

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – NOVEMBER 10, 2025 - 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 Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

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

PRESENTATIONS – Chris Shirock of YOBCO reviewed the City’s 2024 Audit Report stating it was a clean audit

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Carter of 1105 Broadway asked Council to limit their cooperation with ICE stating they are not required to be enforcers for ICE and suggested the City should pass an ordinance.

Devin Saylor of 1515 25th Avenue questioned zoning for his friend’s business located at 3620 Beale Avenue; Devin and his friend were encouraged to speak with City staff after the meeting

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Tuesday, October 14, 2025. (0146-25)
- b) approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Altoona and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Mountain City Lodge No. 8, for a three (3)-year period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, and further authorizing City Manager, Chris McGuire, to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0147-25)
- c) awarding a Demolition Bid for 111 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$12,578.00, 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. (0148-25)

- d) authorizing application to the Commonwealth of PA Financing Authority for the Pennsylvania Local Share Account Statewide Grant for the replacement of fire hoses and nozzles, in the amount of \$252,694.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0149-25)
- e) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$777.00, submitted by Cloves Peter Ranz of 20201 Sweet Meadow Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20882, for property located at 3127-33 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0150-25)

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

ORDINANCES - Introduction

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO JOIN WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE (PMHIC), TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING THE PMHIC, AND TO PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE PMHIC.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Vice-Mayor Ellis

2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, IN THE COUNTY OF BLAIR, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE YEAR 2026. (2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Councilman Ickes and it passed the first reading with all present

CITY MANAGER UPDATES – none at this time

MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Ickes thanked the Altoona Police, Altoona Fire and AMED for their help with someone needing medical assistance at the end of their church service

Councilman Butterbaugh recognized Ted Beam who recently passed away stating Ted was faithful to the City serving on various boards, and in fact, Ted was serving the City up until his last day. He took part on authorities and boards and

was very community minded and Ted will certainly be missed by so many in City government

Vice-Mayor Ellis stated Ted Beam was someone who lived his life as a true public servant and he will be missed by our community

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:19 p.m.