

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – APRIL 12, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

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

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

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

Absent: Councilwoman Jordan

Mayor Pacifico announced that he proclaimed April as Safe Digging Month and that residents should call 811 at least 3 days before any digging project

Mayor Pacifico announced that City Council held an executive session on April 5, 2021 for the purpose of personnel.

Mayor Pacifico asked Councilman Cacciotti to announce the Goodman Trust recommendations which are as follows:

Altoona Teener League - \$2,043; Altoona Housing Authority - \$3,000; Central Blair Recreation Commission \$5030. \$8,135 and \$2,703; Izzy Park was referred to Operation Our Town

Vice-Mayor Butterbaugh stated he spoke with Dior Lowry, bidding on the repository bids t, u, v, and w, and initially listed as rejected on this agenda, and the gentleman does have a local contact and the Vice-Mayor asked for Council to approve rather than reject the bids

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT (via telephone) – Mayor Pacifico called for public comment. The call-in number is included on the agenda and on the City’s website calendar approximately one week prior to the meeting. The number is also displayed on Public Access Channel 14 during the meeting for television viewers. There was no public comment.

RESOLUTIONS

a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, March 8, 2021. (0036-21)

b) approving the waiver and/or exoneration of any penalties and interest imposed for a Taxpayer’s failure to file the requisite Local Earned Income Tax and/or Flat Rate Occupation Tax from April 16, 2021 to May 17, 2021, with interest and penalties remaining applicable for all such returns filed after May 17, 2021. (0037-21)

- c) approving the Investment Policy Statement drafted by Marquette Associates for the Police Pension fund as attached herein, and further approving Portfolio "D" as presented during the March 8, 2021 City Council meeting, pursuant to and in conformance with Chapter 94 (Pensions), Article II (Police Pension fund), Section 18 (Management of Fund). (0038-21)

- d) approving the closing of 14th Street from 11th Avenue to but not including 11th Avenue Alley, from May 1, 2021 through October 30, 2021, for the purpose of providing an outdoor open seating area for patrons of the downtown businesses. (0039-21)

- e) awarding the Apparatus Bay Floor Resurfacing at Fire Station Nos. 310 & 320 Project to Engine Bay Floors of P.O. Box 341 Macungie, PA 18062, in the amount of \$90,405.66, payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0040-21)

- f) awarding the Stormwater Improvements at North 7th Avenue & North 9th Street Project to John Claar Excavating, Inc. of 1142 Pine Creek Road, Woodward, PA 16882, in the amount of \$145,395.00 with \$124,940.00 payable from a Blair County Conservation District Grant and \$20,455.00 payable from the Capital Budget and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0041-21)

- g) amending the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) transferring \$50,771.00 from the 2020 Washington Avenue Storm Drainage Project to the 2020 6th Avenue Playground Installation-Phase II Project. (0042-21)

- h) awarding the 6th Avenue Playground Installation – Phase II Project to BCS Construction, Inc. of 1818 Union Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$113,531.00, payable from Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0043-21)

- i) awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2021-2022 – Package A, B & C to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$159,718.00, payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0044-21)

- j) awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2021-2022 – Package D to Woodland Equipment & Supply Company, P.O. Box 241, Woodland, PA 16881, in the amount of \$13,125.00, payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0045-21)

- k) awarding the 2021 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 \$1,615,336.44 payable from the Capital Budget and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0046-21)
- l) accepting the offer of \$600.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for conveyance of 0.158 acres of municipal property adjoining SR 36, specifically Section 0036 38E, for the purpose of right-of-way acquisition, to facilitate emergency repairs, and authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute all documents and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0047-21)
- m) authorizing a transfer from the Goodman Trust Fund to the following organizations in the following amounts for the recreation projects attached hereto. (0048-21)
- n) appointing Charles Kimmen III of 172 Woods Lane, Altoona, PA 16601 to the Electrical & Plumbing Examiners Board. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2024. (0049-21)
- o) authorizing a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for SR 4015 Wopsononock Avenue and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0050-21)
- p) approving the Third Amendment to Lease Agreement between the Altoona Water Authority, the City of Altoona and American Tower Alliance and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0051-21)
- q) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$180.00 submitted by Jeffrey White of 215 North 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601 for property located at 213 N. 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0052-21)
- r) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$200.00 submitted by Jacob Oswald of 321 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602 for property located at 1117 4th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0053-21)
- s) rejecting a Repository Bid submitted by Charles Jones of 922 5th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 for property located at 920 5th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0054-21)

- t) approving a Repository Bid submitted by Dior Lowry of 441 Laurel Street, Pottstown, PA 19464, for property located at 1817-1819 8th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0055-21)
- u) approving a Repository Bid submitted by Dior Lowry of 441 Laurel Street, Pottstown, PA 19464, for property located at 1108 17th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0056-21)
- v) approving a Repository Bid submitted by Dior Lowry of 441 Laurel Street, Pottstown, PA 19464, for property located at 1110 17th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0057-21)
- w) approving a Repository Bid submitted by Dior Lowry of 441 Laurel Street, Pottstown, PA 19464, for property located at 1118 17th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0058-21)

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 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

Acting City Manager Omar Strohm reported as follows:

The Altoona Water Authority agreed to pump the water out of the basement of the McCrory's building within the next day or two; EADS will then enter the building and assess the structural integrity of the building to include the basement piers and provide an assessment

Mayor Pacifico asked about the quality of the water and how it would be hauled; City Solicitor Tom Finn said there was a study done and the water was tested for various hazards and it came back negative

The Altoona City Planning Commission met last Tuesday and two land developments were approved to include a parking lot at 1901 4th Avenue and a Senior Living facility on Fairway Drive

There will be a pilot program in June involving the painting of 25 mph signs on roadways to include Ruskin Drive, Broad Avenue, S 22nd Street, 4th Street and Beale Avenue

The Altoona Public Library and PA Career Link are requesting an extension on their lease at the Transportation Center for up to 120 days

The next worksession will include a 2020 financial review and some indications of what has happened in the first quarter of 2021

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Mayor Butterbaugh stated he is happy to see the Memorial Day parades in Juniata and Downtown will be held

Vice-Mayor Butterbaugh would like to see the City monitor the COVID situation over the next few months and open up the council meetings to the public

Councilman Ickes recognized the retirement of Marshall Worling from the Altoona Police Department after 22 ½ years of service and wished him the very best in retirement and thanked him for his service

Mayor Pacifico stated he would like Council to begin to have discussions as to how the City will utilize the relief money suggesting the formation of a committee of internal and external stakeholders as this is a once in a lifetime opportunity and discussion with various people should take place

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and Tiffany Rizzo, WTAJ TV-10, who asked questions of Mayor Pacifico and City Council Members.

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:47 p.m.