

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 - 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, September 10, 2024.

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

PRESENTATIONS

2023 City of Altoona Audit Report was presented and reviewed by Chris Shyrock of YOBCO as Dan Bradley was sick; there were three repeat findings that are a result of a lack of employees

2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Certification was presented by Finance Director, Jim Gehret; the distribution of money to the pensions is as follows: Police-\$2,454,843, Fire-\$3,132,809 and Non-Uniform-\$755,048.

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held Executive Sessions after the August Meeting and August Work Session for real estate, personnel matters and potential litigation

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Carter of 1105 Broadway stated the City is understaffed and needs an outside expertise survey regarding the staffing level, which addresses service; it should be noted in the annual report.

Keving Suckling of 2042 Broad Avenue stated he wants the record to reflect that he wants his trees and tree lawn and sidewalks preserved, along 2042 and 2045 Broad Avenue, during the upcoming tree and sidewalk project along Broad Avenue, as opposed to being replaced.

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, August 12, 2024. (0164-24)
- b) awarding the Intake Projects Bid to HRI, Inc. of 1750 West College Avenue, State College, PA 16801, in the amount of \$385,360.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and

further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to the same. (0165-24)

- c) authorizing a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Ed Kreuz, Jr., for the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 1711 North 4th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated August 6, 2024, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0166-24)
- d) authorizing Temporary Construction Easement Agreements (2) and Permanent Easement Agreements (2) between the City of Altoona and Roberts Four Season, Inc., for the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 808 Burgoon Road and 801 North Logan Boulevard, Altoona, PA, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated June 12, 2024 and August 6, 2024, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0167-24)
- e) amending the 2021 HOME-ARPA Program, transferring \$90,000.00 from HOME-ARPA Administration to the Lexington Avenue Affordable Housing Building Construction. (0168-24)
- f) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$75.00, submitted by Tom & Anna Crowl of 244 Rattler Road, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 303 North 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0169-24)
- g) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$75.00, submitted by Tom & Anna Crowl of 244 Rattler Road, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 604 North 3rd Street, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0170-24)
- h) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$75.00, submitted by Tom & Anna Crowl of 244 Rattler Road, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 606 North 6th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0171-24)
- i) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00, submitted by Randy Fochler of 1918 5th Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602, for property located at 208-10 E. Cherry Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0172-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)
- j) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by Kelly Murphy of 16300 Highway 62, Eagle Point, OR 67524, for property located at 1521 20th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0173-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)

- k) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$1000.00, submitted by Hernaldo Vergara of 5010 W. Concord Place, Chicago, Illinois 60639, for property located at 2005-07 3rd Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0174-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)
- l) approving Repository Bids submitted by Land Lending, LLC of 260 S 1200 W, Orem, Utah, 84058, each property listed in the amount of \$800.00 and located at 1920 15th Avenue, 2005 3rd Avenue, 1514 18th Street, 1429 Washington Avenue, 1509 1st Avenue, 604 N 3rd Street, 303 N 6th Avenue, 606 N 6th Street, 1902 10th Street, 1904 10th Street, 1616 11th Street, and 306 Maple Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0175-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; the consent vote was taken by the City Clerk on items a-h and passed 7 to 0 with all present; Councilman Butterbaugh requested to have items i through l pulled for separate votes; the votes were taken individually and each item did not pass 0-7 with all present

ORDINANCE

Adoption - Councilman Butterbaugh

- 1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF FIFTEEN (15) FOOT OF UNOPENED ALLEY, BETWEEN 38th STREET AND RUSKIN DRIVE, ADJACENT TO BLAIR COUNTY TAX PARCEL 01.14-27..-080, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 295-8 OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO GOLDIZEN REAL ESTATE LLC, AND ANY ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION TO RELINQUISH ANY RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST THE CITY OF ALTOONA HAS OR MAY HAVE IN SAID UNOPENED ALLEY; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS, REPEALER; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5817)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer
Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh
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 - nothing at this time

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – nothing at this time

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:42 p.m.