

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 12, 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, October 13, 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 for Dyslexia Awareness Month presented by Mayor Pacifico to Jamie Hillard, Educational Consultant and Special Education Advocate

Proclamation for Fire Prevention Month presented by Mayor Pacifico to Acting Fire Chief Mike Tofano and members of the Altoona Fire Department

PUBLIC COMMENT – John Walters, 212 Willow Avenue, Altoona, PA discussed a police matter and Chief Freehling stated she will look into it

RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, September 28, 2016. (0117-16)

b)authorizing City Solicitor Larry Clapper to file the 2017 Tax Petition with the Blair County Court of Common Pleas. (0118-16)

c)approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Robert Buchanan of 615 N. 2nd Street, Altoona, PA for property located at 114 N. 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0119-16)

d)approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00 submitted by Adrienne Keller of 1929 Pine Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 892 20th Street, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0120-16)

e)approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00 submitted by Caleb Drenning of 1137 Coach Road, Lilly, PA for property located at 2205 8th

Avenue, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0121-16)

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 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pacifico updated Council on something he had asked Solicitor Larry Clapper to work on after Mr. Dan Stuckey came to Council with the proposal to install a flag pole in his neighborhood on City owned property. Mayor Pacifico stated he researched beautification projects by residents to include adopt-a-spot, adopt-a-median, adopt a right-of-way. Once the details are worked out the City will be able to move forward.

Councilman Butterbaugh stated that it is important for the public to contact staff regarding issues and he encouraged the public to call the City Clerk's Office or City Manager's Office and not to wait until the issue becomes an emergency; Councilman Butterbaugh stated Council deals with policy which takes time and if there are community or neighborhood issues that the public has that they should bring these issues forward early; with the feral cat issue Council is still looking into this and looking at other municipalities and trying to possibly have a committee of citizens that understand the feral cat problem and animals in general

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:19 p.m.