

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – JULY 08, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:00 PM

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Council members Butterbaugh (via phone), Cacciotti, Carper, Ickes, Jordan (via phone), Kelley, and Mayor Pacifico

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT (via telephone) – offered and none given

RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, June 10, 2020. (0062-20)

b)awarding the 2020 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 \$900,502.47 payable from the Capital Budget and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0063-20)

c)awarding the Jefferson Park Basketball Court Restoration Project (118 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA) to Miller Flooring Company, Sports Construction Division, 827 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 15, West Chester, PA 19380, in the amount of \$9,450.00, payable from CDBG Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0064-20)

d)awarding ADA Upgrades for the Restroom at Fire Station No. 4 to Clark Contractors, Inc., 145 Clark Building Road, Bedford, PA 15522, in the amount of \$31,869.37, payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0065-20)

e)approving a Private License Agreement between Michael Ventre and the City of Altoona for the purpose of the demolition of a church structure at 1110 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, as shown on Temporary Construction Easement Plan No. 11355, in the amount of \$1,000.00, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0066-20)

f)awarding the City Hall Boiler & Control Replacement to Clark Contractors, Inc., 145 Clark Building Road, Bedford, PA 15522, in the amount of \$258,727.23,

payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0067-20)

g)awarding a demolition contract to Earthmovers Unlimited Inc., of P.O. Box 187, Kylertown, PA 16847, for the demolition of 1110 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, in the amount of \$83,723.00, payable from the Special Reserve Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0068-20)

h)authorizing condemnation of the sewer line on property located at 3816 Maple Ave, Altoona, PA (Tax Parcel 01.12-15.-044.00-000) and referenced in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, attached hereto, and necessary for sanitary sewer purposes in the construction of extensions to the City's Sanitary Sewer System, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0069-20)

i)authorizing the extension of the term of exemptions, deductions, abatements and credits for real property, earned income tax, net profits, mercantile and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic area in the City of Altoona, Blair County, designated as a Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone ("KOEZ"), or Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone ("KOIZ") in order to foster economic opportunities, stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements and prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration within areas of the City of Altoona, Blair County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, upon certain terms and conditions. (0070-20)

j)awarding a professional services contract to Marquette Associates (MAI) of 600 Willowbrook Lane, Suite 610, West Chester, PA 19382, for the purpose of conducting a competitive bid process to select a new provider for the City of Altoona's defined contribution retirement savings (457) plan, pursuant to the firm's proposal, attached hereto, payable from savings identified in the FY 2020 Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0071-20)

k)approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by David Saylor of 1320 Cabbage Creek Road, Roaring Spring, PA 16673, for property located at 1114 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0072-20)

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m)approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$500.00 submitted by Sewmattie Lal of 514 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 512 11<sup>th</sup> Street,

Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0074-20)

n)rejecting a Repository Bid submitted by Daryl Moore of 723 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 725 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0075-20)

o)rejecting a Repository Bid submitted by Kurt Rosner of 1916-18 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1920 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0076-20)

p)approving the Addendum to Public/Private Developer's Agreement – The Mill, attached hereto, and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0077-20)

q)awarding the Electrical Renovations at Vet's Field Project to Flow Data, 2252 University Drive, Suite 400, Lemont Furnace, PA 15456, in the amount of \$34,200.00, payable from Capital Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all contract documents and the City Clerk to attest to the same. (0078-20)

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

### Introduction

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO AMEND CHAPTER 184, ENTITLED "ANIMALS", TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS OF FEEDING, FERAL CATS AND STRAY CATS; PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF FERAL OR STRAY CATS AND ESTABLISH OWNERSHIP OF FERAL OR STRAY CATS; REAFFIRM CHAPTER 184 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 and introduced by Mayor Pacifico.

### Adoption – Councilman Kelley

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY DELETING AND REPEALING CHAPTER 358 THEREOF, "FIRE PREVENTION", WHICH ADOPTED THE "2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE" AND REPLACING THE SAME WITH A NEW CHAPTER 358, TO BE ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION" TO ADOPT THE "2015 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE", REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND

PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIAL AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5767)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Councilman Kelley  
Motion for Adoption – Councilman Ickes  
Second – Councilman Carper  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present

Adoption – Vice-Mayor Butterbaugh

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 295, TO BE ENTITLED "DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY" TO: PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY; PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY INCLUDING UNOPENED RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND ORPHAN PARCELS; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5768)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Vice-Mayor Butterbaugh  
Motion for Adoption – Councilman Cacciotti  
Second – Councilwoman Jordan  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Ken Decker reported as follows:

14<sup>th</sup> Street is closed and Nate and Public Works are working on tent installation with a goal of Friday; work is continuing on the Penelec extension and they will be moving to Phase II and can be invited to a meeting to talk about the project; unfortunately, regulation of this project sits with the Public Utility Commission; there is concern from residents in the vicinity about the height and aesthetics of the poles; there is a delay in the 39<sup>th</sup> Street project due to an easement with a resident in the area; DPW is pushing out a lot of projects at this time and kudos to them; there is a meeting set up with Atlantic Broadband to discuss the closure of the customer service counter at the Beale Avenue office; there is meeting scheduled with the electricians and the plumbers to discuss the proposed

ordinances and boards; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lutheran demo is now approved and there is now a contract and demo can begin soon; there was an email from the AWA and a meeting can be scheduled if Council chooses; next week the City will receive first round submissions for the pension RFP which is a three-round solicitation; started working on 2021 budget with Omar and senior staff; 2020 mid-year numbers won't be in for a few more weeks and will be presented at the August council meeting; COVID 19 – there was additional guidance from the Commonwealth on wearing face masks and the City is going to continue to ask people who visit City Hall or meet with City staff to wear masks and practice social distancing and when interacting with the City to help keep the City employees safe

## MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comments on the Penelec extension project:

There are concerns about the height of the poles; Council asked for more info on the their next location in the project; Mayor Pacifico stated they are working toward Collinsville which is their sub-station in Pleasant Valley/Valley View on 15<sup>th</sup> Street; Councilman Ickes stated they are going down 21<sup>st</sup> Street; Councilman Ickes stated the project is definitely lacking aesthetic value; Councilman Kelly stated the entire Penelec project is a classic example of just because you can do something doesn't mean that you should, stating that it is an eyesore; Councilman Ickes stated Council has heard from several of the residents and nobody, including Council, was ever told there would be 100 foot poles

Councilman Ickes thanked Councilman Kelley for communicating with the businesses and appropriate people downtown regarding the downtown restaurants and the tent set-up on 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Councilman Ickes thanked Blair Regional YMCA for a job well done this past weekend in the downtown race

Mayor Pacifico welcomed newly appointed Deputy Chief Joe Merrill to the Council meeting

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* who asked questions of Mayor and City Council

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:33 p.m.