

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 13, 2019 – 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, November 14, 2019.

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 (via phone) and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS - Recognition of Captain Cameron Sunderland, Engineer Brian Caldwell and Firefighter Marshall Johnson of the Altoona Fire Department by Fire Chief Tim Hileman

Quarterly Financial Review – Omar Strohm, Finance Director

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held Executive Sessions October 28th, November 6th and November 13th for personnel matters.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Alberts of 2311 7th Avenue stated holes were dug at Westerly Treatment Plant to dump contaminated sludge

RESOLUTIONS

approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, October 9, 2019. (0104-19)

approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, October 21, 2019. (0105-19)

awarding the Apparatus Bay Floor Resurfacing at Fire Station No. 340 Bid to Engine Bay Floors of P.O. Box 341 Macungie, PA in the amount of \$43,527.66, payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0106-19)

awarding a demolition contract to Earthmovers Unlimited Inc., of P.O. Box 187, Kylertown, PA 16847, for the demolition of 2901 Broad Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$11,980.00, payable from the CDBG Blighted Property Program Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0107-19)

approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$300.00 submitted by Ralph Dickson of 931 E. Pleasant Valley Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 2831 Pine Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0108-19)

approving a lease agreement, attached hereto, between the City of Altoona and Keystone Girls Softball League, for Garfield Park, located off of 25th Street and 11th Avenue, from December 1, 2019 through December 1, 2024, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0109-19)

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

ORDINANCES

Introduction

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 2020. (2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE) (FIRST READING)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer with motion for introduction and for the budget to pass the first reading by Councilman Cagle and a second by Councilman Kelley. The City Clerk called the roll for a vote for the budget to pass the first reading and it passed 7 to 0 with all present. The City Clerk stated the proposed 2020 budget ordinance was scheduled for adoption on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, the last stated meeting of the month of December.

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADDING AN ADDITIONAL .15 MILLS TO THE INITIAL TAX RATE OF 5.129 MILLS ON ALL REAL ESTATE SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2020 THEREBY ESTABLISHING THE FINAL TAX RATE OF 5.279 MILLS ON ALL SUCH REAL ESTATE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (2020 TAX MILLAGE ORDINANCE)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and there was no support from Council to introduce this ordinance

Introduction

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 646 ENTITLED "TAXATION" BY AMENDING ARTICLE VIII THEREOF ENTITLED, "EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS TAX", TO LEVY A TAX ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS OF RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AT THE FOLLOWING RATES FOR 2020: ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES BY AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT (ACT 511); TWO TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.20%) FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER AND OPTIONAL PLANS LAW; AND FOUR TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.40%) TO DEFRAY COSTS RELATED TO THE PENSION PLANS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN FUNDING STANDARD AND RECOVERY ACT (ACT 205). IN ADDITION, SAID ORDINANCE WILL LEVY A TAX ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS OF CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS WHO WORK IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA AT THE FOLLOWING RATES: ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES BY AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT (ACT 511); AND FOUR TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.40%) TO DEFRAY COSTS RELATED TO THE PENSION PLANS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN FUNDING STANDARD AND RECOVERY ACT (ACT 205). SAID ORDINANCE WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE TAX RETURNS; REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO WITHHOLD AND REMIT TAX; CONTAINS DEFINITIONS, REFERENCES APPLICABLE STATUTES, DESIGNATES A TAX COLLECTOR, ESTABLISHES INTEREST, PENALTIES, COSTS AND FINES, PROVIDES FOR SEVERABILITY, A PURPOSE AND ESTABLISHES AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Adoption - Councilman Butterbaugh

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO AMEND AND RESTATE CHAPTER 44§44-13 "FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER (RANKING/PROMOTION POSITIONS)" A. APPLICATION AND QUALIFICATIONS. CORRECTING NUMBERING IN THIS SECTION, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER RANKING POSITIONS CORRECTING TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR CAPTAIN, AND ADDING THE PREREQUISITE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSISTANT FIRE INSPECTOR.

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

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Councilwoman Jordan

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

Adoption - Mayor Pacifico

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO AMEND CHAPTER 647, ENTITLED "LOCAL ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TAX ASSISTANCE", TO EXTEND THE DATE OF TERMINATION IN SECTIONS 647-6 AND 647-10 FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS; REAFFIRM CHAPTER 647 AS AMENDED; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY AND REPEAL PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Introduction – Mayor Pacifico

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

Second – Councilman Cagle

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

Adoption - Councilman Butterbaugh

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, IN BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND SECURING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE, SERIES OF 2019, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$9,683,000, PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, TO REFUND ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2014 AND ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE, SERIES A OF 2015; ACCEPTING A BANK LOAN PROPOSAL; SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND SUBSTANTIAL FORM OF THE NOTE; PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE CITY TO SECURE THE NOTE; CREATING A SINKING FUND AND APPOINTING A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY FOR THE NOTE; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS.

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

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Vice-Mayor Cacciotti

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

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Day Parade – thanks to the attendees and the participants

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:45 p.m.