

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY – APRIL 11, 2022 - 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, April 12, 2022.

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 – Dan Casey of 417 N 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue commented as follows: the speakers and the sound appears to be muffled in the council chambers; asked for the details of the public hearing regarding a zoning change in Juniata for storage sheds; witnessed an accident near the Jaffa Shrine stating the Altoona Fire Department did an excellent job

Mike Leonard of 2019 16<sup>th</sup> Ave commented as follows: Altoona Pipe & Steel reported ice on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the highway worker that responded appeared irate and dumped a very large mound of salt in front of an entranceway that lasted for weeks; the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge was a sheet of ice over the winter and people were walking on it - DPW Director Nate Kissel stated the bridge is closed the entire winter and there are signs posted on both sides of the bridge; the Railroaders Museum had excavating done and the contractor left large amounts of mud from the bridge to McDonald's and didn't clean it up and it went into the storm drains; stated it would be a mistake to get rid of Prospect Pool; the pool needs an increase in supervision; asked Council to keep it open; encouraged people to rent the pool for two-hour periods to help raise money; stated he read an article that Council vetoed a request for a variance for a robot company that was planning to locate in the City and that they were no longer considering the location

Linda Lord of the Senior Community Service Employment Program stated they took over for Experience Works and they help older people get back into the workforce; they also reach out to the homeless and connect them with groups and help them get back on their feet; they administer a Dept. of Labor grant for government agencies and 501 C 3 non-profits and place older workers for up to 20 hours per week for minimum wage; they also assist with resumes, letters and references and work directly with Career Link; they have office work, data entry, retail, food service and some healthcare

## RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, March 14, 2022. (0050-22)
- b) awarding the 2022-2023 Road Utility Cut Restoration Project to DUEY, LLC. Of 740 Oak Street, Tyrone, PA 16686, in the amount of \$295,750.00, payable from the General Fund, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0051-22)
- c) awarding the Stormwater Improvements Whittier Avenue Project to C, H & D Enterprises, Inc., of 100 Brady Place, New Stanton, PA 15672, in the amount of \$274,715.60, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0052-22)
- d) awarding the Electrical Renovations for 17<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Lighting Project to TSB Inc./Schultheis Electric, of PO Box 798, Latrobe, PA 15650, in the amount of \$80,800.00, payable from Highway Aid, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0053-22)
- e) awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2022-2023 – Package A, B & D to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$176,257.00, payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0054-22)
- f) awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2022-2023 – Package C to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., of 297 Quarry Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202, in the amount of \$13,489.00, payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0055-22)
- g) authorizing the submission of a grant application for the RAISE Program (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity), for the Altoona Transportation Center Improvement Project, in the amount of \$2,203,281.00, with 90% or \$1,982,958.00 payable from the Grant and 10% or \$220,329.00 payable from the City's General Fund/Grant Match Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0056-22)
- h) approving a Sub Recipient Agreement between the City of Altoona and the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD Corp.) for administration of a Revolving Loan Fund, for the use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA), in order to provide low interest loans to qualified

- borrowers, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0057-22)
- i) approving the City of Altoona American Rescue Plan Act Business Revitalization Grant Program Guidelines attached hereto and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0058-22)
  - j) authorizing a transfer from the Goodman Trust Fund to Central Blair Recreation Commission in the amount of \$8581.31 for recreation equipment for various locations and \$2317.80 for the Garfield Park pickleball courts maintenance and landscaping. (0059-22)
  - k) authorizing and supporting the filing of a petition with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board requesting an exemption from the Liquor Control Board's regulations regarding amplified music being played off a licensed premises located at 5800-5828 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, and declaring the City's intent to enforce the Noise Ordinance No. 5700 adopted March 8, 2017, in place of the PLCB'S regulations regarding the same, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0060-22)
  - l) approving the City of Altoona's 2022 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and 2022 Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), which supersedes all previous plans, and further authorizing the City Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0061-22)
  - m) appointing Councilman Bruce Kelley to the Altoona Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Robin Beck. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027. (0062-21)
  - n) approving the operation and maintenance agreement between the City of Altoona and the Blair County Pickleball Club for conversion of the tennis courts at Garfield Park into Pickleball Courts, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0063-21)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record and called for the vote which passed 7 to 0 with all present

#### ORDINANCES

##### Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH ADOPTS CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE 2018 EDITION OF THE

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND THEREBY AMENDS CHAPTER 358 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE "FIRE PREVENTION". (ORD. NO. 5788)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh  
Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh  
Second – Councilman Ellis  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present

Adoption – Vice-Mayor Ickes

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH ADOPTS CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND THEREBY AMENDS CHAPTER 550 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" AND ADDS SUBSECTION E, CHAPTER 700 "FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS" AND FURTHER UPDATES CHAPTER 550 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND ALSO IDENTIFIES THE CITY OF ALTOONA DEPARTMENT OF CODES AND INSPECTIONS AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY CODE. (ORD. NO. 5789)

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Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Ickes  
Second – Councilman Butterbaugh  
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CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:  
-working to finalize for the May council meeting agenda a sub-recipient agreement with the Redevelopment Authority to transfer American Rescue Plan funds to the RA  
-working to finalize the application for the Business District Revitalization Grant Program with plans to roll out the program within the next few weeks  
-attending a Blight Boot Camp Seminar with the Mayor and staff at the end of next week

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Beatty stated they are working very hard to get the blight program started and Council is very supportive; within the next few months projects will be identified

Vice-Mayor Ickes did a follow up to Mr. Leonard's comment earlier about a veto from Council regarding the location of a business; VM Ickes stated it was not a veto from Council as Council does not have veto power; it was a failure to negotiate between the landlord and the tenant and they did relocate to another location in the City

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:15 p.m.