

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TO INCLUDE ADOPTION OF THE 2016 BUDGET/TAX MILLAGE
& EARNED INCOME TAX ORDINANCES
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 9, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

The meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast Thursday, December 10, 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 – Captain Laura Duesenberry, Salvation Army Corps - Kettle Campaign

Monthly Financial Review, Finance Director Omar Strohm reviewed October 2015 revenues and expenditures and 2014 comparisons

PUBLIC COMMENT – Virginia Morino, Altoona, PA, commented on her displeasure regarding the money spent on a consultant regarding the Altoona Water Authority issue

Jan Mills, 3005 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA, commented on the Altoona Water Authority and the placement of Councilman on the board

Bill Bravin, 2209 15th Avenue, Altoona, PA, asked when the crosswalks would be painted throughout the City as the paint has worn off; stated there is water on the road at 11th Avenue and 23rd Street year round and asked for the area to be salted during the winter months

RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Tuesday, November 10, 2015.(102-15)

b)accepting the resignation of Mayor Matthew Pacifico, with regard to his position as part-time Mayor, in accordance with his letter of resignation dated December 3, 2015, said resignation to become effective Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. (103-15)

c)accepting the resignation of City Controller August C. Stickel IV in accordance with his letter of resignation dated December 1, 2015, said resignation to

become effective Thursday, December 31, 2015. (104-15)

d)approving the Proposal for the 2016 taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) in the amount \$2,150,000.00 and awarding the proposal to First National Bank at an interest rate of 2.08% and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (105-15)

e)amending and restating the Fee Resolution 0121-09, as amended to include: monthly parking rates for 2016, Blueprints, City Maps, Code Appeals Applications, Engineering Plan Review, Floodplain Elevation Permits, Storm Water Management Review Fees, Land Development Fees, Subdivision Fees, Zoning Fees, Right to Know/Open Records and Sewer Cap Inspection Permits. (106-15)

f)authorizing an application for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for curb and sidewalk replacement, together with handicap ramps, along Beale Avenue from 24th Street to Union Avenue and Union Avenue from Beale Avenue to Margaret Avenue in the amount of \$1,049,993.00 with \$734,995.10 payable from the Grant and \$314,997.90 payable from City Capital Funds and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (107-15)

g)authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agility Work Plan with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation for the exchange of services and goods as outlined in the Plan and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (108-15)

h)authorizing application for a Transportation Alternative Program Grant for the 12th Street Bridge and the 13th Street Crossover in the amount of \$664,500.00 with \$531,600.00 payable from the Grant and \$132,900.00 payable from City Capital Funds and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (109-15)

i)authorizing the purchase of One New and Unused Rosenbauer Custom Fire Engine Pumper from Rosenbauer Minnesota, LLC in the amount of \$520,013 with \$366,137.00 payable from a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and \$143,883.00 payable from the 2016-2017 Capital Program and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (110-15)

j)awarding a demolition contract to Earthmovers Unlimited, Inc., of P.O. Box 187 Kylertown, PA for demolition of 1814 11th Avenue in the amount of 9,737.00 payable from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Blighted Property Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute all

documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (111-15)

k)amending the 2015 Community Development Program (CDBG) transferring \$10.77 from the 2015 Blighted Property Program to the 2015 Street Light Enhancement Project. (112-15)

l)approving the City Council Meeting Schedule attached hereto, for the year 2016, in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Administrative Code of the City of Altoona. (113-15)

m)approving the Repository Bid submitted by Donna Wombacher of 610 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 617 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA (map no. 01.08-03..-051.00-000) (control no. 02051150) in the amount of \$50.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (114-15)

n)approving the Repository Bid submitted by Donna Wombacher of 610 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 619 3rd Avenue, Rear, Altoona, PA (map no. 01.08-03..-050.00-000) (control no. 02051180) in the amount of \$50.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (115-15)

o)approving the Repository Bid submitted by Donna Wombacher of 610 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 619 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA (map no. 01.08-03..-050.01-000) (control no. 02051210) in the amount of \$50.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (116-15)

p)approving the Repository Bid submitted by Donna Wombacher of 610 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 621-623 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA (map no. 01.08-03..-049.00-000) (control no. 02051240) in the amount of \$50.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (117-15)

q)approving the Repository Bid submitted by George Jackson of 2106 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 2108 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA (map no. 01.05-04..-012.00-000) (control no. 14-281970) in the amount of \$100.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (118-15)

r)approving the Repository Bid submitted by Michael J. Colombo of 400 Pemberley Drive, Hollidaysburg, PA for property located at 612-614 4th Avenue, Altoona, PA (map no. 0108-03-14) (control no. 12-061530) in the amount of \$200.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (119-15)

the resolutions were read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer; the

consent vote was taken on all items and passed 7 to 0 with all present

ORDINANCES

Adoption

Councilman Butterbaugh

An Ordinance of the City of Altoona, in the County of Blair, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2016. (2016 BUDGET) (ORD. NO. 5669)

This budget ordinance read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Governing Body

Second – Councilman Haire

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

Adoption

Councilman Haire

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 646 ENTITLED "TAXATION" BY DELETING AND REPEALING ARTICLE VIII THEREOF ENTITLED , "EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS TAX", AND REPLACING THE SAME WITH A NEW ARTICLE VIII, TO LEVY A TAX ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS OF BOTH RESIDENTS AND CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING LAW AS PERMITTED BY BOTH THE HOME RULE CHARTER AND OPTIONAL PLANS LAW AND THE MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES AND TO LEVY A TAX ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS OF BOTH RESIDENTS AND CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTS FOR THE SPECIAL PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO DEFRAY COSTS RELATED TO THE PENSION PLANS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA; REQUIRING TAX RETURNS; REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO WITHHOLD AND REMIT TAX; PROVIDING FOR A TAX COLLECTOR AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR NO EXEMPTIONS; AND RELATED PROVISIONS. (EIT ORDINANCE) (ORD. NO. 5670)

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Haire

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Cagle

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

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

Adoption

Vice-Mayor Neugebauer

An Ordinance of the City of Altoona, in the County of Blair, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2016. (2016 TAX MILLAGE) (ORD. NO. 5671)

The millage ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Mayor Pacifico

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Haire thanked Pat Miller and Brugmeiers for sponsoring a very successful, well attended Christmas parade in downtown Altoona and for all of the hard work and planning that went into the parade

Mayor Pacifico stated he met with members of the Altoona Water Authority recently and that discussions were going to resume after the holiday

Mayor Pacifico stated that anyone interested in applying for the vacant Council position can do so on the front page of the City's website by completing a fillable, submittable application by email as well as a resume by email to the City Clerk

Mayor Pacifico stated talent bank applications for authorities, boards and commissions are available to complete and submit on the City's website

Mayor Pacifico presented City Councilman Bruce Kelley and City Controller A.C. Stickel with plaques and keys to the City for they service

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:00 pm