

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - WEDNESDAY – MAY 25, 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, May 26, 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, Haire, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

Absent: Councilman Cagle and Councilwoman Jordan

PRESENTATIONS

Altoona Water Authority Vice-Chairman Bill Schirf provided an update of the Altoona Water Authority with a power point presentation

Community Development Director Lee Slusser provided the 2015 Annual Report

Finance Director Omar Strohm reviewed the April 2016 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Mayor Pacifico announced an Executive Session was held regarding personnel matters

Mayor Pacifico announced public comment and asked those speaking to speak from the podium and provide their name and address for the record and to limit their comments to five minutes and to appoint a spokesperson if a group was in attendance regarding the same issue

PUBLIC COMMENT – Rosemary Ellis of 305 E. Logan Avenue, Altoona, PA spoke to Council regarding the public access shutdown stating she had a show for the past five years; Ms. Ellis stated the current programs are unique and important and cover such areas as drug education, kids, politics, food education and healthy eating, sports, religion, movies, school events to include sports and concerts, school cancellations and delays; Ms. Ellis suggested a telethon to raise the \$300,000 funding gap; Ms. Ellis asked Council to save Channel 13 and Channel 14

Mayor Pacifico deferred to Councilman Cacciotti, Council's representative for the Goodman Trust and Councilman Cacciotti provided recommendations for expenditure of the funds as follows:

authorizing a transfer from the Goodman Trust Fund to the following organizations in the following amounts for the recreation projects

Goodman Trust - 2016

6 projects

request

project
type

recommendation

Altoona Area Teener Baseball
Seitz Field (city owned field)
replace safety equipment (catchers)

Altoona Boxing Club
UVA
replace boxing equipment

Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission
Jefferson Park (city owned field)
Replace basketball equipment

Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission
East Juniata Community Center (city owned)
Replace scoreboard

City of Altoona
Highland Park (city owned park)
restroom(s) upgrade

George B. Kelley Amateur Baseball Fed
Geesey Park (city owned field)
restrooms

1475.00	Equipment	750.00
600.00	Equipment	600.00
1750.00	Equipment	1000.00
3529.00	Equipment	2777.37
4000.00	Maintenance/ Development	4000.00
2500.00	Development	1500.00
Requested funds \$14,654.00		Available funds \$10,627.37

-\$4,026.63

item d was added to this agenda and there was opportunity for public comment on this matter and there was none given

RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 11, 2016. (0067-16)

b)WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Altoona ("City") supports an exemption from the Pennsylvania Liquor Code ("Liquor Code") requirements regarding amplified music being heard off the licensed premises for property

owned by the Cesare Battisti Mutual Benefit Association (hereinafter "Cesare Battisti") located at 3901-3915 Beale Avenue, Altoona, Pa; and

WHEREAS, the Cesare Battisti has submitted a suggested area for the said exemption, a description of said area being attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, 47 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 4-493.1 (b) of the Liquor Code permits a municipality to petition the Liquor Control Board ("LCB") to request an exemption from the Liquor Code regarding amplified music being heard off the premises with one requirement for said exemption being that the municipality has enacted a noise ordinance and, in the event the exemption is granted, will enforce the noise ordinance with regard to the area exempted; and

WHEREAS, the City has enacted Ordinance No. 5568, which regulates noise within the City; and

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Altoona desires to support the filing of a petition by the City to have the area described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, exempted from the Liquor Code requirements regarding amplified music being heard off the licensed premises within said described area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and the same is hereby resolved by the Council of the City of Altoona that said Council hereby authorizes and supports the filing of a petition with the LCB requesting an exemption from the Liquor Code regarding amplified music being played off a licensed premises of the Cesare Battisti located at 3901-3915 Beale Avenue, Altoona, Pa, within the area described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said City Council declares the City's intent to enforce the Noise Ordinance Numbered 5568 in place of the Liquor Code requirements regarding the same. (0068-16)

c) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Anthony Labriola of 515 1st Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 518 1st Avenue, Altoona, PA and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Approval Form. (0069-16)

d) authorizing a transfer from the Goodman Trust Fund to the following organizations in the following amounts for the recreation projects attached hereto. (0070-16)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; a consent vote was taken by the City Clerk on all items and passed 5 to 2; Councilman Cagle was absent and Councilwoman Jordan was absent

DISCUSSION ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pacifico announced a park clean up on Tuesday, May 31st at 8:30 a.m. with AAHS, Central Blair Recreation Commission and Operation Our Town; volunteers should pre-register at Central Blair Recreation Commission

The upcoming Memorial Day Parades were announced

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

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor and Council convened to Executive Session at 8:25pm for the purpose of potential litigation with no further business discussed or voted on and reconvened only to adjourn at 8:35pm.