

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 12, 2020 - 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, February 13, 2020.

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, Carper, Ickes, Jordan, Kelley, and Mayor Pacifico

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – offered and none given

RESOLUTIONS

approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, January 8, 2020. (0011-20)

rejecting the bids received for the 203 & 205 Browning Avenue Demolition Project and returning the Bid Bonds. (0012-20)

authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in reference to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge Over Mill Run Project, and for the City Clerk to attest to same, with 5% of the project funding from the City’s Highway Aid Account. (0013-20)

approving the renewal of a lease package (Lease No. L20NFTP1002567) with DHS/ICE for the Altoona Armory, 320 E. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0014-20)

approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Tom Herron of 254 Herron Lane, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 127 E. Logan Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0015-20)

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

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR STREET ADDRESSING BY THE COUNTY OF BLAIR; AMENDING CHAPTER 633 OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS", ARTICLE VII ENTITLED "STREET NAMES" TO REPLACE SECTION 633-42 WITH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR NAMING OR RENAMING A STREET IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA; REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Introduction

AUTHORIZING AND SECURING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$7,725,000, PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, TO FINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL BUDGET PROJECTS AND PURCHASES DURING THE CITY'S 2020 AND 2021 FISCAL YEARS, AND PAY ISSUANCE COSTS; ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUCH BONDS; SETTING FORTH TERMS AND SUBSTANTIAL FORM OF THE BONDS; PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE CITY TO SECURE THE BONDS; APPOINTING A PAYING AGENT AND SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; AND APPROVING RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ACTS.

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

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Ken Decker asked Council to forward additional worksession agenda requests to him for February

The City will need to discuss the future of the IRC grant and act to accept it; the discussion can take place at the February worksession as a 30-day extension to respond was granted

APD made a major drug bust as well as apprehended the vandals of the Greystone property

CBRC is holding their annual dinner and auction fundraiser on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> and there are still a few tickets available through the CBRC office

Ken Decker stated he has been providing information on operational issues to Council over the last few months and plans to discuss financial operations at the

next worksession and then move forward with policy development

A future item for a Council worksession is rental housing licensing and a change to some of the requirements which some members of Council have requested

#### MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Appointments to Authorities/Boards/Commissions

Mayor Pacifico made the following recommendations:

AMED-Monica Klatt, UPMC; Altoona Redevelopment Authority-Jessica Sprouse; AMTRAN-Councilman Bruce Kelley; Zoning Hearing Board-Donna Royer

All members of Council were in favor of the Mayor's recommendation and none were opposed; Councilman Ickes abstained from only the AMTRAN appointment stating he has a conflict of interest as his company conducts business with AMTRAN; the City Clerk stated Councilman Ickes will sign an abstention statement which will be attached to the meeting minutes

Councilman Cacciotti mentioned the CBRC dinner and encouraged all to attend

Councilman Ickes asked if the Mayor could provide a report within the MIM in order for Council to view it and to assist the Mayor in carrying out his duties and vision; City Manager Ken Decker stated if the Mayor has anything to report in the MIM to feel free to forward that information to Administration and that staff is here to assist in any way

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:20 p.m.