

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY – MAY 12, 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, May 13, 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 and Mayor Pacifico

Item d was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held Executive Sessions on April 14<sup>th</sup> for real estate, personnel matters and potential litigation

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Eichelberger of 2111 11<sup>th</sup> Street asked Council to ban recreational fires due to their irritation and lack of attractiveness

Larry Carter of Broadway provided a handout and asked Council to reestablish the Shade Tree Commission

PRESENTATION - Electrical/Plumbing Licensing - Tony Luther, President and CEO of Luther Sitework Solutions LLC stated he estimated an apartment project on 4<sup>th</sup> avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> street, which was in a fire in 2021 and still remains vacant, will cost \$75,000 more due to the City regulations; he will invest  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one million into the project and he asked council to remove plumbing and electrician licensing

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, April 14, 2025. (0047-25)
- b) approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Altoona and AFSCME AFL-CIO, District Council #83, Local 2188 Union for the Meet & Discuss Group, consisting of first-line supervisors, covering the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0048-25)

- c) appointing City Manager Chris McGuire to the Altoona Parking Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2030. (0049-25)
- d) authorizing an agreement with Envisio Solutions Inc. for implementation services for the *All Together Altoona* Comprehensive Plan, in the amount of \$23,275.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. PULLED
- e) awarding the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 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 \$182,705.50, payable from Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG)(FY2024), and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0050-25)
- f) authorizing the submission of an application for a Recreational and Educational Development Grant, from the People, Parks & Community Foundation, in the amount of \$30,000.00, for design costs for the Beech Avenue Playground Project, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to the same. (0051-25)
- g) authorizing the submission of an application for a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant, from the Commonwealth Financing Authority, in the amount of \$250,000.00, with a local match of \$94,467.20, for installation of playground equipment for the Beech Avenue Playground Project, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to the same. (0052-25)
- h) awarding Fire Department Rope Rescue Equipment Replacement to SAFEWARE of 4402 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, MD 20706, in the amount of \$58,469.15, payable from the 2025 Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0053-25)
- i) awarding a Demolition Bid for 516 N 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA 16601, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$8,525.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0054-25)
- j) awarding a Demolition Bid for 712 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$13,250.00, payable from the General Fund, and further

- authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0055-25)
- k) awarding a Demolition Bid for 901 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$1,950.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0056-25)
  - l) awarding a Demolition Bid for 1339 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$8,665.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0057-25)
  - m) awarding a Demolition Bid for 2308 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue GARAGE ONLY, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$6,550.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0058-25)
  - n) awarding a Demolition Bid for 223 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$14,150.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0059-25)
  - o) awarding a Demolition Bid for 1408 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA 16601, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$10,970.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0060-25)
  - p) awarding a Demolition Bid for 720 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$10,940.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0061-25)
  - q) awarding a Demolition Bid for 1009 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$9,850.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0062-25)

- r) awarding a Demolition Bid for 922 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$8,450.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0063-25)
- s) awarding a Demolition Bid for 709 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$9,850.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0064-25)
- t) awarding a Demolition Bid for 1521 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$11,000.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0065-25)
- u) awarding a Demolition Bid for 850 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA 16601, to G&R Excavating & Demolition of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$11,000.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0066-25)
- v) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$200.00, submitted by Barbara Stoltz of 1819 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 1813-1815 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0067-25)
- w) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$100.00 each, submitted by Daniel Albright & Marjorie Tittler of 404 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 400 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 402 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0068-25)
- x) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$50.00, submitted by Denise & Charles Gummo Jr. of 429 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Tyrone, PA 16686, for property located at 2409-11 Oak Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0069-25)
- y) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by James & Therese Blocher of 316 Elm Lane, Duncansville, PA 16635, for property located at 1511 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, and further

authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0070-25)

- z) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$200.00, submitted by Samuel Britt of 814 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 819 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0071-25)
- aa) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$700.00, submitted by Arif Gungorur of 207 Fairview Drive, N. Waterboro, ME 04061, for property located at 1313 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0072-25) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)
- bb) approving a Repository Bid submitted by Moti Tolessa of 9975 Butternut St NW Apt 310, Coon Rapids, MN 55448, each property listed in the amount of \$50.00 and located at 1809-11 Crawford Avenue, 1813-15 Crawford Avenue, 1808 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1810 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1821-23 Walton Avenue, 1825 Walton Avenue, 1478 Washington Avenue, 1480-86 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0073-25) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)
- cc) approving a Repository Bid submitted by Moti Tolessa of 9975 Butternut St NW Apt 310, Coon Rapids, MN 55448, each property listed in the amount of \$25.00 and located at 1116 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1108 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1110 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1118 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1109 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1120 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1124 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1408 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1216 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0074-25) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; Councilman Butterbaugh asked to have items aa, bb and cc pulled for separate votes; the consent vote was taken on items a through z (minus d which was pulled) and passed 7 to 0 with all present; items aa, bb and cc were each read separately by the City Clerk and separate votes were taken on each and they each did not pass 0-7, with all present

CITY MANAGER UPDATES - None currently

MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Councilman Ickes thanked everyone for working with AFSCME on the contract Council members Ellis, Beatty and Clinich thanked Tony Luther for his presentation.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA - Bill Kibler of the *Altoona Mirror* and WTAJ's videographer were in attendance

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:42 p.m.