

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 8, 2015 - 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 9, 2015.

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

Presentations- Mark Spada & Lucinda Beattie, Board Members, Western Pennsylvanians for Passenger Rail (WPPR); provided Council with a power point presentation and several handouts regarding their mission to increase passenger rail service and asked for a letter endorsing this proposal

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an executive session for the purpose of personnel and potential litigation on Monday, April 6, 2015

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 employment agreement attached hereto between the City of Altoona and Marla P. Marcinko, and authorizing Mayor Matthew Pacifico to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to attest to same.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – offered and none given

#### RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, March 25, 2015. (0042-15)

b) authorizing the Interim City Manager or appointed designee to sign all required documents associated with PennDOT's Traffic Signal Upgrade at the intersections of Plank Road, Frankstown Road and Union Avenue and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0043-15)

c) authorizing a Tax Collection Agreement between the City and the Altoona Area School District and for the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0044-15)

d) approving the employment agreement attached hereto between the City of Altoona and Marla P. Marcinko, and authorizing Mayor Matthew Pacifico to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0045-15)

the resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and the consent vote was taken on all items except resolution c and passed 7 to 0 with all present; resolution c was voted on after the adoption of the ordinance; resolution c passed 7 to 0 with all present

Mayor Pacifico invited the newly appointed City Manager, Marla Marcinko to the podium; Ms. Marcinko stated she is excited about the opportunity and thankful for the confidence placed in her and for the unanimous support; Ms. Marcinko stated she is looking forward to working with Council and the city team and to continuing to move Altoona forward; Ms. Marcinko stated she looks forward to a good, long run and is very excited and thrilled to be coming to Altoona and that she will work diligently for Council and for the residents of Altoona

#### ORDINANCES - Adoption

##### Councilman Haire

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 646 ENTITLED "TAXATION," BY AMENDING ARTICLE XI THEREOF ENTITLED "PER CAPITA TAX" TO: ADJUST THE TAX FROM TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) TO FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$15.00); PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF 65, OR ARE STUDENTS WHO ALSO MEET CERTAIN GUIDELINES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INCOME LIMITATIONS AND AN EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WHO ARE ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY; PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND REPEALER OF PROVISIONS; REAFFIRMATION OF THE CHAPTER AS AMENDED AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5662)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Haire

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Haire

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Councilman Cagle offered thanks to all that participated in City Manager interviews

Mayor Pacifico announced the various clean up opportunities in the City

Mayor Pacifico announced there is a need for a person on the Redevelopment Authority should a volunteer be interested and asked that all interested parties complete a talent bank application and submit to the City Clerk

Councilman Butterbaugh stated Goodman Trust recreation grant packets are now available through May 5<sup>th</sup> online or in the City Clerk's office.

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* who had several questions of Council and staff as well as Steve Willett, WRTA and John Clay, WTAJ TV 10

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:00 pm