

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 10, 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 October 11, 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, Cooper, Ellis, Ickes, Kelley and Mayor Pacifico

Mayor Pacifico announced that that Council held Executive Sessions on September 11, 2023 and September 25, 2023 to discuss real estate matters and personnel matters

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT - Offered and none given

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, September 11, 2023. (0132-23)
- b) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held within the Worksession on Monday, September 25, 2023. (0133-23)
- c) awarding the Police Department Addition & Renovations Project to the following bidders:

General Construction – Ventura Construction Services, Inc., 800 N. 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$1,584,300.00

Plumbing Construction – Montgomery Brothers Plumbing & Heating, LLC., 402 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$115,000

Electrical Construction – Stelco, Inc., 260 Brush Mountain Road, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$199,900.00

HVAC Construction – Klesius & Sheedy, Inc., 1123 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, in the amount of \$306,903.00

with a TOTAL BID AMOUNT of \$2,206,103.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and

further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0134-23)

- d) approving a Leasehold Mortgage in the amount of \$100,000.00 with Altoona Area Baseball Association Inc. as Mortgagor, ARC Federal Credit Union as Lender and the City of Altoona as Landlord for financing of improvements to the Pleasant Valley Location, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0135-23)
- e) authorizing renewal of the Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee Agreement and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0136-23)
- f) approving participation with the IRC Municipalities and accepting the proposal of Cohen Law Group for Franchise Fee Audit Services, as outlined in the proposal, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0137-23)
- g) supporting the Pennsylvania legislature and the Governor's creation of AMERICA250PA, to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States and Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the role of its people on the nation's past, present and future, and endorsing AMERICA250PA and their mission to educate, preserve, innovate and celebrate every Pennsylvanian in every county. (0138-23)
- h) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$200.00, submitted by Ginger Zeigler of 320 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 324 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0139-23)
- i) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by Jareth Moudy of 609 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1619-21 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0140-23)
- j) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$500.00, submitted by Thomas Zahn for SOL Selection LLC of 4231 Balboa Avenue #201, San Diego, CA 92117, for property located at 1926 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0141-23) (vote did not pass)
- k) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$700.00, submitted by Deo Ramkisson for Sameer Enterprise, LLC of 362 Livingston Avenue, Albany, NY, 12206, for property located at 2005-07 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0142-23) (vote did not pass)

- l) approving Repository Bids as follows: submitted by Joel Ortiz for Ortiz Capital, LLC of 24869 River Oak Ct., Wildomar, CA 92595, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 3324-26 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue; in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 3127-33 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue; in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 2015 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1464-66 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0143-23) (vote did not pass)
- m) approving Repository Bids as follows: submitted by Stephen Diamantides, LLC, dba SD Acquisitions of 850 E. Lime Street, #263, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688, in the amount of \$350.00 for property located at 3318 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue; in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 227 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue; in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 1511 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0144-23) (vote did not pass)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; a consent vote was taken by the City Clerk on items a through i and passed 7 to 0 with all present; items j through m were each pulled for separate vote and did not pass 0-7 with all present

#### CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:

- the Altoona Parking Authority is exploring hardware and management options
- there will be renewal of a HAZMAT agreement with the County on a future agenda
- preliminary budgets were sent and individual meetings will be scheduled

#### MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Mayor Ickes stated he was happy to see the expansion of the Police building

Mayor Pacifico stated Trick or Treat will be held in the City of Altoona on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m.

MEDIA – Bill Kibler of the *Altoona Mirror* was in attendance and a WTAJ TV videographer was in attendance

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:15 p.m.