

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 24, 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, February 25, 2016.

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: Council members Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Cagle, Haire, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

Absent: Councilwoman Jordan

PRESENTATIONS – Proclamation presented to the Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School State Championship Football Team

PUBLIC COMMENT – Rocky Pacifico, 1520 S. Jaggard Street, Altoona; asked Council where the money is coming from for the police pension fund; City Solicitor Larry Clapper stated a defined benefit pension is required by state law and the City can't change it and can't do a 401K; it is up to the state legislature to change it; Councilman Butterbaugh explained that it is the law

Austin Fink, 216 Hope Lane, stated he is a Penn State Altoona student representative who will be attending the Council meetings and getting involved in the City

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, February 10, 2016. (0027-18)

b) WHEREAS, on March 7, 1916, Altoona City Council unanimously adopted Ordinance Number 338, proposed by Mayor Charles E. Rhodes, which established the Altoona City Planning Commission as encouraged by the Chamber of Commerce, to study, review, and make recommendations on the long term development of the City while encouraging public participation in guiding its future.

WHEREAS, the Altoona City Planning Commission is thus one of the oldest municipal planning commissions in the Commonwealth, and possibly the oldest, continually- operating, municipal planning commission in Pennsylvania, now, having met regularly for 100 years.

WHEREAS, the Altoona City Planning Commission has greatly impacted the development of the City of Altoona, beginning with their 1916 recommendation

on connecting Union Avenue and 18th Street, and continuing through countless development reviews and comprehensive plans adopted by Altoona City Council in 1917, 1972, 1978, 2000, and 2013.

WHEREAS, the current City comprehensive plan, *Positively Altoona* (adopted May 2013), was presented by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association with the 2013 Daniel Burnham Award for the best municipal comprehensive plan produced in Pennsylvania that year.

WHEREAS, this 100 year track record of success in improving the City's quality of life would not have been possible without the volunteers who have served the City and City Council on its Planning Commission: from the 1916 Commission (F.J. Sholar, W.S. Aaron, O. Frank Delo, R. Max Lewis and John H. Root) through the present (Robert Gutshall, Barbara Wiens-Tuers, Jennifer Mikolajczyk, James Dixon, Sam Frye, Randy Isenberg, and David Albright).

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved by the Council of the City of Altoona, Pennsylvania, that the Altoona City Planning Commission, and especially the volunteers who have served the City as members, be recognized and commended for a century of service. (0028-16)

approving the Repository Bid submitted by Christian Gohn of 358 Christopher Road, Flinton, PA for property located at 2208-2214 10th Avenue, Altoona, PA in the amount of \$100.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (tabled)

approving the Repository Bid submitted by Michael Colombo (aka Jim Columbo) of 400 Pemberley Drive, Hollidaysburg PA for property located at 1005 16th Avenue, Altoona, PA in the amount of \$200.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (tabled)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; there was a motion by Councilman Butterbaugh, seconded by Vice-Mayor Haire to table resolutions c and d at this time; the City Clerk called the roll for a vote which passed 5 to 1; Councilwoman Jordan was absent; a consent vote was taken by the City Clerk on items a and b and passed 6 to 0; Councilwoman

Jordan

was absent

ORDINANCES

Adoption

Councilman Butterbaugh

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 94 ENTITLED "PENSIONS," ARTICLE II ENTITLED "POLICE PENSION FUND" TO ADD REQUIRED

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND STATE LAW PROVISIONS; ADD BENEFITS THAT HAVE BEEN COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED; REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Vice-Mayor Haire

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

DISCUSSION ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror*

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:50 pm