

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY – AUGUST 12, 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, August 13, 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 Mayor Pacifico

Absent: Councilman Kelley

Mayor Pacifico announced that Council held Executive Sessions after the July 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and July 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session for real estate, personnel matters and potential litigation

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Servello of 3021 Spruce Avenue stated he and his neighbors want the Jake Brake Ordinance back on the books and he presented a petition with 31 signatures

Becky (Gary) Geiner of 1200 Adams Avenue asked for an update on flooding improvements in their neighborhood

Gary Eichelberger of 2111 11<sup>th</sup> Street asked Council to ban recreational fires and burning stating the fumes are bad in the evening and especially on the weekends in his neighborhood

Adam Fulmer of 1316 Adams Avenue asked for a copy of the study that was done and for any future plans for his neighborhood stating he is still getting water and still being flooded

RESOLUTIONS

- a) approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Monday, July 8, 2024. (0139-24)
- b) awarding the Fire Station Garage Door Replacement Project to Clark Contractors, Inc., of 145 Clark Building Road, Bedford, PA 15522, in the amount of \$126,670.96, with \$57,738.00 payable from a Commonwealth of PA Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Municipal fire Department Capital Grant and \$68,932.96 payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0140-24)

- c) authorizing a Lease Agreement, attached hereto, between the City of Altoona and the East End Baseball League, Inc., for the East End Ballfield, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk attest to same. (0141-24)
- d) awarding the Slip Lining of Pipes on Logan Boulevard (from Plank Road to Arlaryd Street) and on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (from North 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to North 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to Guyer Brothers, Inc., of 1481 Salemville Road, New Enterprise, PA 16664, in the amount of \$270,623.00, payable from ARPA Funds, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk attest to same. (0142-24)
- e) authorizing participation in the Federal Special Bridge Funds Inventory and Inspection Program, administered by the PA Department of Transportation, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0143-24)
- f) awarding a Demolition Bid for 1914 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA 16601, to Earthmovers Unlimited, Inc. of 930 Old Route 53, Kylertown, PA 16847, in the amount of \$12,773.00, payable from the 2023 Blighted Property Program, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0144-24)
- g) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Ronald Mallery, for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 1724 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated March 28, 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. (0145-24)
- h) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Tony Hall, LLC, for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 1731 North 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated June 18, 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. (0146-24)
- i) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Logan Township, for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 815 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated July 18, 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. (0147-24)

- j) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Richard A. McPhee, Sr., for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 800 North 8th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated April 3, 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. (0148-24)
- k) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Richard A. McPhee, Sr., for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 801 North 8th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated April 3, 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. (0149-24)
- l) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Jason A. Miller & Robert E. Miller, for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 1717 North 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated March 28, 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. (0150-24)
- m) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Jeffery L. Putt & Sandra A. Putt, for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 1725 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated June 25, 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. (0151-24)
- n) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and John M. Davis., for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 1712 North 5th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated April 3, 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. (0152-24)
- o) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Louis A. Nardelli & Linda A. Nardelli, for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 1801 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated March 28, 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. (0153-24)
- p) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Carole L. Basile, for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 1103 58th Street, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated March 28, 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. (0154-24)

- q) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Stephen C. & Joann D. Bennett, for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 602 East Park Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated March 28, 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. (0155-24)
- r) authorizing an Easement Agreement between the City of Altoona and Casey M. Mabry, for the purpose of the maintenance of stormwater facilities at 717 North 8th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, as shown on the Easement Plan attached hereto (prepared by The EADS Group, dated April 3, 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. (0156-24)
- s) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00, submitted by Randy Fochler of 1918 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, for property located at 417 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0157-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)
- t) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$400.00, submitted by George Adams of 308 Maple Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, for property located at 306 Maple Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0158-24)
- u) approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$100.00, submitted by Bapp Investments LLC/Bianca Pereira of 713 Van Buren Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ, for property located at 1513-15 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0159-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)
- v) approving Repository Bids in the amount of \$300.00, submitted by BsBaus Investments LLC/Bruno Dias of 3238 Princeton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, for property located at 1009 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the amount of \$300.00 for property located at 2609 Maple Avenue, in the amount of \$300.00 for property located at 1108 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the amount of \$300.00 for property located at 1110 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0160-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)
- w) approving Repository Bids in the amount of \$750.00, submitted by Richard Leach of 5724 Mayo Street, Hollywood, FL, for property located at 1216 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the amount of \$750.00 for property located at 1900-02 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in the amount of \$750.00 for property located at 3318 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further

authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0161-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)

- x) approving Repository Bids in the amount of \$600.00, submitted by Michael Nicholas of 70 W. 115<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY, for property located at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the amount of \$600.00 for property located at 1810 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the amount of \$600.00 for property located at 1404 18<sup>th</sup> Street, in the amount of \$600.00 for property located at 208 E. Cherry Avenue, and in the amount of \$600.00 for property located at 1823 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0162-24) (VOTE DID NOT PASS)
- y) approving Repository Bids in the amount of \$600.00, submitted by Celia Dal Santos of 1742 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, for property located at 1509 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, in the amount of \$600.00 for property located at 1618 11<sup>th</sup> Street, in the amount of \$600.00 for property located at 1902 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in the amount of \$600.00 for property located at 1920 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and in the amount of \$600.00 for property located at 2409 Oak Avenue, Altoona, PA, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Taxing District Forms. (0163-24) (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-r and t and passed 6 to 0 with Councilman Kelley absent; Councilman Beatty requested to have item s pulled for separate vote; the vote was taken and did not pass 0-6 with Councilman Kelley absent; Councilman Butterbaugh requested to have items u-y pulled for separate votes; the votes were taken individually and each did not pass 0-6 with Councilman Kelley absent

## ORDINANCE

### Introduction - 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Councilman Butterbaugh.

### CITY MANAGER UPDATES

- Prospect Pool closed on August 11<sup>th</sup>; the plan is to gather numbers to review and to look at the future
- the Labor Day Parade is on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am in Downtown Altoona
- the Cruise In is on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 2-8 pm in Downtown Altoona

### MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Ickes stated the DCED visit with Secretary Siger was a unique opportunity to engage and showcase the positive that has taken place over the last decade; there is more to do and a focus and interest in the Comprehensive Plan execution will hopefully build partnerships outlined by the Secretary.

Councilman Beatty stated he attended the walk with Secretary Siger as well and, there is progress and development, but still a lot of buildings need significant work; working with DCED to do projects is important and a good thing for downtown

Councilwoman Clinich thanked the Altoona Police Department for their National Night Out Event stating attendance was good and the children that attended enjoyed the event

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

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 6:47 p.m.