

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – MAY 28, 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 29, 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, Haire, Kelley, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

Absent: Councilman Cagle

Mayor Pacifico announced that an executive session for the purpose of personnel matters and potential litigation was held prior to this council meeting

Mayor Pacifico also announced that two additional resolutions would be added to this agenda

City Solicitor Larry Clapper read the two additional resolutions into the record as follows: authorizing a Deed of Easement between the Pennsylvania State University and the City of Altoona for the purpose of maintaining a storm sewer access and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same.

authorizing the Altoona Water Authority to proceed with implementation of the Altoona Water Authority DEP Corrective Action Plan Compliance Schedule for the Pleasant Valley Boulevard Wastewater System Improvements approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on January 9, 2013, the same being attached to this Resolution. This resolution is adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 0089-14 of the Altoona City Council which requires the Altoona Water Authority to obtain City Council's approval in writing, prior to undertaking any action to expend any funds on a project of the Altoona Water Authority after May 14, 2014.

## PRESENTATIONS

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Carl Wenzel, EMC for the City of Altoona stated an option was given to municipalities by FEMA to have Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) which would involve training and guidelines to fit in with the local municipal emergency management; CERT would be helpful with our local emergency management

and manpower; Mr. Wenzel deferred to Scott Campanaro stating he would like to see the City incorporate a CERT team in the future

Scott Campanaro, CERT Advisory Board Chairman stated CERT involves a 20 hour training course which will give members the ability to assist the municipality and fill in gaps as needed; there are a few hundred in Blair County at this time; they are trained to stabilize where needed or do basic first aid or triage; the team can do damage assessment or set up communication networks; Scott stated he is a part of an advisory council and they are working on an operating guideline now and training; June 12<sup>th</sup> there will be training at 6 pm at the 911 center on amateur radio operation and how they can help in an emergency; Scott stated the City of Altoona can activate a CERT Team if needed

Monthly Financial Review – Finance Director Omar Strohm reviewed the monthly financial statement for April stating revenues are ahead of last year due in part to the real estate bills going out earlier

PUBLIC COMMENT- Susan Hand, 714 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona brought forth a property in her neighborhood that is in poor condition; Interim City Manager Peter Marshall stated he would look into it

Krista Samuel, 1016 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Altoona commented on the valuation which is being used regarding the Altoona Water Authority stating it is not realistic

Jim Hatch, Hollidaysburg, PA; President of Local 3155 representing the Altoona Water Authority employees; stated he does not agree with the avenues the City is taking regarding the Water Authority and he asked the City to work with the Water Authority and come to a conclusion

MANAGER'S REPORT – Interim City Manager Peter Marshall reported the following:

the City is looking at Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and developing information on the pavement degradation plan

the first IT Advisory committee meeting has been scheduled to begin developing priorities for the City's IT needs

## RESOLUTIONS

approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 14, 2014. (0090-14)

adopting the Blair County Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2014-2018 as the official plan of the City of Altoona. (0091-14)

amending the 2012 CDBG Program transferring the unobligated balances of \$696.08 from the completed Lloyd Street Curb and Sidewalk Project and \$492.21 from the Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation Community Room Project to the 2012 Blighted Property Program. (0092-14)

approving the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto between the City of Altoona and County of Blair and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Memorandum and the City Clerk to attest to same and Police Chief Janice Freehling to submit the Justice Assistance Grant Application electronically. (0093-14)

approving the Repository Bid submitted by Guwain Engle of 147 Raible Drive, Duncansville, PA 16635 for property located at 521 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA, 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. (0094-14)

approving the Repository Bid submitted by Burt Sherry of 2218 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 for property located at 2214 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, in the amount of \$100.00 and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0095-14)

authorizing a Deed of Easement (attached hereto) between the Pennsylvania State University and the City of Altoona for the purpose of maintaining a storm sewer access and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0096-14)

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the resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; a consent vote was taken on all items and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Cagle was absent

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – none at this time

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:55 p.m.