

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – FEBRUARY 9, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA ALTOONA

The Meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

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, Clinich, Ellis, Ickes, Kelley (via phone) and Mayor Pacifico

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an executive session for real estate matters, personnel matters and potential litigation on January 26th.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Ann Sinisi of 3917 Maple Avenue and Families United for Change commented on the recovery house ordinance and the parking ordinance and the targeting and discrimination of certain people

Dan Casey of 417 N. 12th Avenue suggested a grandfather clause be included in the halfway house ordinance

Carol Taylor of 1057 Kettle stated recovery houses are a lower level of care and limiting the ability for the people in recovery houses to find housing there will be an increase in homelessness

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, January 12, 2026. (0023-26)
- b) awarding a Demolition Bid for 205 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$13,900.00, payable from the City of Altoona All Together Altoona Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0024-26)
- c) awarding a Demolition Bid for 512 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$14,900.00, payable from the City of Altoona All Together Altoona Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0025-26)

- d) awarding a Demolition Bid for 427 4th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$5,450.00, payable from the City of Altoona All Together Altoona Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0026-26)
- e) awarding a Demolition Bid for 325 23rd Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$7,425.00, payable from the City of Altoona All Together Altoona Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0027-26)
- f) approving the submission of a Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission (PHMC), Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Project Grant Application, for a funding request in the amount of \$25,000, to be matched by the Jaffa Shrine in the amount of \$25,000, for preparation of a facility preservation plan by a consulting firm, for the Jaffa Shrine Center, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same as needed. (0028-26)
- g) authorizing the payment of 140 hours of unused vacation time to the City Manager, Christopher McGuire, at the applicable hourly rate of pay, the total amount payable shall be calculated based on the 2025 hourly rate of the City Manager, and the payment shall be made in a lump sum, and further authorizing the HR Director to process the payment via a PPA form to the Payroll/Finance Department in accordance with applicable payroll procedures. (0029-26)
- h) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$1000.00, submitted by Virtual Flips, LLC, 541 Pine Street, Johnstown, PA 15902, for property located at 1508-1510 13th Aly, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0030-26)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; the consent vote was taken on all items excluding item h and passed 7 to 0 with all present; Councilman Butterbaugh asked to have item h pulled for a separate vote which did not pass 0 to 7

ORDINANCES – Adoption - Councilman Butterbaugh

1)AN ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA WHICH ELIMINATES CHAPTER 700.20-22.1 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE – OFF STREET PARKING. (ORD NO 5845)

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

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Councilman Beatty

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

Adoption – Councilman Beatty

2)AN ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 700, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC TO CREATE A NEW ARTICLE XII, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS AS WELL AS THE ENFORCEMENT OF OFF-STREET PARKING LOTS OWNED BY THE CITY, TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT POWER TO THE ALTOONA PARKING AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD NO 5846)

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

Introduction – Councilman Beatty

Motion for Adoption – Vice Mayor Ellis

Second – Councilman Ickes

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

Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

3)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 570 – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL INSPECTION - ADDING SECTION 570-1. A. FAMILY EXEMPTION AND ADDING 570-10. B. GENERAL DEFINITIONS. FAMILY; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD NO 5847)

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

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Councilwoman Clinich

Second – Vice Mayor Ellis

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

Adoption – Councilman Ickes

4)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 295, ENTITLED "DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY": AMENDING DEFINITIONS; ELIMINATING UNOPENED/PAPER STREET; AMENDING DISPOSAL OF OTHER PROPERTY; AMENDING UNOPENED RIGHTS OF WAY AND ORPHAN PARCELS; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD NO 5848)

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

Introduction – Councilman Ickes

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Councilman Beatty

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

CITY MANAGER UPDATES – City Manager McGuire commended Public Works for their tremendous work over the last two weeks keeping the streets open with the amount of snow received; also, commendation was given to the Fire Department for making a rescue on Saturday in a fire; the gentleman that was rescued is now off the ventilator

MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Butterbaugh echoed the City Manager's comments in reference to the storm; also, good job to AFD who have had multiple fires in extreme/adverse weather conditions

Vice-Mayor Ellis commended Public Works in dealing with the significant amount of snow and AFD with the number of fires and APD for their ability to deal with both and all city employees dealing with cold weather issues at this time

Councilman Beatty echoed the comments as well stating the Altoona Water Authority works in extreme weather; the City departments deal with narrow streets to plow and little room to place snow

Councilwoman Clinich thanked staff for a great job handling all of the snow and for everything they do on a daily basis

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA - Bill Kibler of the *Altoona Mirror*

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:22 p.m.