

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – MARCH 11, 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, March 12, 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 and Kelley

Absent: Mayor Pacifico

Vice-Mayor Ellis announced that Council held Executive Sessions following the February 12th Council Meeting and the February 26th Work Session for personnel matters and real estate matters

PRESENTATIONS

Black Balloon Day – Marianne Sinisi, Founder of Families United for Change provided Narcan to Council Members and the audience members and advised everybody to carry it and to save a life, stating it is free and the training to use it is easy and available online.

Mayor Pacifico presented a Proclamation for Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month to Ashley Day

Mayor Pacifico presented a Proclamation for Autism Awareness Month to Joe Carper

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Walt McCulloch of 913 25th Avenue stated he heard the Gable’s Building owner was planning to re-purpose it for immigrant housing

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, February 12, 2024. (0049-24)
- b) approving the following emergency contracts associated with failed piping on 17th Street between 4th and 5th Avenue, and authorizing payment of same from ARPA Stormwater Funds: Guyer Brothers Inc., in the amount of \$26,852.00 for storm pipe repair and subsequent slip lining of 24" pipe and Ventura Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$4,500.00 for concrete roadway construction, for a total amount of \$31,352.00, and further authorizing the

Interim City Manager and the Director of Public Works to execute any documentation associated with same. (0050-24)

c) awarding the 2024 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 \$1,301,247.44, payable from the Capital Budget ARPA Line Item, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0051-24)

d) awarding the 2024 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc., P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$245,938.99, with \$243,451.88 payable from CDBG 2023 Program Year Funds and \$2,487.11 payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0052-24)

e) awarding the Mansion and Fort Roberdeau Streetscape and Stormwater Improvements to Ameron Construction, 2501 North Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803, in the amount of \$1,621,046.80, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0053-24)

f) awarding the Demolition of the 10th Avenue Expressway Underpass Towers to Clark Contractors, Inc., 145 Clark Building Road, Bedford, PA 15522, in the amount of \$149,764.85, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0054-24)

g) awarding the base bid of the Pleasant Village Lighting Improvements to Bettwy Electric, P.O. Box 388, Newry, PA 16665, in the amount of \$288,610.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0055-24)

h) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Tammy G. Munn, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0056-24)

i) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Richard E. Flarend and Alice M. Flarend, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim

City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0057-24)

j) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Margaret Fields, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0058-24)

k) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Jeffrey L. Weight, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0059-24)

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n) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Cindy A. Hampton, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0062-24)

o) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Michael J. Luther and Elizabeth A. Jorden, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0063-24)

p) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Karen S. DeAntonio, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0064-24)

q) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Harold F. Tromm, Jr. and Clara A. Tromm, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0065-24)

r) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Juniata Civic Association of the Thirteenth Ward, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0066-24)

s) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Steven W. Cover, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0067-24)

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u) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Simington Plaza IV, LLC, for the purpose of construction, installation, repair and maintenance of a stream wall along Spring Run, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated October 12, 2023, Project No. 0161-23-441), and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0069-24)

v) approving the submission of a grant application to the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) for Municipal Assistance Program

Funds in the amount of \$137,500, for the purpose of updating the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0070-24)

w) approving an extension of the contract with czbLLC for the purpose of updating the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance, in the amount of \$275,000, with \$137,500 payable from ARPA Funds and \$137,500 payable from DCED MAP Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0071-24)

x) authorizing the Altoona City Planning Commission, as Planning Agency for the City of Altoona, in conjunction with City staff and the consultant czbLLC, to proceed with the update of the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance upon adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0072-24)

y) awarding a demolition contract to G&R Excavating & Demolition, Inc., 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686, for the demolition of 308 2nd Avenue (\$7,250.00), 1112 6th Avenue (\$14,950.00), 1314 North 4th Avenue (\$8095.00), and 104 Kettle Street (\$10,950.00), in the amount of \$41,245.00, payable from the City of Altoona's Community Development Block Grant Blighted Property Program, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0073-24)

z) approving the Bailment Agreement, attached hereto, between the City of Altoona and the Railroaders Heritage Corporation d/b/a the Railroaders Memorial Museum for use of a 1947 PRR MAC Fire Truck, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0074-24)

aa) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by Broch Clinton of Buzzin Ideas, LLC of 2173 Embassy Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601, for property located at 3127-33 7th Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 417 S. 8th Street, in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 10th Avenue/2400 24th Street, in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 323 1st Avenue, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0075-24)

bb) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$250.00, submitted by Joseph Gaines of 40 Wagon Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002, for property located at 324 Spruce Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 719 North 5th Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 819 6th Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00 2409 Oak Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00 for

property located at 1521-23 20th Avenue, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0076-24)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; Councilman Butterbaugh requested that items aa and bb be pulled for a separate vote; the consent vote was taken by the City Clerk on items a - z and passed 6 to 0; Mayor Pacifico was absent; a vote was taken on item aa and did not pass by a vote of 0 to 6; Mayor Pacifico was absent; a vote was taken on item bb and did not pass by a vote of 0 to 6; Mayor Pacifico was absent

ORDINANCES – Adoption – Councilman Beatty

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AMENDS CHAPTER 700 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE ALTOONA CITY CODE, PARTICULARLY ARTICLE VII “HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES”, SECTION 700-26 “GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS” TO CLARIFY THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES, TO PROVIDE A REAFFIRMATION OF THE REMAINDER OF CHAPTER 700, TO PROVIDE A REPEALER, SAVINGS CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5813)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer
Introduction – Councilman Beatty

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Beatty

Second – Vice-Mayor Ellis

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 0; Mayor Pacifico was absent

CITY MANAGER UPDATES – no updates given

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Kelley asked about the vintage fire truck and the use of it by the Railroaders Museum; Chief Free stated the museum will house it and display it and the City will retain title and pay the insurance since it is a minimal amount; this will provide an opportunity for the public to see it; this will also free up a bay for fire apparatus

Councilman Beatty stated working with czb, LLC that hopefully in four years the City will have a different look; this will take people and the community; Council has to look at what they can provide to staff as far as support; with the inventory that was done property by property the neighborhoods that need help are better identified

Vice-Mayor Ellis stated the City has issues and their own problems but the City's issues aren't anything like what goes on in other cities because of the leadership and the staff that our City has; this Council is committed to getting from the point of treading or keeping our heads above water to a point where we can function in a

better way; Council appreciates any positive ideas that they receive from the public in attendance; every day Council is engaged in making things better for the staff members sitting on each side of Council

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Vice-Mayor Ellis at 6:46 p.m.