

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – MAY 9, 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, May 10, 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

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an executive session the previous week to discuss potential litigation.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Pacifico offered public comment and none was given.

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, April 11, 2022. (0064-22)
- b) awarding the 2022 Capital 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 \$1,269,758.57 payable from the Capital Budget, Highway Aid and ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0065-22)
- c) awarding the E. Cherry Avenue Sidewalk and Lighting Improvements Project Base Bid to Lawruk Builders, Inc. of 210 W. Plank Road, Altoona, PA 16602 in the amount of \$499,792.45, payable from Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) and Capital Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0066-22)
- d) awarding the Apparatus Bay Floor Resurfacing at Fire Station No. 3 (330) located at 530 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, to Engine Bay Floors of P.O. Box 341 Macungie, PA 18062, in the amount of \$44,677.07, payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0067-22)

- e) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00, submitted by Jacob Friedenberger of 1101 4th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located as 408 11th Street, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0068-22)
- f) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00, submitted by Michael Halloran-Balmer of 3890 Old Joseph Road, York, PA 17408, for property located as 1464-66 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0069-22) (DID NOT PASS)
- g) authorizing a Sub Recipient Agreement between the City of Altoona and the Redevelopment Authority of Altoona for the use of ARPA funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of vacant, abandoned, blighted and tax delinquent properties in the City of Altoona, in order to return said properties to productive use, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0070-22)
- h) authorizing the transfer of \$137,115.85 from the Residential Land Bank fund to the Redevelopment Authority of Altoona for the City's Land Bank. (0071-22)
- i) approving the Release and Settlement agreement with Sharon E. Forlina to fully and completely resolve all claims, with respect to the condemnation proceeding filed at Blair County Docket No. 2020 GN 1615, in the amount of \$8,887.50, said payment to be made payable to her Attorney, Michael Adams and further authorizing payment to Micah Rothrauff and Randy Manning in the amount of \$50.00 each and to Attorney Allen E. Gibboney in the amount of \$278.76, as directed by Order of Court dated April 13, 2022, for their services on the Board of View. (0072-22)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; Councilman Butterbaugh asked to have item f pulled for a separate vote; the City Clerk called for the consent vote on all items excluding item f; the consent vote passed 7 to 0 with all present; the City Clerk read item f and called for the vote; the vote did not pass 3- 4 with all present; Councilman Butterbaugh, Councilman Ellis, Vice-Mayor Ickes and Councilman Kelley voted no.

ORDINANCES

Adoption – Councilman Ellis

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, CHAPTER 800 ENTITLED "ZONING," TO: 1. AMEND SECTION 800-27 ENTITLED "ZONING MAP" TO REZONE, FROM R-L, LIMITED RESIDENTIAL TO I-G GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, THREE PARCELS OF PROPERTY BOUNDED BY N. FOURTH AVENUE ON THE EAST, BY LANDS NOW OR

FORMERLY OF MIKE HELSEL CONSTRUCTION, LLC, ON THE NORTH, AN UNNAMED ALLEY ON THE WEST, AND BY N. SEVENTEENTH STREET ON THE SOUTH; UPON THE REQUEST OF EDWARD C. KREUZ JR., ALL AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS ATTACHED TO SAID ORDINANCE AS EXHIBITS "A" "B" AND "C"; 2. PROVIDE ENABLING AND SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER AND 3. ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (DID NOT PASS)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer
Introduction – Councilman Ellis

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

Second – Vice-Mayor Ickes

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and did not pass with a vote of 3-4 with all present; Councilman Butterbaugh, Councilman Carper, Councilman Kelley and Mayor Pacifico voted no.

PRESENTATIONS

Codes & Inspections Department Annual Report – Rebecca Brown, Director

National Public Works Week Proclamation – May 15-21, 2022- presented by Mayor Pacifico to DPW Director Nate Kissell

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:

- the business revitalization grant application is available; a committee of the Finance Director, Community Development Director and City Manager will meet two times per month to review and approve grant applications
- four responses were received for the Downtown Parking Study RFP and a resolution is planned for the June council meeting
- an RFP to update the comprehensive plan is in works as it was last updated in 2013; the RFP will include the recommendation of a consultant to prepare the plan and City Council will be involved in the process

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no discussion items

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:44 p.m.