

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 9, 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, November 10, 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, Cagle, Haire, Jordan, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

Absent: Councilman Cacciotti

PRESENTATIONS – Recognition of Sister Paula DelGrosso and the 25th Anniversary of the St. Vincent de Paul Food for Families Soup Kitchen

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an Executive Session for personnel matters

PUBLIC COMMENT – offered and none given

RESOLUTIONS

approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, October 26, 2016. (0126-16)

authorizing the City of Altoona enter into a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement, numbered 097148, with PennDOT for the “17th Street Corridor Improvement Project”, to be constructed along State Route 4010, Section 11S, between Grant Avenue and Pleasant Valley Boulevard, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0127-16)

authorizing the submission of Hazard Mitigation Grant forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the 1988 Robert T. Stafford Act and for the City Manager to serve as agent for the City of Altoona and to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same as needed. (0128-16)

authorizing the renewal of a Hazardous Material Response Team Agreement between the City of Altoona, County of Blair and the Blair County Local Emergency Management Planning Committee for beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0129-16)

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; Councilman Cacciotti was absent

ORDINANCES

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, IN THE COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE YEAR 2017. (2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE) (FIRST READING)

The ordinance was read by the City Clerk who asked for a motion to introduce the Budget Ordinance; Councilman Cagle motioned for the budget to pass the first reading; there was a second by Councilman Neugebauer; the City Clerk called the roll for a vote for the budget to pass the first reading and the vote passed 6 to 0; Councilman Cacciotti was absent

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 646 ENTITLED "TAXATION" BY AMENDING ARTICLE VIII THEREOF ENTITLED, "EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS TAX", TO LEVY A TAX ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS OF BOTH RESIDENTS AND CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING LAW AS PERMITTED BY BOTH THE HOME RULE CHARTER AND OPTIONAL PLANS LAW AND THE MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES AND TO LEVY A TAX ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS OF BOTH RESIDENTS AND CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTS FOR THE SPECIAL PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO DEFRAY COSTS RELATED TO THE PENSION PLANS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA; REQUIRING TAX RETURNS; REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO WITHHOLD AND REMIT TAX; PROVIDING FOR A TAX COLLECTOR AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR NO EXEMPTIONS; AND RELATED PROVISIONS. (2017 EIT ORDINANCE)

The ordinance was read by the City Clerk and motion for introduction was made by Councilman Butterbaugh and seconded by Councilman Cagle; a vote was taken by the City Clerk on the introduction of the EIT Ordinance and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Cacciotti was absent

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING THE INITIAL RATE OF 4.83 MILLS FOR ALL REAL ESTATE SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2017; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (2017 INITIAL TAX MILLAGE ORDINANCE)

The ordinance was read by the City Clerk and motion for introduction was made by Vice-Mayor Haire and seconded by Councilman Butterbaugh; a vote for the initial tax millage ordinance to pass the first reading was taken by the City Clerk and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Cacciotti was absent

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADDING AN ADDITIONAL .48 MILLS TO THE INITIAL TAX RATE OF 4.83 MILLS ON ALL REAL ESTATE SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2017 THEREBY ESTABLISHING THE FINAL TAX RATE OF 5.31 MILLS ON ALL SUCH REAL ESTATE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (2017 FINAL TAX MILLAGE ORDINANCE)

The ordinance was read by the City Clerk and motion for introduction was made by Councilman Cagle and seconded by Councilman Neugebauer; a vote for the final tax millage ordinance to pass the first reading was taken by the City Clerk and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Cacciotti was absent

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pacifico stated that he attended an awards ceremony in Carlisle, PA and thanked Fire Chief Tim Hileman for nominating the City for the ESGR Award. (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve)

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:30 p.m.