

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Oath of Office for Newly Elected, Organizational Meeting and All Other Matters
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 3, 2018 – 6:00 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, January 4, 2018.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:10 PM in Council Chambers, following the 6:00 p.m. Swearing-In of Bruce Kelley, Matt Cacciotti, Christie Jordan and Dave Butterbaugh

SILENT MEDITATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer
Present: Council members Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Cagle, Jordan, Kelley Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS – Fire Chief Tim Hileman recognized AFD Captain Joe Hoff and presented him with a letter of commendation and a Life Saving Award. This award consists of a bar to wear on the uniform above the name tag that shows that a life saving act was performed. Captain Hoff was attending an event on the Penn State Altoona campus in December of 2017 and came to the aid of a patron who went into cardiac arrest by administering an AED and CPR until AMED arrived ultimately saving the man's life. Chief Hileman stated that the off duty actions of Captain Hoff epitomize what it means to be a first responder and fulfills the oath that all firefighters take to serve their communities and provide the help that is needed whenever and wherever. Captain Hoff received a standing ovation and applause by all in attendance.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – offered by Mayor Pacifico and none given

Councilman Kelley mentioned that this may be the most appropriate time to mention the passing of Phil Fry who served as General Manager of AMTRAN for 14 years and was exceptionally active in our community as well as past President of the Altoona Kiwanis Club and many other organizations; Phil relocated to Connecticut where he was Director of Planning and Marketing at Connecticut Transit; Phil lost his battle with cancer and passed away on December 27, 2017 at the age of 64. Councilman Kelley asked all to remember and keep in your prayers Phil and his wife Sandy, former Altoona City Councilwoman, and their son and daughter.

RESOLUTIONS

a)appointing Councilman Matthew Cacciotti to serve as Vice-Mayor/Vice-Chair with

said term expiring the first Monday of January 2020. (0001-18)

b)approving the City Council Meeting Schedule attached hereto, for the year 2018, in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Administrative Code of the City of Altoona. (0002-18)

c)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, December 6, 2017. (0003-18)

d)(to be voted on following adoption of Ord 1 and Ord 2 below) pursuant to Ordinance No. 5712, Police Civil Service Commission and Ordinance No. 5713, Fire Civil Service Commission, adopted January 3, 2018, wherein City Council created a single Civil Service Board for appointment to and promotion to any position in the Police or Fire Department, except the position of Police Chief and Fire Chief, (the City having had separate Civil Service Boards for Police and Fire prior to the enactment of Ordinance Nos. 5712 and 5713), the City Council hereby designates the members of said prior Civil Service Boards to the newly created single Civil Service Board to the following positions for the remainder of said person's original term on the said separate Civil Service Boards:

1. Members: Don Belsey, John Garritano, Richard Wagner
2. Alternate Members: Ted Beam, Tim Yingling, Mitch Cooper (0004-18)

Councilman Butterbaugh motioned for the appointment of Councilman Cacciotti to the position of Vice-Mayor and Councilman Neugebauer seconded the motion; City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolution into the record, the vote was taken by the City Clerk and passed 7 to 0 with all present

Councilman Kelley asked to have item b pulled for a separate vote; City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read resolution b into the record, the vote was taken by the City Clerk and passed 6 to 1 with all present; Councilman Kelley voted no stating that as the largest municipality in the County there should be more than one meeting a month and that Council should go back to the former meeting schedule of two voting meetings a month with worksessions scheduled as needed; Councilman Kelley stated that eliminating meetings will discourage participation; Councilman Kelley stated that it allows for more opportunities for the public to provide input and it makes Council and city government more accessible to the public

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read resolution c into the record; a vote was taken on resolution c by the City Clerk and passed 7 to 0 will all present

See the vote for resolution d below under Ordinance 3

ORDINANCES

Adoption - The Governing Body

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. (ORD. NO. 5712)

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

Introduction – The Governing Body

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

Second – Vice-Mayor Cacciotti

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

Adoption – The Governing Body

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. (ORD. NO. 5713)

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

Introduction – The Governing Body

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

Second – Councilman Neugebauer

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

Adoption-Vice-Mayor Haire

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. (ORD. NO. 5714)

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

Introduction – former Vice-Mayor Haire

Motion for Adoption – Councilwoman Jordan

Second – Councilman Cagle

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 1 with all present; Councilman Butterbaugh voted no stating the Codes Department is very busy and they don't need more on their plates

Following the vote on the above ordinance, Council returned to resolution d for a vote; City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolution into the record; a vote was taken on resolution d by the City Clerk and passed 7 to 0 with all present

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pacifico asked the City Clerk to read the Council committee assignments into the record and a motion was made by Mayor Pacifico and seconded by the Governing Body to accept the council committee assignments attached to these minutes; a vote was taken by the City Clerk and passed 7 to 0 with all present

Councilman Kelley mentioned the events that happened over the last four or five months to the south of the City in Bedford County and specifically Hyndman Borough with two major train derailments on the CSX mainline and one of them included an evacuation of the entire Borough. Councilman Kelley stated he knows there have been reports in the past and suggested a presentation to Council as to what type of disaster preparations the City has in place which covers what happens, how you ramp up and how you determine what other forces come into play in a disaster situation. Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator Tim Hileman stated a County-wide table-top exercise was recently completed that dealt with a rail incident and a flammable liquids car and all of the agencies that needed to be there to be able to handle that were in attendance. Chief Hileman stated he could prepare a presentation with the after-action review that shows what worked well and what needs to be improved. Councilman Kelley stated from a community stand point the public needs to know that the public officials have in place as far as plans and how these things are addressed and who makes the determination of the severity of the incident and how an evacuation is handled. Councilman Kelley stated that with the mainline of Norfolk Southern bisecting the City and the Altoona Junior High and Altoona High School, UPMC Altoona, and several towers which house the elderly and disabled within a short distance, it

would be good to look at the entire scenario and the decisions that need to be made. Chief Hileman stated there is a City Emergency Operations Plan and annexes for specific hazards in place. There are provisions for many things including warming centers. Chief Hileman stated a briefing can be given specific to a rail incident or an overview of the City of Altoona Emergency Operations Plan and continuity of operations plan. Councilman Kelley stated he thought it would be good to look at the broad picture and a disaster and what happens.

Councilman Cagle asked Chief Hileman to announce the warming centers. Chief Hileman stated that the City has a stop gap measure in the event of power outage which includes the use of the four City fire stations where somebody can go temporarily to stay warm until a longer-term solution can be found. The Salvation Army located at 6th Avenue and 19th Street will be used as the warming shelter. Chief Hileman stated that if someone is in need over the next 72 hours and needs a place to get warm that they should call the Altoona Fire Department at 949-2230 and they will direct them to the right place.

Chief Hileman also stated that there is a CERT team in place for the County and there are volunteers to work if needed. Most of the members are from Altoona and the Altoona Fire Department has reached out to them and they are on standby if needed. They could man the fire stations or the Salvation Army if needed.

Vice-Mayor Cacciotti stated he is grateful for being appointed as Vice-Mayor of the great City of Altoona and thanked his colleagues for having the faith in him to bestow upon him the responsibilities of the job and that it is a true honor.

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:45 p.m.