

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – MAY 13, 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, May 14, 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 - Proclamation – National Service Recognition Day – presented to Janal Vancas, Appalachian Intermediate Unit 8

Planning Department Annual Report – Lee Slusser, Director

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an executive session for the purpose of personnel and potential litigation before this meeting

City Solicitor Larry Clapper read the following resolution into the record as follows: approving the discharge of Mark A. Sprouse from employment as a City of Altoona Police Officer, effective immediately, in accordance with the recommendation of the City Manager.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Kensinger, 856 S. Park Drive, Juniata Springs, Logan Township, Altoona, PA spoke to Council about his concerns for bicycle safety and what he has experienced as a bicyclist on the streets of Altoona and asked for assistance and corrective action by the city

Bill Bravin of 2209 15th Avenue, Altoona, PA asked Council about the timeline for building repair or demolition at the corner of 18th Street and 20th Avenue

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Marla Marcinko stated she had a busy, productive week meeting with Department Directors who are very supportive; Marla also stated she is in the process of dealing with outstanding action items and developing goals based on shared concerns

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, April 22, 2015. (0053-15)

b) awarding the Hazmat Command Trailer Bid to Midway Trailers, Inc., d/b/a Missouri Great Dane of 2650 County Highway 401, P.O. Box 275, Benton, MO 63736 in the amount of \$29,971.00 payable from State Fire Grant and Haz-Mat Funds and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0054-15)

c) authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Proposal of Service/Contract with Keller Engineers for the performance of an on-site review of the 12th Street Pedestrian Bridge structure and a cost analysis of repair vs. replacement of the concrete stairs and landings in the amount of \$7,360.00 payable from the 2015 Capital Budget and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0055-15)

d) approving the discharge of Mark A. Sprouse from employment as a City of Altoona Police Officer, effective immediately, in accordance with the recommendation of the City Manager. (0056-15)

The resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and the consent vote was taken on all items and passed 7 to 0 with all present

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO REVISE THE TITLE OF CHAPTER 405 TO NOW BE ENTITLED "LEASEAND/OR CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED LANDS", TO: AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF THE FOLLOWING CITY OWNED LANDS TO THE ALTOONA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR \$1.00: 803 8TH AVENUE; 715 8TH STREET REAR; 711-13 8TH STREET REAR; 1830 AND 1832 14TH AVENUE; REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read by the City Clerk and introduced by Councilman Butterbaugh

Adoption

Mayor Pacifico

2) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 510 ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES," BY AMENDING SECTION 510-3 THEREOF ENTITLED "PROHIBITED CONDUCT" TO: 1. DELETE THE PROHIBITION ON CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS; 2. REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; 3. REAFFIRM CHAPTER 510 AS AMENDED; 4. PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND 5. PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5663)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Mayor Pacifico

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Cacciotti

Second – Councilman Kelley

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altoona General Authority Appointments – Council discussed and City Solicitor Larry Clapper received the consent of Council regarding the members who are willing to serve on the Altoona General Authority to include Mayor Pacifico, Councilman Cacciotti, Councilman Haire, City Manager Marla Marcinko, Planning Director Lee Slusser, Beverly Green of Penelec, Dave Duncan of Blair Medical and Jim Kuhn of Reliance Bank; City Solicitor Larry Clapper will add this information to the ordinance which was previously introduced following a public hearing that was held; the ordinance will be advertised by the City Clerk prior to adoption and adopted on May 27, 2015; following passage the ordinance will be sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth who must approve the Altoona General Authority and issue a consent; Larry Clapper stated the biggest duty of the Altoona General Authority is to designate an area the Community Revitalization Improvement Zone (CRIZ)

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and Steve Willett, WRTA

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:15 pm