

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - WEDNESDAY – JUNE 8, 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.

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, Jordan, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

#### PRESENTATIONS

Hollidaysburg YMCA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Race in Downtown Altoona – Phyllis Baker, YMCA Business Development Director and Frank Kopriva; thanked the City for all that they do and described the race

Dan Stuckey provided Council with his flag pole proposal for a triangular, grassy area owned by the City along Halleck Place and Morningside and asked for permission to install it and to cut down a pine tree that he considered to be in poor shape and replace it with a Cleveland select which is similar to a Bradford Pear and is an approved tree of the Shade Tree Commission; Mr. Stuckey stated he will maintain the space and that the neighbors are in favor of this; Mr. Stuckey stated the flag pole is a 30 foot commercial grade pole and he would replace the 6 x 8 flag once per year at an approximate cost of \$65.00 and light the pole with a commercial grade solar light; the City Manager suggested the City follow the process of removal of a tree in the Shade Tree guidelines but Council was not in favor of covering the cost for a certified arborist

Public Works Department 2015 Annual Report was provided by Nate Kissell, Director

Mayor Pacifico announced an Executive Session was held on June 6 after the Strategic Planning Meeting regarding personnel matters

Mayor Pacifico asked the City Clerk to read the additional resolution into the record regarding the Spring Run Retaining Wall

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**

Rick Speilvogle, Blair Co. Antique Auto Club, stated he is concerned about an article in the *Altoona Mirror* and Council charging for downtown events; Mr. Speilvogle thinks every group should have an allotted amount and pay if over that; the Cruise-In event brings people into downtown and is a family function; Mr. Speilvogle stated if his group has to pay a lot it will decrease the amount they donate to charity

Councilman Butterbaugh explained that the issue isn't charging, it is covering the cost of Altoona Police and the City is now subsidizing the events

Mayor Pacifico stated last year there were 30 events in Downtown Altoona

Joe Hurd, Chamber Director, stated he is concerned about a recent article in the *Altoona Mirror* and the possibility of fees for certain events downtown; Mr. Hurd is also concerned about Public Access and the decision not to fund it stating it is a quality of life issue and thought it would have been handled differently and asked Council to find a way and to commit and to find a way to save the channel

Virginia Morino, Altoona, stated signs are missing at 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Union Avenue which only allowed parking on one side of the street; since the signs have been gone motorists are parking on both sides and making it difficult for cars to pass through; Mrs. Morino stated Griffin is taking advantage of communities that are distressed in Pennsylvania

**RESOLUTIONS**

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 25, 2016. (0071-16)

b)awarding the EPDM Adhered Roof System Project, City Hall Building to KLA Roofing & Construction of 14280 Lincoln Highway, Everett, PA 15537 in the amount of \$139,712.43 payable from the Capital Budget and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0072-16)

c)amending the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), due to additional program income, funding the Street Light Enhancement Project in the amount of \$20,000.00 and funding the Hamilton Park Improvements Project in the amount of \$150,000.00. (0073-16)

d)approving the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto between the City of Altoona and County of Blair and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Memorandum and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0074-16)

e) awarding the Spring Run Retaining Wall Project Bid to Ventura Construction Services of 800 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA in the amount of \$667,687.00 payable from the Capital Budget Line Item 43-53972-1940 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0075-16)

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

## ORDINANCES

### Adoption-Vice-Mayor Haire

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, CHAPTER 535 ENTITLED "PLANNING," PART 3 ENTITLED "ZONING," TO: 1. AMEND SECTION 535-47 ENTITLED "ZONING MAP" TO REZONE, FROM R-SH, SINGLE HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTIAL TO M-RC RESIDENTIAL - COMMERCIAL MIXED USE THE PROPERTY BOUNDED BY LOGAN BOULEVARD ON THE EAST, ARLARYD STREET ON THE NORTH, CIRCLE AVENUE ON THE WEST, AND BOUNDED BY THE PROPERTIES OF DOWLUT ON BOTH SIDES OF CIRCLE ALLEY ON THE SOUTH, THE SAME BEING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA, UPON REQUEST OF MOHAMMED AND FATHEMA DOWLUT AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED TO SAID ORDINANCE AS EXHIBIT "A"; 2. AMEND SECTION 535-72 ENTITLED "M-RC RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL MIXED USE ZONE", SUBSECTION C ENTITLED "SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS" TO INCLUDE CLEANING OR DETAILING OF PASSENGER VEHICLES AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION; 3. PROVIDE AN ENABLING ACT, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND; 4. ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Ord. No. 5677)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Vice-Mayor Haire

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

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

## DISCUSSION ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pacifico and Council discussed the flagpole at Halleck Place and the general consensus was not to spend money on an Arborist in regards to the pine tree; according to Councilman Cagle the language stated the arborist is recommended not required; Councilman Butterbaugh suggested Council hear from the neighborhood before a decision is made; Mayor Pacifico and

Councilman Butterbaugh stated they will knock on doors and speak to the neighbors

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:30 pm