Sons, Inc. of 126 Ventre Lane, Duncansville, PA 16635 in the amount of \$84,987.00 payable from CDBG Funds and Capital Paving Funds and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0072-14)

d)awarding the 6th Ward Community Center Roof Project to Wohler Construction, Inc. of 320 Sixth Street, Duncansville, PA in the amount of \$51,922.00 payable from CDBG Funds and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0073-14)

e)awarding the bid for 2014-2015 Road Materials for items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 23, as described in the attached bid tab, to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt of Hollidaysburg, PA in the amount of \$223,716.50 payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid and purchased on an "as needed" basis and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0074-13)

f)awarding the bid for 2014-2015 Road Materials for items 3, 7, 8, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 25, as described in the attached bid tab, to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. of New Enterprise, PA in the amount of \$69,684.50 payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid and purchased on an "as needed" basis and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0075-14)

g)committing to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Altoona and endorsing the attached resolution regarding Fair Housing in the City of Altoona. (0076-14)

the resolutions were read by Deputy City Clerk Kim Carrieri; Councilman Butterbaugh asked to have item g pulled for a separate vote; a consent vote was taken on all items excluding item g and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Kelley was absent; a vote was taken on item g and passed 5 to 1; Councilman Butterbaugh voted no; Councilman Kelley was absent

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Councilman Haire announced the Drug Take Back to be held at Blair County locations on April 26th

Mayor Pacifico stated he and Councilman Cagle, Councilman Butterbaugh and Councilman Haire attended an Intergovernmental Cooperation Forum with many of the 24 member municipalities

Councilman Neugebauer announced the Central Blair Rec Easter Egg Hunt at Vets Field with 11, 000 eggs and thanked CBRC for their hard work

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:20 p.m.