

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – MAY 10, 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, May 11, 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, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico  
Absent: Councilwoman Jordan

PRESENTATIONS – A Public Works Week Proclamation was presented to the Department by Mayor Pacifico

Quarterly Financial Report was presented by Omar Strohm, Finance Director

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an Executive Session Monday evening and also prior to the council meeting for personnel matters

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Joe Russo of 415 Parkview Lane stated he was representing the Cesare Battisti Club and they would like to request another noise exemption as the current exemption will be expiring in July of 2017

Dave Schmelzen of 305 Byron Avenue asked for a traffic study in Garden Heights due to the large volume of traffic

Dave Heisler of 223 Dewey Street stated he walks a lot in the neighborhood and is seeing a lot of trash and is sick of cleaning it up; suggested a sign be installed on Frankstown directing people to the Logan Valley Mall but believes the solution is to block the entrance off of Frankstown Road into the Garden Heights neighborhood

Mike Cassady of 518 Bellview Street stated his property value is going down and asked Council to hold people accountable for their properties; Mr. Cassady stated there are cars in disrepair on properties as well as people who have not cut their grass

Darryl Little of 306 E. Southey Avenue stated a neighbor is doing car repairs; the cars do not have mufflers; there are two cars without plates or tags; the loud engine sound goes on all weekend

Sharon Kutz of 2021 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue stated she complained to City Council last year and it did not work and she had various code issues as follows: the grass is very high at 2010 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue; the weeds are grown over onto the sidewalks; it is difficult to see at Pleasant Valley Boulevard and 8<sup>th</sup> Street; 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street needs to be weeded and the sidewalks need to be swept; 2003 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue has scaffolding erected that has been there for at least two years and it's a vacant property; Ms. Kutz stated she cares for her property and others in her neighborhood and that people need to do the same and should be held accountable

## RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, April 12, 2017. (0036-17)
- b) amending the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Broad Avenue Curb and Sidewalk Phase II Project transferring \$18,005.94 to the 2015 Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation Project. (0037-17)
- c) rejecting the Coleridge Avenue Bridge Scour Protection Project Bid and returning the bid security deposit. (0038-17)
- d) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$700.00 submitted by Kristin Hines of 303 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1509 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0039-17)
- e) approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Altoona and AFSCME. AFL-CIO, District Council #83, Local 2188 Union for the Meet & Discuss group consisting of first-line supervisors, covering 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. (0040-17)
- f) approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Altoona and AFSCME. AFL-CIO, District Council #83, Local 2188 Union for the School Crossing Guards, covering 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. (0041-17)
- g) amending and restating the Fee Resolution 0003-17, as amended to include: Public Gatherings, Transient Retail Business, Foreclosed Property Registration, CPR Training, and wording as follows: \* "Business licenses will be issued following a

review by City Departments to ensure conformance with the Code of the City of Altoona and upon payment of the applicable fee." (0042-17)

h)authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement with Atlantic Broadband in the amount of \$50,991.00 representing an underpayment of revenues under the Franchise Agreement with Atlantic Broadband. (0043-17)

i)authorizing the Pennsylvania Public Entity Energy Consortium (PPEEC) to act by itself, or by its energy advisors, to purchase electricity on behalf of the City of Altoona and to provide related services and for the Mayor to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0044-17)

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; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

## ORDINANCES

### Adoption

#### Councilman Butterbaugh

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. (ORD. NO. 5704)

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

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Councilman Neugebauer

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

## MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Butterbaugh stated that he and Vice-Mayor Haire attended a re grand opening for the Senior Life business in the Gable's Building on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Councilman Cagle stated there are several things on the books to help the City enforce high grass including the Property Maintenance Code, the mow and lien program and the vacant property ordinance

Mayor Pacifico announced the City Fire Department was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$64,155 for training and equipment

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and Jordan Tracey, WTAJ TV-10

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:00 p.m.