

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 11, 2018 – 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 12, 2018.

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, Jordan, Kelley, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Pacifico recognized the Altoona Police Department for their fund raising efforts for Special Olympics PA and the Altoona Fire Department for their fund raising efforts for winter coats for AASD students for Operation Warm

Codes & Inspections Annual Report for 2017 was presented by Department Director Rebecca Brown

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Steve Elfelt of 116 Spruce Avenue, Altoona stated he is with the Blair County Working Group for Fair Districts PA and asked Council to consider a resolution

Bernie Washabaugh II stated he is a candidate for US Congress and he wanted to provide his contact information to City Council

RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, March 14, 2018. (0022-18)

b)awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2018-2019 – Package A, B & C to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$145,224.50 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. (0023-18)

c)awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2018-2019 – Package D to Woodland Equipment & Supply Company, P.O. Box 241, Woodland, PA 16881, in the amount of \$34,740.00 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. (0024-18)

d)awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2018-2019 – Package F to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., 220 Park Road, Winfield, PA 17889, in the amount of \$3,987.00 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. (0025-18)

e)awarding the 2018 State Road Utility Cut Restoration Project to Duey Paving, LLC of 740 Oak Street, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$25,380.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0026-18)

f)awarding the 2018 Capital Street Reconstruction Project to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. of P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$1,146,189.46, payable from the Capital Budget and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0027-18)

g)awarding the 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Street Reconstruction Project to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. of P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$361,837.57, payable from CDBG Funds and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0028-18)

h)awarding Street Signs and Materials for 2018-2019 to Chemung Supply Corp. of P.O. Box 527, Elmira, NY 14902 for Item No. 1 – Telespars & Pilots, in the amount of \$9,350.00 payable from the Highway Aid Fund Account and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0029-18)

i)awarding Street Signs and Materials for 2018-2019 to Garden State Highway Products, Inc. of 301 Riverside Drive, Millville, NJ 08332, for Item No. 2 – Bolts, Nuts & Washers, Item No. 3 – Pre-made Signs, Item No. 4 – Die-Cut Letters, Item No. 5 – Street Name Signs, and Item No. 6 – Reflective Post Panels in the amount of \$22,020.70 payable from the Highway Aid Fund Account and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0030-18)

j)awarding the bid for the Salt Storage Shed at the Highway Yard to Mid-State Construction, Inc. of 260 Brush Mountain Road, Altoona, PA 16602, in the amount of \$485,876.00 payable from the Highway Aid Fund Account and the Capital Budget and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0031-18)

k) approving a Parking Lot Lease Agreement between the City of Altoona and Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for storage of supplies and materials only, in conjunction with the construction of the new salt storage shed facility at the City's Highway Yard, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0032-18)

l) approving a Communications Right-of-Way Agreement between the City of Altoona and Keystone Initiative for Network-Based Education and Research (KINBER), related to the construction, installation, maintenance and operation of facilities within the public rights-of-way, for the purposes of providing telecommunications services and/or information services, as defined in the agreement, attached hereto, and subject to the execution of same by KINBER, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0033-18)

m) approving an Agreement of Sale between the City of Altoona and John B. Cavanaugh for the purchase of property located at 1207 14th Avenue, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0034-18)

n) authorizing a transfer from the Goodman Trust Fund to the following organizations in the following amounts for the recreation projects attached hereto. (0035-18)

o) approving the ratification of an addendum to the Agreement between the City of Altoona and Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA), as executed by the City Manager, to provide commercial building construction plan review, as assigned by and at the discretion of the City of Altoona. (0036-18)

p) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$600.00 submitted by Hillsboro Inlet, LLC of 301 Thelma Drive #505, Casper, WY 82609, for property located at 2409-2411 Walton Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0037-18)

q) supporting SB22 and HB722, as drafted, relative to amending the Pennsylvania Constitution, to assign legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent redistricting commission, comprised of citizens, and calling upon the elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who represent the citizens of the City of Altoona, to publicly announce their support and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and further authorizing a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them. (TABLED)

a discussion was held prior to the vote regarding item p; Councilman Butterbaugh called Hillsboro Inlet, LLC and held a conversation with a gentleman who identified himself by his first name only, who said he would be the contact for the property; from the discussion, Councilman Butterbaugh stated he did not

feel this gentleman would do anything should an issue arise on the property; Councilman Butterbaugh stated these types of companies are not responsible for the properties or readily available; this can cause a bad situation in a neighborhood and these properties become private dumps; Councilman Butterbaugh stated he wanted to bring attention to this issue and get the County involved and create more responsibility for the property owners buying the property from the repository

City Manager Marla Marcinko stated one of the recommendations from the Housing Alliance of PA for blight strategies is that municipalities work with their counties to develop better procedures to determine guidelines for approving these properties; counties throughout the Commonwealth have worked with their local tax claim bureaus to develop a registration process for people who are going to be bidding on repository properties; this is something the City should work on and the consultant from the Housing Alliance may be able to assist with and coordinate a meeting with Blair County

Mayor Pacifico stated he is in agreement with Councilman Butterbaugh especially with the progress the City is making with blight, and it may appear the City is regressing with this vote and promoting absentee landowners in the City, however, there isn't anything that can be done to deny it other than continuing to table this from month to month

City Solicitor Larry Clapper stated Blair County has the final say on the sales as this is County property and the City can deny if there is a legitimate reason to do so

Mayor Pacifico stated a better process should be pursued as the City could have used it in several other situations with repository properties

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; at the request of Councilman Butterbaugh, item p was pulled for a separate vote; Council tabled item q; a consent vote was taken on all items with the exception of item p and passed 7 to 0 with all present; a vote was taken on item p which passed 5 to 2 with all present; Councilman Butterbaugh voted no and Councilman Cacciotti voted no

ORDINANCES – Introduction

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO REVISE CHAPTER 405 ENTITLED "LEASE AND/OR CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED LANDS" TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALTOONA AND GOLDEN HEART HOMES, LLC, TO ALLOW THE ENCROACHMENT OF A PORTION OF A HOUSE UPON THE ALLEYWAY LOCATED PARALLEL TO 1942 WALTON AVENUE; REPEAL ALL OTHER

ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the proposed ordinance into the record; the ordinance was introduced by Councilman Butterbaugh

2)PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN UNION AVENUE AND BEALE AVENUE AND BETWEEN 20TH STREET AND 22ND STREET, ALTOONA, CONTAINING TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY- FOUR (2,124) SQUARE FEET, IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAME BE STRICKEN FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY PLAN.

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the proposed ordinance into the record; the ordinance was introduced by Mayor Pacifico

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Neugebauer stated that he was fortunate to attend the Blair County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet last Saturday where his 1962 Altoona High School football team was inducted; Councilman Neugebauer stated he was very impressed by this event; the team was nominated for recognition by Dan McKnight, a retired State Police Officer from Butler, PA, who credited the parents, the Altoona School District and the City of Altoona for the success of this team; Mr. McKnight stated in his remarks, "No matter where the team chose to spend their lives their hearts remain in Altoona".

Councilman Butterbaugh attended the CDBG public hearing earlier and thanked Lee Slusser, Carl Fischer and Mary Johnson for their work

Councilman Butterbaugh thanked the Central PA Chaplain Corps. who is offering a series of educational classes to help people understand the opioid epidemic; Councilman Butterbaugh recommended these to other members of Council and the public as this is a nationwide problem; the classes are advertised in the *Altoona Mirror*

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:10 p.m.