

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY – APRIL 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, April 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, Kelley and Mayor Pacifico

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an Executive Session for potential litigation on Monday, March 9, 2026.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephen Guice, 107 Pleasant Valley Boulevard; AHA does not have funding at this time and a social worker is not needed without program funding

Caleb Hogan, 2012 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue; need rent caps or subsidized rent to get people Housed

John Grove, 104 Ruskin Drive; the mentally ill are being criminalized and Punished

Padraic Farrell, 1127 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church; need more creative solutions for solving the homeless problem and not the urban camping ordinance

Jay Eiman, 504 Beaumont Drive; asked is Council has been approached by ICE

Carol Taylor, 1057 Kettle Road; public gathering ordinance leaves manager open to charging fees; urban camping is fining the homeless instead of addressing the need for resources

Devon Saylor, 1515 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue; urban camping is a broad ordinance and those arrested won’t be able to pay

David Edge, 3021 Broad Avenue; already have so many other problems to deal with besides urban camping; public gathering ordinance fee is not fair

Tom Cobaugh, 307 Aldrich Avenue; look at vacant homes or funding that can be

applied for

Steve Lawson, 2800 Walnut Avenue; can't deny a permit because of police or security costs

Gena Strawmire, 140 Sunset Drive; people are given a public square to be heard

Harriett Gaston, 302 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; we are looking at rising prices and we have to be more creative; suggest Council speak to the public

Pam Beckwith, 1103 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street; city taxes increased last year; that money should go to the homeless to help with housing and jobs

Thomas Myers, stated he is running for 79<sup>th</sup> district representative

Michael Allison, 5322 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue; no problems with rallies and parades downtown; homeless, political parties and rehabbers are people too; make it a 2 way street

Autumn Temple, 905 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue; asked for the reasons for these ordinances and asked Council to be transparent and to use the money from the sale of the ICE building a homeless shelter or detention center

Marianne Sinisi, 3921 Maple Avenue; fine the bad actors and not the homeless; talk to other towns to see what they are doing

## RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, March 9, 2026. (0037-26)
- b) approving the request of The Athenian Café LLC for an Inter-Municipal Transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor License No. R-10305, from 217 Union Avenue, Logan Township, Blair County, Altoona, PA, for use within the City of Altoona at 601 7th Avenue, Altoona, PA. (0038-26)
- c) approving the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest to all documents regarding Forced Distribution of Blair County Act 32 Liquid Fuel Tax Monies in the amount of \$272,120.99 to be used for the 2026 Capital Street Reconstruction Project. (0039-26)
- d) awarding the Exterior Painting at Booker T. Washington Building to Clark Contractors, Inc., 145 Clark Building Road, Bedford, PA 15522, in the amount of \$41,482.45, payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0040-26)

- e) awarding the Supplemental Stormwater Maintenance Contract to Guyer Brothers, Inc., 1481 Salemville Road, New Enterprise, PA 16664, in the amount of \$29,940.00, payable from Capital and/or Liquid Fuel Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0041-26)
- f) awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2026-2027–Package A & Package C, to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., P.O. Box 77, New Enterprise, PA, 16664, in the amount of \$32,749.50, 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. (0042-26)
- g) awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2026-2027–Package B to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Company, P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$126,150.00, 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. (0043-26)
- h) awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2026-2027–Package D to Woodland Equipment & Supply Co., P.O. Box 241, 513 Shawville Hwy, Woodland, PA 16881, in the amount of \$16,919.00, 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. (0044-26)
- i) awarding the 2026 Capital Street Reconstruction Project to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc., P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$1,638,249.23, payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0045-26)
- j) awarding the 2026 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., P.O. Box 77, New Enterprise, PA, 16664, in the amount of \$216,951.91, payable from CDBG Funds (PY 2025), and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0046-26)
- k) awarding the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot Renovation to Ventura Construction Services, Inc., 800 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$500,276.20, payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0047-26)
- l) rejecting the bid received for the Juniata Gap Pedestrian Path Lighting Improvements Project and returning the bid security. (0048-26)

- m) approving a Repository Bid submitted by GDI Enterprise LLC, of 1742 Solly Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19152, in the amount of \$800.00 each and located at 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 208-10 East Cherry Avenue, 1109-11 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1313 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1408 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1810 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1814 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1926 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 709 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0049-26)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; Councilman Butterbaugh asked to have item m pulled for a separate vote; the City Clerk called for the consent vote on all items with the exception of item m and the consent vote passed 7 to 0 with all present; the City Clerk called for the vote on item m and the vote did not pass 0 to 7 with all present

## ORDINANCES

### Adoption – Vice-Mayor Ellis

- 1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 509, TO BE ENTITLED "URBAN CAMPING"; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, REGULATIONS, ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; REPEALING OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.(ORD. NO. 5849)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Vice-Mayor Ellis  
Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Ellis  
Second – Councilwoman Clinich  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 5 to 2 with all present; Councilman Kelley voted no; Mayor Pacifico voted no

### Adoption – Councilwoman Clinich

- 2) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO AMEND CHAPTER 105 ENTITLED "POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION", ARTICLE I ENTITLED "RULES AND REGULATIONS"; SECTION 105-22. B. PHYSICAL AGILITY TESTING UPDATING THE PHYSICAL AGILITY TESTING; REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5850)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Councilwoman Clinich  
Motion for Adoption – Councilman Beatty

Second – Councilman Ickes

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 7 to 0 with all present

Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

- 3) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 571, ENTITLED "HALFWAY/RECOVERY, ROOMING AND BOARDING, AND INSTITUTIONALIZED FACILITY LICENSING PROGRAM"; FORM OF APPLICATION, ITEM A; CHANGING LANGUAGE BY STRIKING THE WORD OR AND ADDING THE WORD AND IN ITEM A; RULES AND REGULATIONS NUMBER 2, CHANGING THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENT FROM 1500 FEET TO 300 FEET; REPEALING OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (VOTE DID NOT PASS)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Beatty

Second – Vice-Mayor Ellis

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and did not pass 0 to 7 with all present

Adoption – Councilwoman Clinich

- 4) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, CHAPTER 553, ENTITLED "PUBLIC GATHERINGS" TO: CHANGE THE TITLE: ADD NOISE AND ALCOHOL PERMIT WORDING; EXTEND THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE; REMOVE THE DEPOSIT REFERENCES; UPDATE THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS; REMOVE THE WAIVER OF FEES; INCLUDE CITY-SPONSORED INFORMATION; PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5851)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Introduction – Councilwoman Clinich

Motion for Adoption – Councilwoman Clinich

Second – Councilman Beatty

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 1 with all present; Councilman Kelley voted no

Adoption – Councilman Beatty

- 5) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO AMEND CHAPTER 405 ENTITLED "LEASE AND/OR

CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED LANDS”, TO: AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED LAND LOCATED AT 320 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA, TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALTOONA, FOR \$1.00; REAFFIRM THE REMAINDER OF CHAPTER 405; REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5852)

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

CITY MANAGER UPDATES – None at this time

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pacifico invited the public to a first time home buyers seminar

Councilman Beatty stated the purpose of conveying property to the Redevelopment Authority to sell is to do an RFP that allows everybody to submit a proposal and to be able to use funds for various types of housing

Councilwoman Clinich read a statement into the record regarding Halfway/Recover Houses

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA – Present: Bill Kibler of the *Altoona Mirror*; Sydney Roach, WPSU/NPR

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:27 p.m.