

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – APRIL 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, April 9, 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

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held Executive Sessions following the March 11th Work Session and March 25th Council Meeting for personnel matters

PRESENTATIONS - None

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Richard Cox of Overflow Church discussed their clean up days to be held each Wednesday from 4 to 8 pm in the month of May stating the goal is to recruit 100 volunteers

Andre Holsey of the Blair County NAACP and Gable's Management spoke about the Gable's Building

Mike Melhorn of 6th Avenue and 27th Street asked about his neighbor's weeds and sidewalk issues

Pam Mitchell, 307 Cherry Avenue, Co-manager of the Gable's Building spoke about the Gable's Building

Preston Mitchell, 311 Cherry Avenue, spoke about a book in the Altoona Area School District and the Gable's Building

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, March 11, 2024. (0077-24)
- b) amending the delegate information in Resolution No. 0074-21 and removing the following voting delegates:
Elizabeth Mosey – Primary Voting Delegate
Omar Strohm – First Alternate Voting Delegate

A.C. Stickel IV – Second Alternate Voting Delegate

and appointing the following voting delegates:

James Gehret – Primary Voting Delegate

Wendy Boyles – First Alternate Voting Delegate

as Tax Collection Committee Representatives of the City of Altoona to serve on the Blair County Tax Collection Bureau Board. (0078-24)

- c) awarding the Parking Lots Crack Seal and Seal Coat Project to K & K Sealcoating, LLC of 4946 Gladys Lane, Huntingdon, PA 16652, in the amount of \$45,067.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0079-24)
- d) awarding the Spring Run Floodwall Replacement and Preservation Project to Charles J. Merlo, Inc., of 234 Merlo Road, Mineral Point, PA 15942, in the amount of \$999,500.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0080-24)
- e) awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2024-2025 – Package A & Package C, to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., P.O. Box 77, New Enterprise, PA, 16664, in the amount of \$30,762.50, payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0081-24)
- f) awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2024-2025 – Package B & D to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Company, P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$140,095.00, payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0082-24)
- g) approving a 5-year Lease Agreement with Sara M. Weamer of 5721 Kentucky Avenue, Altoona, PA for property located at 5725 Kentucky Avenue, Altoona, PA, in order to maintain and enjoy the property, in the amount of \$5.00, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0083-24)
- h) amending the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, transferring \$3,220.00 from the COVID-19 Salvation Army Pandemic Economic Assistance Program to the COVID-19 Nehemiah Meal Preparation Program. (0084-24)
- i) amending the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, transferring \$130,360.01 from the Altoona Housing Authority Fairview Hills Cement Revitalization Project and \$28,230.22 from the Hamilton Park Phase III Project to create the Altoona Housing Authority Pleasant Village Roadway Lighting Improvements Project. (0085-24)

- j) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$500.00, submitted by Latrice Walker of Higher Moves, LLC, 7643 Gate Parkway, Suite 104-1282, Jacksonville, FL 32256, for property located at 2005-07 3rd Avenue, in the amount of \$400.00 for property located at 1513-15 N 6th Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 306 Maple Avenue, in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 2409-11 Oak Avenue, and in the amount of \$250.00 for property located at 2609 Maple Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0086-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)
- k) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$500.00, submitted by Ortiz Capital LLC, 24869 River Oaks Ct. San Diego, CA 92595, for property located at 1808 12th Avenue, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1810 12th Avenue, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1900-02 10th Street, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1904-06 10th Street, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1616 11th Street, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1618 11th Street, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1108 17th Avenue, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1110 17th Avenue, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1514-16 18th Street, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1518 18th Street, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 1825 13th Avenue, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 2015 13th Avenue, in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 606 N. 6th Street , and in the amount of \$500.00 for property located at 303 N. 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0087-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)
- l) accepting the completion of Joseph Merrill's term as Interim City Manager, and accepting Joseph Merrill's return to the Altoona Police Department as Chief of Police, and returning his base rate of pay and benefits to what he should currently be receiving as Chief of Police, effective Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. (0088-24)
- m) accepting the completion of Derek Swope's term as Interim Chief of Police, and accepting Derek Swope's return to the Altoona Police Department as Deputy Chief of Police, and returning his base rate of pay and benefits to what he should currently be receiving as Deputy Chief of Police, effective Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. (0089-24)
- n) appointing Nathan Kissell to the position of Interim City Manager, effective Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 a.m., at a gross monthly base rate of pay of \$13,778.82, with the same benefits he is currently receiving through the City of Altoona. Said status as Interim City Manager shall remain effective until the City Council appoints a new City Manager. (0090-24)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; Councilman Butterbaugh requested that items j and k be pulled for separate

votes; the consent vote was taken by the City Clerk on items a – i and l-n and passed 7 to 0 with all present; a vote was taken on item j and did not pass by a vote of 0 to 7 with all present; a vote was taken on item k and did not pass by a vote of 0 to 7 with all present

CITY MANAGER UPDATES – no updates given

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Mayor Ellis thanked Pastor Cox for stepping up and for their hard work with the clean ups

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:43 p.m.