

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 14, 2025 - 5:00 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 Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 5:00 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

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Ellfelt of 126 Spruce Avenue asked Council to improve the dog licensing rules and collect the name of the breeder and not just the dog owner in order to more easily determine if there is a kennel that may be operating illegally in a district that does not allow kennels

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, September 8, 2025. (0142-25)
- b) approving the submission of an application to the PA Housing Finance Agency Community Revitalization Fund Program in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, for a project on Redevelopment Authority owned property along the 100 and 200 blocks of 6th Avenue in the City of Altoona, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0143-25)
- c) authorizing the renewal of a Hazardous Material Response Team Agreement between the City of Altoona, the County of Blair and the Blair County Local Emergency Planning Committee, beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0144-25)
- d) authorizing a renewed Lease Agreement, attached hereto, between the City of Altoona and George B. Kelley Amateur Baseball Federation, for the Tom Stout Field at Geesey Park, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk attest to same. (0145-25)

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

ORDINANCES

Adoption – Vice-Mayor Ellis

- 1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH ADOPTS CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE 2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND THEREBY AMENDS CHAPTER 358 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE "FIRE PREVENTION." (ORD. NO. 5841)

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

Introduction – Vice-Mayor Ellis

Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Ellis

Second – Mayor Pacifico

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

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

Chris McGuire reported on the status of city projects as follows:

Public Works – completed Stormwater modifications at 13 locations

25th Street & 7th Avenue Signal Project

Garfield Park

Transportation Improvements

Sidewalks on Union Avenue & 24th Street and Broad Avenue

12th Street Stormwater

Logan Boulevard & North 3rd Storm Pipelining

Eleven miles of streets paved to date

10th Avenue Retaining Wall

All of the completed projects amount to \$6.8 million

MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Beatty stated it is great that President Trump is awarding Charlie Kirk with the Congressional Medal of Freedom today stating everyone needs to live a life that is worthy and have convictions that they believe in.

Mayor Pacifico commended Chief Adam Free on a job well done as he presented on a panel a few weeks ago at the PA Municipal League Summit regarding the work being done in Altoona on homelessness.

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 5:12 p.m.