

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – JULY 13, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA ALTOONA

The Meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

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, and Mayor Pacifico

Councilman Kelley was absent

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Casey of 417 N 12th Ave commented on the Big Boy visit and the large crowds and kindness shown by all

Tony Deely of 100 Wordsworth Ave expressed his concern for the falling trees in the unopened section of W Holmes needing immediate attention and trimming

Franklin Reed Jr. of 113 W 11th Ave stated he bid on 1314 N 4th Ave and he is going before the Zoning Hearing Board in August for his business and asked for consideration

Devin Saylor of 1515 25th Ave stated the urban camping ordinance is okay in some ways but not the part about sitting on a sidewalk and laying on a bench; asked for a repeal of this section to provide more seating options for the homeless

Autumn Temple of 905 N 4th Ave stated she supports Franklin Reed's bid on Raph Bailey's former property, which will be an improvement to what it currently is; thanked the City for an excellent job with the recent Big Boy visit

Harriet Gaston of 302 2nd Ave asked the City to look at S 5th Street where you would enter from Pleasant Valley Blvd and drive toward Crawford as it is a very narrow street that needs to be widened

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, June 8, 2026. (0076-26)

- b) approving a contract for Police Services with the Altoona Housing Authority, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and for the City Clerk to attest to same. (0077-26)
- c) approving the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application to the Commonwealth of PA Department of Community and Economic Development for the 7th Street Streetscape Project, with a total project cost of \$1,066,919.84, and a 10% local match of \$106,691.98 and a grant request amount of \$960,227.86, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0078-26)
- d) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$250.00, for property located at 1314-16 N. 4th Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601, to John Foor, 141 Apple Lane, Altoona, PA 16601 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (TABLED)
- e) approving a Repository Bid, in the amount of \$1000.00, for property located at 1314 -16 N. 4th Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601, to Franklin Reed, Jr., 113 W. 11th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (TABLED)
- f) approving Repository Bids, in the amount of \$1000.00, for property located at 3175-77 Spruce Avenue, and in the amount of \$1599.36 for property located at 1513 -1515 N. 6th Avenue, and in the amount of \$2699.97 for property located at 417-19 S. 8th Street, Altoona, PA, to Chloe Domange, 800 Pacific Ave #207, Long Beach, CA 90813, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0079-26) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; Councilman Butterbaugh motioned to table d and e until after the August Zoning Hearing Board; Councilwoman Clinich seconded the motion; the City Clerk called for the vote which passed 5 to 1; Vice-Mayor Ellis voted no to tabling; Councilman Kelley was absent; Resolutions d and e will tentatively be placed on the September agenda.

Councilman Butterbaugh asked to have item f pulled for a separate vote; the City Clerk called for the consent vote on all items, with the exception of item f, and the tabled items d and e, and the consent vote passed 6 to 0; Councilman Kelley was absent

CITY MANAGER UPDATES – City Manager McGuire thanked staff for their hard work for the Big Boy event

MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pacifico thanked staff for their work on the Big Boy event

Councilman Ickes complimented the July 4th race and Big Boy event; Hoopsfest is this Saturday in Downtown Altoona

Councilman Butterbaugh offered positive comments on the Big Boy event; thanks to APD for their work at Izzy Park

Vice-Mayor Ellis thanked staff for their work on the Big Boy; mentioned the upcoming Hoopsfest and Juniata Civic Association Festival

Councilman Beatty stated the Big Boy event and Rose Yard was very organized and the City looked nice; suggested the K4 restoration be finalized in order to run events like Big Boy and Railfest a few times per year

Councilwoman Clinich stated the Big Boy event was very organized and there were large crowds; thanks to the businesses that got involved and to staff; the efforts by all were appreciated

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA – Bill Kibler of the *Altoona Mirror* was in attendance and asked questions at this time

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:48 p.m.