

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 13, 2016 - 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, January 14, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:08 PM in Council Chambers; the Mayor apologized for the meeting starting late again stating it is due to Atlantic Broadband and a switch over that they have been doing manually for several months due to a technical issue that Atlantic Broadband has not been able to resolve

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Councilmen Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Cagle, Haire, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS – 911 Registry Awareness – The Center for Independent Living, Christie Jordan, Board Member and George Palmer, Executive Director discussed registering the disabled community of Altoona with the 911 center; they are working with first responders and giving them information in case of an emergency so that they are prepared to handle the needs of the disabled; George Palmer stated the Center for Independent Living just moved into the former Butterick Building on Beale Avenue with the mission of the center being to empower people with disabilities to live independently; Mr. Palmer introduced Joe Fignani, President of the Board; Mr. Palmer stated there are 22,000 people with disabilities in Blair County and the many of them live in the City and in many cases people with disabilities do not have access to technology; in the event of an emergency where evacuation or shelter in place is needed the center needs to know where they are and the disabled need to know what to do; this project is a three year effort; a disabled person can register by completing the document that was presented to Council; the information gathered is entered into the 911 data base; upon entry 911 and the EOC can send responders to those locations; the registration form for a disabled person is on the Blair County website

RESOLUTIONS

a)appointing Councilman Michael Haire to serve as Vice-Mayor/Vice-Chair with said term expiring the first Monday of January 2018. (0001-16)

b)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, December 9, 2015. (0002-16)

c)authorizing the City Manager or Acting City Manager in her absence and the City Solicitor to execute all documents, either electronically or

manually, pertaining to the 10th Street over Brush Run Bridge Project and West Spruce Avenue Bridge Project and if necessary for the City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk in her absence to attest to same. (0003-16)

d)amending the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program changing the project locations of the 2015 Street Light Enhancement Project from the proposed locations to the precise locations. (0004-16)

e)approving the Repository Bid submitted by Joseph Russo of of 480 Pinecroft Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 408 12th Street, Altoona, PA (map no. 0102-05-30) (control no. 11-306030) in the amount of \$50.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0005-16)

f)appointing Christie Jordan to the position of City Councilwoman to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Matt Pacifico. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2018. (0006-16)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions.

Councilman Butterbaugh made a motion to appoint Councilman Haire to Vice-Mayor/Vice-Chair; Mayor Pacifico seconded the motion; the floor was opened for public comment and there was no public comment; the City Clerk called the roll for a vote and the vote passed 6 to 0 with all present

Councilman Cagle made a motion to nominate Bruce Kelley for the vacant Council seat; Councilman Neugebauer seconded the motion; the floor was opened for public comment and there was no public comment; the City Clerk called the roll for a vote and the vote did not pass with 2 yeas and 4 nays

Mayor Pacifico nominated Christie Jordan for the vacant Council seat; Councilman Cacciotti seconded the motion; the floor was opened for public comment and there was no public comment; the City Clerk called the roll for a vote and the vote passed 6 to 0

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer took the consent vote on items b through e and the consent vote passed 6 to 0 with all present

DISCUSSION ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council agreed to move forward with the Altoona Planning Commission's recommendation to re-zone 2200-2210 Pleasant Valley Boulevard. An ordinance and public hearing will be presented at a future meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:40 pm