

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 6, 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, December 7, 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 – none

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Scott Lantz of 2921 W. Chestnut Avenue stated he is having a problem on his street with the clients of Blair Dance Academy parking on the street instead of in their parking lot; also the drop off and pick up of clients is blocking the road and keeping Mr. Lantz from entering or exiting his street; Mr. Lantz requested permit parking in front of their homes similar to Smithfield, PA

Natalie Barlick-Reed of 811 N. 8th Street stated she is representing the neighborhood who has a concern that the Keystone Girls Softball League is re-locating to Kustaborder Field; concerns expressed are as follows: parking issues to include parking on private lawns and partially in front of garages, increased traffic, noise, loss of Juniata play park; Ms. Reed asked Council not to limit Kustaborder because the neighbors use it as well as other sports teams, the neighbors also help to maintain it to include grass cutting and fence repair

Randy Isenberg of 1819 N. 8th Avenue stated he lives below Kustaborder Field which is a good facility which has been ignored for a long time; Mr. Isenberg asked the City to consider developing it and making it multi-use like Fairview rather than locking it into one group

City Manager Marla Marcinko stated a discussion was held in November at the CBRC Board meeting and there would be a 30 day and out for the softball league who would not have exclusive rights to the field; the softball league provided a proposal to CBRC Board for review

Councilman Cagle stated the proposal presented by the softball league is not very detailed and needs more discussion; Councilman Cagle stated they have been fighting playground and liability issues for years and the concept of an East Juniata playground is on the table

Councilman Neugebauer stated the softball league proposed a timeframe for their use and are also willing to fix up the grounds

RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, November 8, 2017. (0097-17)

b)amending and restating the Fee Resolution 0042-17 to include: photocopies-24x36 drawings; right to know/open records-black and white and color copies fee; USPS first class postage language, CD/DVD fee, flash drive fee; handicap parking signs new, yearly, replacement or move fees, requested regulatory and/or guidance sign fees, driveway and sign permit fees; engineering and environmental reviews – engineering plan review fee, storm water management review language, long-term storm water maintenance inspection fees; fire-portable fire extinguisher technician certification fees, automatic fire extinguisher system technician certification fees; mechanical, electronic or video amusement device fee, jukeboxes fee, late fee; parking rate increases; alarm device permit fee, false alarm fees; demolition permit fees – garage, shed, accessory structure, residential, commercial; elimination of public eating and drinking places; solid waste – dumpster permit fee; streets and improved right-of-way and restoration fees. (0098-17)

c)setting the meeting date of Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Altoona Training Facility & Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA for the purpose of an Organizational Meeting of Altoona City Council and to conduct any other business that may come before Council. (0099-17)

d)approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00 submitted by Charles and Luanne Beers of 1858 Dixie Lane, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 623 N. 10th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (100-17)

e)approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$125.00 submitted by Charles and Luanne Beers of 1858 Dixie Lane, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 620-622 N. 11th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (101-17)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; the consent vote was taken by the City Clerk and passed 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

ORDINANCES

Introduction

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA ENTITLED "POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION" TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE LAW BY AMENDING AND REPLACING THE CITY OF ALTOONA POLICE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS; REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE A SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; PROVIDE AN OBJECTIVE FOR THE ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by the Governing Body.

Introduction

2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA ENTITLED "FIRE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION" TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE LAW BY AMENDING AND REPLACING THE CITY OF ALTOONA FIRE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS; REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE A SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; PROVIDE AN OBJECTIVE FOR THE ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by the Governing Body.

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3)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 646 ENTITLED "TAXATION" BY REPLACING ARTICLE VI THEREOF ENTITLED, "MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICE TAX", WITH A NEW ARTICLE VI, TO: 1. REQUIRE A PERSON DESIRING TO OFFER FOR USE OR PLAY ANY JUKEBOX OR MECHANICAL ELECTRONIC OR VIDEO AMUSEMENT DEVICE TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND PROCURE A LICENSE; 2. PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; 3. PROVIDE FOR ISSUANCE OR DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS AND ESTABLISH CONDITIONS; 4. PROHIBIT GAMBLING DEVICES; 5. PERMIT THE SEALING OF UNLICENSED DEVICES; 6. PROVIDE FOR VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; 7. REQUIRE OWNERS/SUPPLIERS OF MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND JUKEBOXES TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH A LIST OF THE LOCATION OF SUCH DEVICES TWICE A YEAR; 8. PROVIDE RESTATEMENT/REPEAL PROVISIONS; AND 9. PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Adoption – The Governing Body

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 2018. (2018 BUDGET ORDINANCE) (ORD. NO. 5710)

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

Introduction – The Governing Body

Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Haire

Second – Mayor Pacifico

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

Adoption

Vice-Mayor Haire

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 646 ENTITLED "TAXATION" TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE XIII TO BE ENTITLED "REAL ESTATE MILLAGE" ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE FOR ALL REAL ESTATE SUBJECT TO TAXATION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA, AT A RATE OF 5.129 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER WITHOUT REENACTMENT UNTIL SAID RATE IS CHANGED BY CITY COUNCIL; THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDES FOR A REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (2018 TAX MILLAGE ORDINANCE) (ORD. NO. 5711)

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

Introduction – Vice-Mayor Haire

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

Second – Vice-Mayor Haire

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

Mayor Pacifico made appointment and re-appointments to the authorities/boards and commission at this time as follows:

AMTRAN – re-appointment of Anthony Roscia

Code Appeals Board – re-appointment of Dave Albright and Chuck Meyers

Electrical Examiners Board – re-appointment of Karl Kessler and Thomas Shultz

Plumbing Board – re-appointment of James Riley

Planning Commission – appointment of Michael Haire to fill the unexpired term of Sam Frye

Shade Tree Commission – re-appointment of Ted Newkirk

Zoning Hearing Board – re-appointment of Richard Andrews

Housing Authority – re-appointment of Howard Ermin Jr.

AMED Authority – re-appointment of Thomas Farrell

Parking Authority – re-appointment of Barry DeAndrea

Redevelopment Authority – re-appointment of Matt Pacifico and appointment of Ron Beatty to fill the unexpired term of Don DeVorris

Water Authority – re-appointment of Frank Ake

A consent vote was taken on the Mayor's appointments and passed 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

Councilman Neugebauer commented on the 104-unit Spirit of Christmas Parade and the great attendance and reminded those who were unable to enter due to the cut-off to enter early next year

Mayor Pacifico presented a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Vice-Mayor Michael Haire for his service to the City; those in attendance applauded Vice-Mayor Haire who thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve stating he enjoyed it and learned a lot and felt that he accomplished a lot during his six years; Vice-Mayor Haire stated he would continue to serve the City as a member of the Planning Commission

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:25 p.m.