

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY – JULY 8, 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, July 9, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER – by Vice-Mayor Ellis 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

Absent: Mayor Pacifico

Vice-Mayor Ellis announced that Council held an Executive Session after the June 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting for personnel matters.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Howard McDaniels with no address given stated he offers rescue relief for senior citizens and that he is from Altoona and recently moved back to Altoona from Philadelphia; stated his organization goes door to door fund raising and they try to help as many as they can; they wear uniforms and carry ID

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, June 10, 2024. (0127-24)
- b) adopting the document entitled, “All Together Altoona” as the City of Altoona’s Comprehensive Plan which replaces the current plan adopted May 22, 2013. (0128-24)
- c) authorizing a Private License Agreement with Dick’s Pharmacy for the purpose of installing an ADA sidewalk ramp into Dick’s Pharmacy, located in the City’s right-of-way area, along 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Maple Avenue, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0129-24)
- d) authorizing the Veteran’s Memorial Field Lighting Project to Scott Electric of 1000 S Main Street, Greensburg, PA, through the COSTARS program, in the amount of \$194,562.95, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0130-24)

- e) awarding the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 27<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk & Paving Project to Ameron Construction of 2501 North Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803 in the amount of \$345,280.60, payable from and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0131-24)
- f) rescinding Resolution 0101-24 adopted May 13, 2024 – Roadway Lighting Agreement. (0132-24)
- g) authorizing a Roadway Lighting Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, for installation and maintenance of a lighting system for SR 0036-31B, as shown in Exhibit A “Lighting Plan” of the agreement, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to sign the agreement and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0133-24)
- h) rescinding Resolution 0114-24 adopted June 10, 2024 – Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement. (0134-24)
- i) approving a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement, Union Avenue-31<sup>st</sup> Street-Crescent Road, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, for new and replacement sidewalks within their project area, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0135-24)
- j) appointing Allen Thompson to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Altoona to fill the unexpired term of Louisa Lobre Riley. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January 2027. (0136-24)
- k) approving the appointment of Michael J. Wagner, Esquire, 153 Lakemont Park Blvd., Altoona, PA. 16602, as Solicitor for the City of Altoona, effective July 12, 2024, pursuant to the current terms and conditions of the contract between the City and Wagner & Finn Attorneys at Law P.C. (0137-24)
- l) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$150.00, submitted by Cory Dell of 325 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, for property located at 323 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0138-24)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; the consent vote was taken by the City Clerk and passed 6 to 0; Mayor Pacifico was absent

## ORDINANCES

### Adoption - Councilman Butterbaugh

- 1) INCURRING “LEASE RENTAL DEBT,” AS DEFINED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500,000, EVIDENCED BY ITS GUARANTY OF 100% OF THE PAYMENTS DUE UNDER A "DEBT OBLIGATION" OF THE ALTOONA WATER AUTHORITY ISSUED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (PENNVEST), IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY, AND PAY RELATED EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING A GUARANTY AGREEMENT, BY AND AMONG THIS CITY, AS GUARANTOR, THE AUTHORITY, AND PENNVEST, AS LENDER, SECURING THE DEBT OBLIGATION; PLEDGING (1) CERTAIN WATER SYSTEM LEASE REVENUES OF THIS CITY, AND (2) THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT, AND TAXING POWER OF THIS CITY, IN SUPPORT OF ITS GUARANTY; APPOINTING A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH GUARANTY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS. (ORDINANCE NO. 5814)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Councilman Butterbaugh  
Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh  
Second – Councilman Ickes  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 0;  
Mayor Pacifico was absent

Adoption - Vice-Mayor Ellis

2) 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 201 BEECH AVENUE, 205 BEECH AVENUE, 209 BEECH AVENUE, 213 BEECH AVENUE, 217 BEECH AVENUE, 221 BEECH AVENUE, AND 225 BEECH AVENUE, 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. (ORDINANCE NO. 5815)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Vice-Mayor Ellis  
Motion for Adoption – Vice-Mayor Ellis  
Second – Councilman Butterbaugh  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 0;  
Mayor Pacifico was absent

Adoption - Councilman Ickes

3) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING CHAPTER 700, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, TO RESCIND ARTICLE XI MOVING VIOLATIONS, AND FURTHER RESCINDING SECTION, 700-57 ENGINE BRAKE RETARDER, TO

PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORDINANCE NO 5816)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer  
Introduction – Councilman Ickes  
Motion for Adoption – Councilman Ickes  
Second – Councilwoman Clinich  
The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 5 to 1; Councilman Butterbaugh voted no; Mayor Pacifico was absent

CITY MANAGER UPDATES

- Hoopsfest is July 20<sup>th</sup> in downtown Altoona
- The African American Heritage Festival is July 27<sup>th</sup> in downtown Altoona
- Prospect Pool is open Tuesday through Sunday from 12-7
- thank you to Diana White for keeping things moving and czb and all individuals involved regarding the comp plan
- thank you to Tom Finn and for serving as City Solicitor for the past several years

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Ickes thanked everyone involved with the race on July 4<sup>th</sup> in downtown Altoona; there were approximately 1000 runners

Councilman Beatty stated Council needs to fund Prospect Pool; also, AFD did a great job during a very busy time over the last few weeks

Council thanked Tom Finn for his service as City Solicitor stating he was very responsive and they wished him all the best

Council stated the comprehensive plan is well done and the City needs to see it through and it will improve the City; the plan is impressive and dramatic changes will have to be made; thank you to czb and to city staff for an excellent effort; Vice-Mayor Ellis stated that staff needs to earmark \$1 million now to accomplish things and start now with sidewalks adding the plan is clear and concise as to what needs to be done

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Vice-Mayor Ellis at 6:28 p.m.