

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 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 Wednesday, October 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 (via phone), Ellis, Ickes, Kelley (via phone) and Mayor Pacifico

PRESENTATIONS

A Fire Prevention Proclamation was presented to Interim Chief Adam Free by Mayor Pacifico for Fire Prevention Month; Chief Free stated AFD will visit over 3700 children during the month of October at approximately 20 public private and public schools and daycares throughout the City; AFD will be teaching students about making home escape plans and the importance of smoke detectors, knowing 2 ways out of their homes and practicing their home escape plans; Chief Free also encouraged City residents to contact the fire stations with any fire safety questions

Chief Free thanked Mayor and Council for this opportunity to present Medals of Valor and Life Saving Medals to the following Altoona Firefighters for their lifesaving efforts at a Logan Hills Apartments fire which occurred on April 17, 2022:

Medal of Valor

Captain Benjamin Barstow, Engine 311

Firefighter Keith Cron, Engine 311

Captain Christopher Dalby, Engine 313

Engineer Eric Kowalski, Engine 313

Life Saving Medal

Assistant Chief Michael Hawksworth

Engineer Patrick M. Miller, Engine 311

Captain Bryson Peterman, Truck 351

Engineer Brad Rupert, Truck 351

Captain Terry Alwine, Engine 312

Engineer Brandon Nicodemus, Engine 312

Firefighter Shane Geis, Engine 313

Captain Trent Miller, Engine 314
Engineer Ben Parrish, Engine 314

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held an executive session after the September 12th council meeting for real estate, personnel matters and potential litigation

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – offered and none given

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, September 12, 2022. (0113-22)
- b) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$300.00, submitted by the Redevelopment Authority of Altoona of 1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1408 19th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0114-22)
- c) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$300.00, submitted by the Redevelopment Authority of Altoona of 1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1822 14th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0115-22)
- d) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$300.00, submitted by the Redevelopment Authority of Altoona of 1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1824-26 14th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0116-22)
- e) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$300.00, submitted by the Redevelopment Authority of Altoona of 1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 1828 14th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0117-22)
- f) awarding a demolition contract to G & R Excavating and Demolition, Inc., of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, for the demolition of seven (7) properties as follows:

323 1 st Avenue	\$ 9,450.00
102 6 th Avenue	\$11,000.00
1001 6 th Avenue	\$15,000.00
1504 13 th Street	\$ 8,425.00
1504 ½ 13 th Street	\$ 8,425.00
102 15 th Street	\$ 9,850.00
808 Bell Avenue	\$ 9,950.00

in the amount of \$72,100.00, payable from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund Blighted Property Program, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0118-22)

- g) approving submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Juniata Gap Road and Path Lighting Project in the amount of \$644,431.50 payable from the grant and \$192,492.50 payable from the City of Altoona's Liquid Fuels Fund and/or ARPA Funds and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0119-22)
- h) approving submission of a DCNR Special Fall 2022 Grant Program Application through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR) in the amount of \$375,000.00 payable from the grant and \$375,000.00 payable from the City of Altoona's ARPA Funds and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0120-22)

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

ORDINANCES – Adoption

Councilman Butterbaugh

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 THE FOLLOWING CITY OWNED LAND: 2206 10th AVENUE, 1930 11th AVENUE, 215 6th STREET, 211-13 6th STREET, 523 8th AVENUE, 3508 OAK AVENUE, 3504 OAK AVENUE, 3500 OAK AVENUE, 3428 OAK AVENUE, 3424 OAK AVENUE, 3420 OAK AVENUE, 3416 OAK AVENUE, 1520-22 N. 8th AVENUE, 318 N. 5th AVENUE, 317 PARK PLACE, 1018 N. 6th AVENUE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALTOONA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00 EACH; REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD NO. 5793)

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

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Omar Strohm provided the following:

- representatives from HUD were in town on September 29th and met with staff and toured the City and offered a favorable impression of the City and the various projects that were completed or currently underway in relation to the use of HUD funds that the City receives
- members of staff will be attending the Autumn Blight Summit at Westmoreland County Community College which is a follow up to the Blight Summit that occurred in April at the same location
- there is a Steering Committee Meeting for the update in the Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Butterbaugh stated the Juniata Civics Building is in need of a new roof and it is City owned property; Councilman Butterbaugh stated they do a lot of great work in the City and the building is used for a number of community events; Councilman Butterbaugh proposed for a future resolution to use funding for this City building to purchase a roof; Council gave their consensus that they were in favor

- Councilman Ellis stated he attended the Pennsylvania Municipal League Conference in Pittsburgh and it was a great opportunity to listen to what is going on in other parts of the state and to exchange ideas
- Mayor Pacifico suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to explore options for Prospect Pool; Mayor Pacifico asked each member of Council to provide a name to him within one week

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror* and a WTAJ TV 10 Reporter

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:33 p.m.