

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY – MAY 8, 2023 - 6:00 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 May 9, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Council members Beatty, Butterbaugh, Carper, Ellis, Ickes, Kelley and Mayor Pacifico

Mayor Pacifico announced that an Executive Session was held by City Council on April 24th for the purpose of real estate, personnel and potential litigation.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT - Devin Saylor of 424 Crawford Avenue thanked the City for their help with the clean up

Jordan Wild of 1530 Lakeside Drive, Wild Ones, Ecotopian Earth Care LLC and DCNR stated he spoke of his mission at the last meeting; Mr. Wild spoke of edible parks, common food forests and creating a network of pathways that tie in with the Greenways and Trails system with a focus on Tuckahoe Park

PRESENTATIONS – APD’s 2022 Annual Report was presented by Chief Joe Merrill

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, April 10, 2023. (0061-23)
- b) approving a Contract for Professional Services for the Comprehensive Plan with czbLLC of Bath, Maine, in the amount of \$200,000.00, payable from Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0062-23)
- c) approving a Tax Collection Agreement between the City of Altoona and the Altoona Area School District for the collection of the City’s Per Capita Tax for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0063-23)
- d) awarding the 13<sup>th</sup> Street & 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Improvements Project to C, H & D Enterprises, Inc. of 100 Brady Place, New Stanton, PA 15672,

in the amount of \$764,305.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0064-23)

- e) awarding the Juniata Civic Association Roof Project to Hulton Contracting, Inc. of 421 Hilltown Pike, Line Lexington, PA 18932, in the amount of \$55,025.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all document and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0065-23)
- f) authorizing a Standard Bridge Reimbursement Grant Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Bridge Restoration of South 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, South 16<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge & East 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge over Spring Run in the City of Altoona, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0066-23)
- g) authorizing the submission of the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant Application from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Financing Authority, for the Horseshoe Mountain Bike Trail Project, in the amount of \$294,117.65, with \$250,000.00 payable from the Grant and \$44,117.65 payable from the City of Altoona, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0067-23)
- h) authorizing an agreement between the City of Altoona and Central Pennsylvania Behavioral Health Collaborative, Inc., for crisis intervention training for the Altoona Police Department, and further authorizing Mayor Matthew Pacifico to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0068-23)
- i) adopting the 2023 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Programs and authorizing Mayor Matthew Pacifico of the City of Altoona, PA to execute all documents and certifications and the City Clerk to file appropriate statements, certifications and meeting minutes with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (0069-23)
- j) approving THREE (3) Repository Bids submitted by Jasmine Rolling of Lunar Eclipse, LLC, of P.O. Box 34238 Philadelphia, PA 19101 as follows: in the amount of \$100.00 for property located at 1926 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$100.00 for property located at 1900-02 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$100.00 for property located at 2409-11 Oak Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0070-23) (vote did not pass 0-7)
- k) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$800.00, submitted by Ancient House Holdings, LLC of P.O. Box 145 Northampton, PA 18067, for property located at 417-19 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0071-23) (vote did not pass 0-7)

l) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$350.00, submitted by Curtis Craig of 6649 Sunrise Blvd. Apt 2, Citrus Heights, CA 95610, for property located at 1619-21 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0072-23) (vote did not pass 0-7)

m) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$500.00, submitted by David Anderson of 3907 Almond Ct., Spring, TX 77386, for property located at 3127-33 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0073-23) (vote did not pass 0-7)

n) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$650.00, submitted by Kalen Doleman of 4523 Canipe Dr., Charlotte, NC 28269, for property located at 208-10 E. Cherry Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0074-23) (vote did not pass 0-7)

o) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$500.00, submitted by Tyshay Hill of 2138 Almira St., Jacksonville, FL 32211, for property located at 1521 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0075-23) (vote did not pass 0-7)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; at the request of Councilman Butterbaugh, items j-o were pulled for a separate vote; the consent vote was taken first on items a-i and passed 7 to 0 with all present; separate votes were taken on items j-o and each did not pass 0-7 with all present

## ORDINANCES

### Introduction

- 1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO REVISE CHAPTER 633 ENTITLED "STREET VACATION" TO VACATE A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED FIFTEEN (15) FOOT ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN EAST SOUTHEY AVENUE AND FROST AVENUE, ALTOONA, CONTAINING THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWO SQUARE FEET, IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; REAFFIRM CHAPTER 633 AS AMENDED; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY AND REPEAL PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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- 2) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF A FIFTEEN (15) FOOT UNOPENED ALLEY BETWEEN EAST SOUTHEY AVENUE AND FROST AVENUE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO REBECCA S. BARGER AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID UNOPENED ALLEY; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

#### CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:

- a representative from czb will meet with the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee next Monday and will be participating in a tour of Altoona
- Prospect Pool had a good turn out for clean up day and opening day is 6/3/23

#### MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor and Council thanked everyone for the successful clean up day at Prospect Pool stating they are looking forward to opening day

Councilman Butterbaugh stated he is looking forward to the comprehensive plan process and an updated plan

Councilman Ellis asked Omar how the City got to the situation with the two trees at the homeless shelter and why did it go to the media; Omar stated it is due to land development and that is in the hands of the developer and the Altoona City Planning Commission; the ACPC gave their ruling and since this type of issue is in their jurisdiction, the developer is responsible for carrying it through

Councilman Ellis thanked Overflow Church who held a clean-up on Wednesdays in May along Lloyd St and 8<sup>th</sup> St and filled a roll off with trash last week and also are working with the neighbors to repair porch rails and clean

Councilman Beatty thanked Sheetz for providing the start-up food for the concession stand at Prospect Pool; also, monetary donations are being accepted should anyone care to donate

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:00 p.m.