

Council met in a **PUBLIC HEARING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Member(s) Present:    **Mr. August A. Pugliese** (Ward 2)  
                              **Mr. Richard F. Balog** (Ward 1)  
                              **Mrs. Ann I. Stranman** (Ward 3)  
                              **Mrs. Julie A. Lattimer** (Ward 4)  
                              **Mr. J. P. Ducro IV** (Council President)

Member(s) Absent:    **Mr. James M. Trisket** (Ward 5)  
                              **Mr. Christopher J. McClure** (Vice President)

Officer(s) Present:    **City Manager James M. Timonere, City Solicitor Michael Franklin  
City Auditor Dana D. Pinkert, Clerk of Council LaVette E. Hennigan**

Officer(s) Absent:    **None**

**PURPOSE:** The Council President announced the purpose of this Public Hearing was to present the City of Ashtabula 2013 Tax Budget.

**WELCOME:** The President welcomed Mrs. Jones (citizen) to the meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

**The City Auditor reported:**

- \* The purpose of the Tax Budget (TB) is to request our share of the property taxes the County collects;
- \* The TB is based on the County valuation;
- \* The last valuation received went down by \$15 million, which equates to \$135,000;
- \* The amount the City will budget for in 2013 will be less \$135,000;
- \* The reduction is due to property value decreases;
- \* She budgeted on the bases of what the County usually gives, which is based on what they believe we will collect (95% is the usual percentage);
- \* The Auditor went over the changes made in the preliminary TB submission;
- \* Permanent Improvements (PI) and Outstanding Debts are included in the TB;
- \* 10% of the Income Tax revenue goes into the PI, which is based on the mileage; if more than 7 mils is levied, the balance goes into the PI Fund; this TB is at 9.31% therefore the extra 2 mils will go into the PI Fund; and
- \* General Fund balance projections were reviewed.

**Adjourn**

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to adjourn the public hearing at 5:53 p.m.; motion CARRIED.

**DATE APPROVED: October 1, 2012**

**ATTESTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**J. P. Ducro IV**  
**President of Council**

**ATTESTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC**  
**Clerk of Council**