

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 11, 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 September 12, 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, Ickes, Kelley and Mayor Pacifico

Absent: Councilman Ellis

Certificate of Commendation Presented to Nancy Fogel and Marcy Hatch of the Blair Garden Club who introduced their members

2022 City of Altoona Audit Report – Dan Bradley, YOBCO

Comprehensive Plan Update - czb

2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Certification–Omar Strohm, City Manager presented the MMO to Mayor and Council in the form of a worksheet which certified the amount of the City’s obligation for the upcoming year.

The Community Development Department 2022 Annual Report was presented by Department Director, Diana White.

Mayor Pacifico announced that that Council held Executive Sessions on August 14, 2023 for personnel matters and on August 30, 2023 for real estate and personnel matters

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mills of 1515 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue thanked Nate Kissel and the Public Works Department for their help removing 55 bags of garbage and 8 tires and miscellaneous items at their last clean up and invited APD and AFD and the community to their next clean up on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m.

Walt McCulloch of 913 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue stated people are not obeying the parking laws in Altoona; stated he calls the Altoona Police; asked Council to drive the City and check out the parking situations; asked Council to fix parking in the City and to enforce parking in the City

## RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, August 14, 2023. (0122A-23)
- b) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Special Meeting held Wednesday, August 30, 2023. (0123-23)
- c) awarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 31<sup>st</sup> Street Sidewalk Project to M&B Services, LLC., 15303 Route 322, Clarion, PA 16214, in the amount of \$584,741.33, payable from Capital & ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0124-23)
- d) awarding Stormwater Improvements North Branch Avenue to Kukurin Contracting, Inc., 1169 Route 286, Export, PA 15632, in the amount of \$609,090.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0125-23)
- e) awarding Juniata Memorial Spray Park Flood Protection Improvements to Ventura Construction Services, Inc., 800 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$49,100.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0126-23)
- f) awarding the 2023 Tree Project to Henry Enterprise, Inc., P.O. Box 156, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$26,070.00, payable from the General Fund-Tree Maintenance, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0127-23)
- g) approving a Lease Agreement with the Eldorado Civic Association, formerly known as the Kiwanis Club of Eldorado, for property located at 5939 California Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, in the amount of \$1.00 per year, as set forth in the attached agreement, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0128-23)
- h) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$25.00, submitted by Randy Fochler of 1918 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, for property located at 327-29 Wopsononock Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (TABLED)
- i) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$25.00, submitted by Randy Fochler of 1918 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, for property located at 331-33 Wopsononock Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (TABLED)
- j) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$25.00, submitted by Randy Fochler of 1918 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, for property located at 208-10 E

Cherry Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (TABLED)

k) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$25.00, submitted by Randy Fochler of 1918 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, 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. (TABLED)

l) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$300.00, submitted by Merrill Morse of 613 Broadway St., Meyersdale, PA, 15552, for property located at 1814 11th Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0129-23)

m) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$300.00, submitted by Merrill Morse of 613 Broadway St., Meyersdale, PA, 15552, for property located at 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0130-23)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; a motion was made by Mayor Pacifico and seconded by Councilman Butterbaugh to table items h through k and the City Clerk called for a vote which passed 6 to 0; Councilman Ellis was absent; a consent vote was taken by the City Clerk on items a through g and items l and m and passed 6 to 0; Councilman Ellis was absent;

## ORDINANCES

### Adoption - Councilman Ellis

- 1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF 7.5 FEET OF AN UNNAMED AND UNOPENED ALLEY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF NORTH 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN NORTH 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND NORTH 7 ½ AVENUE AND 25 FEET OF UNOPENED NORTH 7 ½ 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 WILLIAM C. MALLERY AND KIMBERLY R. MALLERY AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID UNOPENED ROADWAYS; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5808)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Councilman Ellis  
Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Ickes  
Second – Councilman Butterbaugh  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 0;  
Councilman Ellis was absent

## CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:

- the City met with the County recently to review and discuss Repository Bids
- the City met with DCED via Zoom regarding a potential neighborhood project; it will need private partners and research is currently underway; the project would kick off in the Spring of 2024
- it is the 9/11 anniversary and it's a day to remember; there were a lot of uncertainties that day and later a plane near Somerset in Shanksville, PA

## MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council stated they wish to remember 9/11 and our first responders as you never know what they are rolling into and we thank them and offer prayers for keeping everyone safe; also remembering 9/12 when there was unity in the community and American flags flying

Council expressed thanks to the Blair Garden Club for their work along Chestnut Avenue which is uplifting to all that drive by

MEDIA – Bill Kibler of the *Altoona Mirror* was in attendance and asked questions of Council

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:35 p.m.