

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 8, 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, August 9, 2018.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:05 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 – Finance Director Omar Strohm presented the Quarterly Financial Report

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an executive session prior to this council meeting for the purpose of personnel matters

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Jesse Ickes of 956 29th Street commented on the City Pension Plans and urged Council to consider increasing the funding

Mike Sanders of 901 N. 3rd Street commented on the 4th of July fireworks and asked Council to adopt a plan to cut down on fireworks before next July 4th; Mr. Sanders suggested Council speak with other municipalities and also speak with Harrisburg

Maryann Sinisi of 3921 Maple Avenue stated her home has been flooding for years due to the stormwater and run-off coming from above in Logan Township and asked Council for a retention pond in the open space above her home to help her property and those below her on 40th Street between West Chestnut Avenue and Broad Avenue

Tom Taylor of 3926 W. Chestnut Avenue stated this is not related to the recent rains as the flooding has been happening since 1976

Ken Tedora of the Central PA National Guard Veterans Association stated the flooding has damaged the newly renovated monument property on 40th Street two times this season and a holding pond is needed to catch the run off.

RESOLUTIONS

approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, July 11, 2018. (0062-18)

awarding the Beech Ave Drainage Repairs Project to Ventura Construction services, Inc. of 800 N. 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$114,575.00, payable from Highway Aid, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0063-18)

approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$150.00 submitted by Matthew Wombacher of 1323 16th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1321 16th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0064-18)

approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$150.00 submitted by Matthew Wombacher of 1323 16th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1325 16th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0065-18)

approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00 submitted by Albert McCahren of 610 North 8th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 920 5th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0066-18)

approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Joseph Kantoski of 1423 Walton Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 1419 Walton Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0067-18)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; a consent vote was taken on all items and passed 7 to 0 with all present

ORDINANCES

Introduction

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO AMEND CHAPTER 405 ENTITLED "LEASE AND/OR CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED LANDS", TO: AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED LAND LOCATED AT 1312-14 NORTH 7TH AVENUE, ALTOONA TO THE ALTOONA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR \$1.00; REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS IONS AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Introduction

2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 800 ENTITLED "ZONING" TO: REQUIRE A DWELLING UNIT TO CONTAIN COOKING FACILITIES, A BATHROOM AND SANITARY FACILITIES; PERMIT COMMERCIAL USES IN FORMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AS SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS IN SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTIAL, LIMITED RESIDENTIAL AND MULTIPLE-HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS IN THE CITY; PROVIDE FOR A PURPOSE, REAFFIRMATION AND RESTATEMENT OF CHAPTER 800 AS AMENDED; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDE A REPEALER OF INCONSISTENT 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

Adoption

Councilman Butterbaugh

3)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, COUNTY OF BLAIR, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 94 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA ENTITLED "NONUNIFORMED EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN" TO PROVIDE: DEFINITIONS; REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN; ESTABLISH CONTRIBUTIONS, RETIREMENT, DISABILITY, DEATH BENEFITS UNDER THE SAID PLAN; REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF BENEFITS; RIGHTS UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT; ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE SAID PLAN; PROCEDURES FOR AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THE SAID PLAN FUNDING STANDARD REQUIREMENTS; MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; A REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5721)

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

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Councilwoman Jordan

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

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

Adoption

Mayor Pacifico

4)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 1 ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS" BY

AMENDING SECTION 1-6 TO: INCLUDE A NEW SUBSECTION F TO ALLOW THE CITY TO, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY IMPOSED BY THE SAID CODE AND/OR ANY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY, ENFORCE ANY SUCH VIOLATION IN AN ACTION IN EQUITY BROUGHT IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BLAIR COUNTY; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY AND REPEAL/RESTATEMENT PROVISIONS; AND ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5722)

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

Introduction – Mayor Pacifico

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Cagle

Second – The Governing Body

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

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Councilman Neugebauer complimented the National Night Out event which the Altoona Police Department held at Heritage Plaza on Tuesday, August 7th stating the event was well organized and there was a good crowd.

Councilman Kelley asked about the City's fireworks issues and calls on July 4th for APD and AFD; Chief Hileman stated there was one fire last year and one fire this year and both were caused by fireworks and both were caused by unsupervised children; the difficulty is with enforcement as you have to catch the person in the act so to speak and it is nearly an impossibility; Police and Fire agree that the hours should be limited; Chief Freehling stated that enforcing the noise ordinance with fireworks would be another impossibility as you would not know which noise the sound meter was collecting; Council agreed with limiting the number of hours and days which would hopefully help to make it more manageable

Councilman Cagle stated the National Night Out event was well attended with a lot of interaction and thanked APD for such an awesome event

Councilman Butterbaugh asked about land ownership between 38th and 39th Streets in the vicinity of Mrs. Sinisi of 39th and Maple Ave and thought this may help with their problem

Mayor Pacifico also complimented APD on a job well done stating National Night Out is growing with more non-profits and government agencies in attendance

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:05 p.m.