

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – MAY 14, 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, May 15, 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 an executive session for the purpose of personnel matters was held following the last council meeting on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mayor Pacifico also announced that a presentation would be added to this agenda as well as two additional resolutions

City Solicitor Larry Clapper read the two additional resolutions into the agenda as follows: approving the engagement letter agreement between the City of Altoona and Griffin Financial Group LLC, dated May 14, 2014, with regard to the "Financial Advisory Contract -Long-Term or Concession of the City of Altoona's Water System" and authorizing the Mayor to execute the said agreement and the City Clerk to attest to same.

Directing the Altoona Water Authority receive notice of the Letter Agreement entered into between the City of Altoona and Griffin Financial Group, LLC and further directing protection of the Altoona Water Authority Distribution System and authorizing the Mayor to execute said resolution and the City Clerk to attest to same.

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

MANAGER'S REPORT – nothing at this time

PRESENTATIONS – Griffin Financial Group made a power point presentation to City Council regarding leasing the Altoona Water Authority

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, April 23, 2014. (0077-14)

b)adopting the 2014 HUD Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Programs and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and certifications and the City Clerk to attest to same and to file appropriate documents with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (0078-14)

c)accepting the proposal for consulting services as submitted by Urban Design Ventures of 212 East Seventh Avenue, Homestead, PA in the amount of \$35,900.00 to assist the City in completing the analysis for preparing the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0079-14)

d)appointing Councilman Bruce Kelley to serve as the Voting Delegate and Resolutions Committee member representing the City of Altoona at the 2014 Pennsylvania Municipal League's Convention in Philadelphia, PA and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Certification. (0080-14)

e)authorizing a letter from the Interim City Manager approving the Special Olympics "Be a Fan" Torch Run event to be held in Altoona on June 4 and June 5, 2014, allowing the sponsor to conduct the event and indemnifying the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as referenced in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). (0081-14)

f)authorizing the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the Goodman Trust Fund to the Altoona Area Teener Baseball League for fencing at Seitz Field. (0082-14)

g)authorizing the transfer of \$600.00 from the Goodman Trust Fund to the Altoona Boxing Club for boxing equipment. (0083-14)

h)authorizing the transfer of \$600.00 from the Goodman Trust Fund to the Altoona Association of Model Railroaders for sidewalk at the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward building. (0084-14)

i)authorizing the transfer of \$2,027.64 from the Goodman Trust Fund to Booker T. Washington Corp. for picnic tables for Prospect Park. (0085-14)

j)authorizing the transfer of \$1000.00 from the Goodman Trust Fund to Central Blair Recreation Commission for a batting cage for Vets Field. (0086-14)

k)authorizing the transfer of \$1000.00 from the Goodman Trust Fund for to George B. Kelley Amateur Baseball Federation, Inc. for doors for the restroom and press box at Geesey Park. (0087-14)

l)approving the engagement letter agreement between the City of Altoona and Griffin Financial Group LLC, dated May 14, 2014, with regard to the "Financial Advisory Contract -Long-Term or Concession of the City of Altoona's Water System" and authorizing the Mayor to execute the said agreement and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0088-14)

m)directing the Altoona Water Authority receive notice of the Letter Agreement entered into between the City of Altoona and Griffin Financial Group, LLC and further directing protection of the Altoona Water Authority Distribution System and authorizing the Mayor to execute said resolution and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0089-14)

the resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; Council asked to have item l and item m pulled for a separate vote; a consent vote was taken on all items excluding item l and m and passed 7 to 0; a vote was taken on item l and passed 7 to 0 with all present; a vote was taken on item m and passed 7 to 0 with all present

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –  
MEDIA in attendance included Bill Kibler for the *Altoona Mirror*, Steve Willet, WRTA, WTAJ and WJAC

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:15 p.m.