

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 13, 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, August 14, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:05 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 meeting to discuss personnel and special counsel

Mayor Pacifico announced that a resolution would be added to this agenda

City Solicitor Larry Clapper read the resolution into the record as follows: approving the Legal Services Agreement between the City of Altoona and Rhoads & Sinon LLP to provide legal services associated with negotiating and drafting documents involved in leasing the public water and sewer systems serving the City and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Tina Patterson of 417 Beech Avenue spoke to Council about the vacant property at 419 Beech Avenue and presented a signed petition from her neighbors asking that the property be maintained both inside and outside by the current owner in order to stop the rats, mice, stray cats and skunks from creating a health risk; Interim City Manager Peter Marshall stated he would work with the City Solicitor and Planning Director and if there was anything they could do they would

PRESENTATIONS

Monthly Financial Review, Omar Strohm, Finance Director reviewed the June 2014 financial statement; the large numbers and out of balance numbers in revenues and expenditures relate to the MMO's and Act 205 fund reimbursement; the large discrepancies in the expenditure category relate to benefits and how they are broken out

MANAGER'S REPORT – the report was distributed previously; there was no further discussion

## RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, July 9, 2014. (0113-14)
- b) adopting the City of Altoona Fund Balance Policy, attached hereto, in accordance with the Act 47 Recovery Plan Initiative AFD08. (0114-14)
- c) adopting guidelines for Altoona Police Officers when making authorized warrantless summary arrests in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedures, Part IV: "Procedures in Summary Cases When Defendant is Arrested Without a Warrant". (0115-14)
- d) authorizing the transfer of a city owned vacant lot located at 2401-03 South 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA (tax map number 1.9-3-1) to the Altoona Redevelopment Authority by Quit Claim Deed in the amount of \$1.00 plus all other fees related to this transaction, to be deposited in the Sale of City Property Line Item. (0116-14)
- e) amending the 2013 CDBG Program to adjust estimated program income to reflect actual program income received between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 adding \$4,202.84 to the Single Family Rehabilitation Program and \$61,862.04 to the Blighted Property Program. (0117-14)
- f) approving the Repository Bid submitted by the Altoona Area School District of 1415 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 1810 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA, (map no. 0101-02-77) (control no. 11-301440) in the amount of \$500.00 and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0118-14)
- g) approving the Repository Bid submitted by William H. Rickabaugh of 1326 16th Avenue 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Altoona, PA for property located at 1608 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA, (map no. 0103-08-4) (control no. 11-311700) in the amount of \$50.00 and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0119-14)
- h) approving the Legal Services Agreement between the City of Altoona and Rhoads & Sinon LLP to provide legal services associated with negotiating and drafting documents involved in leasing the public water and sewer systems serving the City and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement. (0120-14)

## ORDINANCES – Adoption Councilman Butterbaugh

PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN HOWARD AVENUE AND 16<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BETWEEN 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 10<sup>TH</sup>

STREET, ALTOONA, CONTAINING TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY SQUARE FEET IN AREA OR 0.063 ACRES, IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; AND DIRECTING THE SAME BE STRICKEN FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY PLAN.

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Vice-Mayor Neugebauer

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Cacciotti thanked Mr. and Mrs. Patterson for speaking with him previously at their home and for attending the meeting and speaking to Council about the problem in their neighborhood.

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:32 p.m.