

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 8, 2017 – 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, March 9, 2017.

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 (via phone) and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS – Altoona Fire Department 2016 Annual Report (attached to the minutes and posted on the website) and ISO Presentation – Fire Chief Tim Hileman

Prior to the Annual Report Presentation Chief Hileman and Mayor Pacifico recognized Blair 911 and the Altoona Water Authority with Certificates of Appreciation for their assistance on a daily basis as well as with the completion of the ISO paperwork and for helping AFD to obtain an ISO rating of 2

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Joe Rodkey of 1415 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA asked Council to remove the stop sign at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Expressway and replace it with a yield sign; a lengthy discussion was held between staff and Council and Mr. Rodkey and Mayor Pacifico asked Mr. Rodkey to finish his comments because it had been more than the allotted five minutes; Mr. Rodkey refused to do so stating that he was not finished with his comments; Mayor Pacifico stated to Mr. Rodkey that this was not the time to question and converse with Council and Staff and that it was public comment period not question and answer period; Mr. Rodkey continued to speak and to question staff regarding the stop sign; Councilwoman Jordan stated the addition of the stop sign brought improvements which she witnessed personally, and experienced firsthand with her children, upon entering and exiting the Booker T. Washington building for sporting events; City Manager Marla Marcinko stated staff does not plan to change the stop sign

#### RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, February 8, 2017. (0017-17)

b) adopting the Adopt-A-Spot, City Maintenance Agreement for Community-Based Projects on the Right-of-Way and Adopt-A-Median Beautification Policies for the

City of Altoona. (0018-17)

c)awarding the Roof for Pavilion No. 1 at Highland Park to Kylor Contracting, LLC. of 17902 RanJan Lane, Cassville, PA 16623 in the amount of \$7,180.00, payable from the Highland Park Roof Line Item, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0019-17)

d)approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Destiny Gardner of 1123 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 1125-27 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0020-17)

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 7 to 0 with all present

## ORDINANCES

### Introduction

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 633 ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS", TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE VII TO BE ENTITLED "STREET NAMES" PROVIDING FOR: A PURPOSE; A PROCEDURE FOR NAMING OR RENAMING A STREET, INCLUDING BY PETITION OF A MAJORITY IN NUMBER OF OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ON THE LINE OF THE STREET TO BE NAMED OR RENAMED AND FOR NAMING OR RENAMING A STREET WITHOUT SUCH A PETITION; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY TO ERECT SIGNS TO IDENTIFY SUCH STREETS; LISTING THE NAMES OF SUCH STREETS IN THE ORDINANCE; ADDING THE NAME OR RENAMED STREETS TO THE CITY BLOCK PLAN; REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Vice-Mayor Haire.

### Adoption - Councilman Butterbaugh

2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO INCLUDE A NEW CHAPTER 555 TO BE ENTITLED "PUBLIC GATHERINGS" TO: 1. REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR PUBLIC GATHERINGS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; REQUIRE PERMIT APPLICATIONS, PERMIT FEES AND WAIVER OF FEES PROVISIONS; REQUIRE INSURANCE FOR COMMERCIAL EVENTS; DEFINITIONS; PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5697)

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

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Haire

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

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

Adoption - Councilman Cacciotti

3)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING CHAPTER 673 ENTITLED "TRANSIENT RETAIL BUSINESSES " TO: 1. REVISE SAID CHAPTER PROVIDING: 1. DEFINITIONS; 2. EXEMPTIONS INCLUDING FOR CERTAIN RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENTITIES; 3. AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ALL OTHER TRANSIENT RETAIL BUSINESSES TO OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE CITY; 4. PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATION AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSES; 5. THE SETTING OF FEES BY RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME; 6. RESTRICTIONS FOR LOUD NOISE AND SPEAKING DEVICES; 7. USE OF STREET PROVISIONS AND TIME RESTRICTIONS; 8. A REQUIREMENT FOR EXHIBITION OF ALL LICENSES; 9. PROHIBITION OF UNINVITED SOLICITATIONS; PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; 10. PURPOSE AND 11. AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5698)

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

Introduction – Councilman Cacciotti

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Councilwoman Jordan

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

Adoption - Councilman Neugebauer

4)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING CHAPTER 679 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA ENTITLED "TREES" BY ADDING PROVISIONS TO REQUIRE REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5699)

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

Introduction – Councilman Neugebauer

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Neugebauer

Second – Mayor Pacifico

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

Adoption - The Governing Body

5)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 470 ENTITLED "NOISE" TO PROVIDE: ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS; ADDITIONAL NOISE LEVEL RESTRICTIONS; NOISE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD AND REVOCATION OF SUCH EXEMPTIONS; REQUIRE A PLAN FOR CORRECTION OF VIOLATION; REAFFIRM CHAPTER 470 AS AMENDED; REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5700)

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

Introduction – The Governing Body

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Councilman Cacciotti

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

Adoption - Vice-Mayor Haire

6)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA IN THE COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF CERTAIN STREETS AND AVENUES IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, COUNTY OF BLAIR, AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA. BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED THAT THE FOLLOWING STREET/AVENUE NAME CHANGES BE MADE AS FOLLOWS: FROM BRANCH AVENUE TO 9<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE FROM SOUTH BRANCH AVENUE TO 9<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5701)

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

Introduction – Vice-Mayor Haire

Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Haire

Second – Councilwoman Jordan

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

Adoption - Councilman Cagle

7)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 94 ENTITLED "PENSIONS," ARTICLE I ENTITLED "PAID FIREMEN'S 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. (ORD. NO. 5702)

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

Introduction – Councilman Cagle

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

Second – Councilman Cacciotti

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

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Councilman Cacciotti thanked Altoona Police Officer Jessica Stiffler for her assistance and professionalism when he recently had car trouble at a major intersection in the City

Councilman Butterbaugh acknowledged Public Works Director Nate Kissell for how he handled the stop sign incident with Mr. Rodkey

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:19 p.m.