

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – JANUARY 9, 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 January 19, 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, Carper, Ellis, Ickes, Kelley and Mayor Pacifico

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Kliber of 219 Lloyd Street stated he and other neighbors' cars have been totaled while parked on his block on Lloyd Street; Mr. Kliber stated he lives on the corner; Mr. Kliber stated there are cars traveling higher than the posted 30 mph speed limit and some appear to be traveling at 55 mph; also parking is allowed from 6th Avenue and Lloyd Street to 5th Avenue and Lloyd Street and then it is no parking from 5th Avenue to 3rd Avenue and Lloyd Street; at that point parking is allowed again for a few blocks; Mr. Kliber stated the speeding and the change from parking to no parking could be attributing to the accidents; Mr. Kliber suggested the City paint a line to keep people out of the parking area and on the street and make parking or no parking consistent the entire length; Mr. Kliber also suggested the installation of a 4 way stop sign

Council asked to have Chief Merrill look into the issue and provide feedback; Council also asked for an update since it is a state route

Mayor Pacifico provided his recommendations for appointments to authorities, boards and commissions

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, December 5, 2022. (0001-23)
- b) authorizing the City Manager, Public Works Director and Engineering Office Supervisor positions to submit documents through PennDOT's dotGrants on-line reporting system and further authorizing the Mayor to sign PennDOT's authorization resolution and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0002-23)
- c) awarding a bid for the Highway Yard Office Remodel -General, Plumbing, HVAC & Electrical Contracts to the following bidders:

Clark Contractors, Inc., 145 Clark Contractors Road,
Suite 7, Bedford, PA 15522

- General Contract - \$283,514.18
- Plumbing Contract – \$17,305.00
- HVAC Contract – \$60,566.28

Schultheis Electric, P.O. Box 798, Latrobe, PA 15650

- Electrical Contract – \$149,756.94

for a Grand Total of \$511,142.40, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to the same. (0003-23)

d) authorizing the attached Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional services, to include advertising, in order to develop a new comprehensive plan for the City of Altoona, payable from Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG). (0004-23)

e) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by Tommy Clayborn of 202 W. Poplar Street, Mount Union, PA 17066, for property located at 607 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0005-23) (PULLED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE) (THE VOTE DID NOT PASS)

f) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$300.00, submitted by Richard McPhee Sr. of 105 E. 24th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 912 N. 8th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0006-23)

g) re-appointing Jack Speece to the Altoona Water Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028. (0007-23) (PULLED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE)

h) re-appointing Howard Ermin to the Altoona Housing Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028. (0008-23)

i) re-appointing Barry D’Andrea to the Altoona Parking Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028. (0009-23)

j) re-appointing Richard Haines to the Altoona City Planning Commission for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027. (0010-23)

- k) re-appointing Larry Bilotto to the Altoona City Planning Commission for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027. (0011-23)
- l) appointing Jesse Ickes to the Altoona City Planning Commission for a term of four years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027. (0012-23)
- m) appointing Devin Saylor to the Altoona City Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Chuck Meyers. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2025. (0013-23)
- n) re-appointing Tom Farrell to the AMED Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028. (0014-23)
- o) appointing Dave Ellis to the AMED Authority to fill the unexpired term of Tim Hileman. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027. (0015-23)
- p) re-appointing Bob Baranik to the AMTRAN Authority for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028. (0016-23)
- q) re-appointing Dave Albright to the Code Appeals Board for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2028. (0017-23)
- r) re-appointing Mariska Eash to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of five years. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2028. (0018-23)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; Councilman Butterbaugh asked to have item e pulled for separate vote; Councilman Beatty asked to have item g pulled for a separate vote; the City Clerk called for the consent vote on all items excluding item e and item g; the consent vote passed 7 to 0 with all present; the City Clerk called for a vote on item e which was voted down by a vote of 0-7; the City Clerk called for a vote on item g which passed by a vote of 6-1 with all present; Councilman Beatty voted no

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:

- Bob Goetz will be present at the next worksession to review the parking study and answer questions and receive feedback; Bob will also meet with the Redevelopment Authority and the Altoona Parking Authority in the near future
- the Business District Revitalization Grant Guidelines will be on the next council agenda for adoption
- there will be a committee meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan RFP on Monday, January 30th at the ABCD Board Room

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Butterbaugh commended the Public Works Department and Highway for their work over Christmas

Councilman Ellis stated a Prospect Pool committee meeting was held and they reviewed issues and discussed a vision and expectations for 2023

Councilman Beatty stated Prospect Pool will open in 2023 and any help is appreciated and volunteers and input is appreciated

Councilman Carper thanked and commended the Altoona Water Authority for their assistance during the drastic temperature drop

Councilman Kelley congratulated Vice-Mayor Ickes and family on the birth of their baby

Mayor Pacifico thanked law enforcement on National Law Enforcement Day

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror*

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:43 p.m.