

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 12, 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, April 13, 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, and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS – Joe Fagnani of Service Paws of Central PA discussed the organization and what they do and who they serve, the types of service dogs and their various fundraisers

Public Works 2016 Annual Report was presented by Department Director Nate Kissell

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting for personnel matters

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Dan Stuckey discussed his proposed flag project and asked Council to remove the fall zone language from the Adopt-a-Spot Beautification Policy; City Manager Marla Marcinko stated the City has to listen to the advice of the City Solicitor; Councilwoman Jordan asked if his church may be willing to take over the property; Councilman Cagle stated he and Council appreciate the initiative that Mr. Stuckey has taken but he and Council have to take the recommendation of staff into consideration as they look out for the City's safety and liability; Councilman Cagle asked Mr. Stuckey to possibly consider an alternative to the flag

Greg Donnelly of 719 Bryant Avenue, Altoona, stated that he lived at his residence for 31 years and is having vandalism and stealing issues; Mr. Donnelly stated he has spent thousands of dollars; Mr. Donnelly also asked Council to add Do Not Enter signs; Mr. Donnelly stated there is also a lot of speeding in the area and there are two cars per minute rolling through all of the stop signs in his neighborhood; it is said that there are 1500 cars through that neighborhood per day; Mr. Donnelly stated it is between 7 and 9am and 2 and 5pm in the afternoon; Chief Freehling will look at this and will be able to place patrol in this area since Mr. Donnelly was able to provide time guidelines; Mr. Donnelly stated Longfellow Avenue seems to be the problem; Councilman Butterbaugh asked for a drawing as to the sign proposal; Nate Kissell will

receive Mr. Donnelly's diagram at City Hall; Mr. Donnelly asked for Do Not Enter signs placed on Byron Avenue off of Longfellow so the trucks are forced to go back onto Frankstown and not through the neighborhood; Councilman Butterbaugh asked how long ago the vandalism issue took place; Mr. Donnelly said 4 to 5 years ago vandals paint balled the side of his house and his truck; Mr. Donnelly replaced, fences, to include iron posts, and landscaping and he has replaced his fence 5 times due to commercial truck damage to his property; Mr. Donnelly stated the trucks travel Frankstown Road to Longfellow Avenue and try to make the corner and cut through the Garden Heights neighborhood where Pope intersects Bryant but the trucks are too large and obviously do not belong there and cause damage to his property

Evelyn Gority of 1429 N. 6th Avenue, Altoona, stated she attended a Zoning Hearing Board meeting earlier at Altoona City Hall where a student home was granted in her neighborhood; Mrs. Gority stated they are already parking on her lawn and she doesn't want more cars in her yard or blocking her driveway; Mrs. Gority stated this will add five cars to their block, cause noise, traffic, increased trash and disruption to a very quiet neighborhood; Councilman Cagle stated the parking may be an issue that is not addressed immediately but there is an effort by the Penn State community to help the students who live in residential areas to get to know their neighbors as well as to be good neighbors

Dale Strain of 1925 15th Avenue, Altoona, stated he would like to volunteer for the City and help out with different groups; Mr. Strain has reported trash, buildings not up to codes, dumping and littering and would like to see enforcement of these issues; there are also a lot of people not stopping at stop signs; Mr. Strain stated he has been hit two times by cars while walking in the downtown area

RESOLUTIONS

approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, March 8, 2017. (0021-17)

rejecting the Tree Revitalization Project – Phase I Bids. (0022-17)

awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2017-2018 – Package A to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., 220 Park Road, Winfield, PA 17889, in the amount of \$25,530.50 payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0023-17)

awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2017-2018 – Package B & Package C to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Company, P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$216,550.00 payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the City Manager to

execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0024-17)

awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2017-2018 – Package D to Woodland Equipment & Supply Company, P.O. Box 241. Woodland, PA 16881, in the amount of \$34,560.00 payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0025-17)

awarding the 2017 Capital Street Reconstruction Project to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., 3912 Brumbaugh Road, New Enterprise, PA 16664, in the amount of \$878,775.77 payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0026-17)

awarding the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Street Reconstruction Project to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., 3912 Brumbaugh Road, New Enterprise, PA 16664, in the amount of \$189,078.60 payable from CDBG Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0027-17)

awarding the 2017 State Road Utility Cut Restoration Project to Lutterman Excavating, LLC., 1813 State Route 819, Greensburg, PA 15601, in the amount of \$38,950.00 payable from the General Fund and reimbursed in full by the Altoona Water Authority, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0028-17)

awarding the 7th Street Streetscape Project to Luther Lawn Service, LLC., of 2012 Whispering Pines Lane, Duncansville, PA 16635, in the amount of \$27,827.80 funded by the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD Corp.), and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0029-17)

awarding the Air Handling Units for Fire Station No. 1 Project to Allied Mechanical & Electrical, Inc. of 2141 Sandy Drive, State College, PA 16803, in the amount of \$42,925.00, payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0030-17)

amending the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) changing proposed locations to precise locations for the 2016 Street Light Enhancement Project. (0031-17)

approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$200.00 submitted by Leszek Wegrzynowicz of 311 Mountain Street, New Enterprise, PA 16664, for property located at 1907 5th Avenue, Rear, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0032-17)

approving the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), under the authority of the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, to fund a Management Information System, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0033-17)

authorizing the execution of the Software License and Services Agreement between the City of Altoona and Bellefeuil, Szur & Associates, Inc. (BSA). (0034-17)

approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Altoona and the AFSCME, AFL-CIO, District Council #83, Local 2188 Union, for the period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0035-17)

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 6 to 0; Councilman Neugebauer was absent

ORDINANCES

Introduction

1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC ENTITY ENERGY CONSORTIUM WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED THROUGH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY EXERCISING THE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO MANAGE AND PURCHASE ENERGY AND TO ACQUIRE AND INSTALL ENERGY CONSERVATION FACILITIES, TO MANAGE AND PURCHASE TRANSPORTATION FUEL, AND TO MANAGE AND PURCHASE VARIOUS OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES, WITH SAID ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH: A TITLE; AUTHORITY AND APPROVAL FOR THE AGREEMENT; CONTENTS OF THE AGREEMENT INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, TERM OF AGREEMENT, PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES, POWERS FOR THE CONSORTIUM, MANNER AND EXTENT OF FINANCING, ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE; A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; A REPEALER OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Councilman Butterbaugh.

Adoption – Vice-Mayor Haire

2)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. (ORD. NO. 5703)

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

Introduction – Vice-Mayor Haire

Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Haire

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Neugebauer was absent

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Butterbaugh stated that he attended a Government Advisory Committee on Thursday, March 20th with all of the municipalities in Blair County; the purpose is to have governmental cooperation throughout the County; Steve McKnight of ABCD Corp. gave a presentation; the committee is possibly looking at a county-wide blight initiative

Vice-Mayor Haire reminded citizens and people running for office to keep election yard signs off of the City right-of-way, medians and City property

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 9:00 p.m.