

Council met in a **REGULAR MEETING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., the Ward 4 Councilor offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

**Members Present:** Mrs. Ann I. Stranman (Ward 3)  
Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2)  
Mrs. Julie A. Lattimer (Ward 4)  
Mr. James M. Trisket (Ward 5)  
Mr. J.P. Ducro, IV (President)

**Member(s) Absent:** Mr. Richard F. Balog (Ward 1)  
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

**Excused Absence:** Mr. Ducro moved, Mr. Trisket seconded to excuse the Vice President and Ward 1 Councilor from this meeting; motion CARRIED.

**SUNSHINE LAW:** The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Sunshine Law.

#### **READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 16 Regular Meeting were presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded that the reading of the minutes be waived; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to adopt the minutes; motion CARRIED.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### **Information Technology Services**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Conneaut Telephone Company of 224 State Street, Conneaut, OH 44030 for the purpose of providing Information Technology services to the City of Ashtabula at a cost as listed on the bid proposal attached to this evening's Manager's Report. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 101-224-5430 entitled Professional Services. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

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### **ODOT Truck Contract**

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation of 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223 for the purpose of purchasing two (2) trucks for the Public Works Department off of ODOT contract 023-12 Single & Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis and Light Duty Chassis; in accordance with the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program. The truck purchase will be made through the vendor listed on the ODOT contract. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager's request. The Manager reported this ordinance allows the City to participate in the ODOT purchase program. The next ordinance request will allow the City to purchase the vehicles from the ODOT vendor Miami Valley International Trucks (MVIT). Lake Truck Sales and Service is the agent for MVIT. The President reported the trucks will be multipurpose, (e.g. lay asphalt, plow snow, dump salt; and will come complete with snow and salt package. The trucks will be ordered; they will be delivered the first of 2013; and the first payment is due one year from the date of receipt. The motion CARRIED.

### **Lake Truck Sales - Truck Purchase**

The Manager requested an ordinance to enter in to an agreement with Lake Truck Sales and Service, Inc. of 432 Richmond Street, Painesville, OH 44077 as the agent for Miami Valley International Trucks, Inc. for this service area. The purchase will be for two (2) 2013 International DuraStar 4400 SBA 4 X 2 trucks, complete with snow and ice package for the lease amount not to exceed \$29,646.24 annually for 60 months. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager's request. The Manager reported this is a 60 month contract at 3.8%, and \$1.00 buyout at the end of the lease; therefore the City will own the vehicles at the end of the contract period. The total purchase price after the 60 month period will be \$296,462.40. The trucks are desperately needed for some of the current inventory is 20 years old. The motion CARRIED.

### **Ohio Public Works Commission – West Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project CG01P/CG02P**

The Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission of 65 East State Street, Suite 312, Columbus, OH 43215 for the purpose of providing financial assistance in the form of a loan/grant in the amount of \$204,968.00 in accordance with guidelines of the agreement. Funding for this expenditure will be taken from Account Number 412-200-5554, titled Street Improvements, for the West Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager's request. The Manager reported the breakdown of the loan/grant, and said total project amounts will appear in the ordinance. The President noted that the Street Improvement account is part of the Permanent Improvement Fund. The Manager believes the project will begin late 2013 or early 2014; and will have the exact timeline when the ordinance is presented for a vote. The motion CARRIED.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR CITY MANAGER**

**The Locker Room:** The Ward 3 Councilor reported Mr. Joe Rich contacted her (and previously contacted the Manager and President) regarding being cited into court and ordered to upgrade his fire suppression system. His business has been established since 1981 and had previously been grandfathered in. The Councilor reported she heard of a couple other businesses that recently had the same thing happened; and thought perhaps there were recent changes to the code. The Manager said he would have liked to have spoken with Mr. Rich before discussing it on Council floor, but that he would because the matter was presented, and said the Solicitor has been dealing with it. The Solicitor reported his office has been in contact with Mr. Rich since 2009 on this issue. As far as he knows, Mr. Rich has never been told that it is okay to continue to violate the fire code. He lacks an approved hood and suppression system, and yet he operates a deep fryer. It has been a part of the fire code for many years, that if you produce grease laden vapors you must have a fire suppression system. He was notified of the violation in 2009; the former Manager and he met with Mr. Rich on at least one occasion, a number of options were discussed with him, and at no time was he told he could continue to violate the code. Within the last month or two Fire Chief Pristera advised him that in this year's inspection it was learned that Mr. Rich continues to use the deep fryer, has not yet installed the required fire suppression system or hood, and does not appear to be making any progress towards doing so. On the basis of that report he prepared, and the Fire Chief signed, a citation in the Municipal Court, for violation of the fire code. There appears to be no other way of bringing this matter to a head.

**CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None**

**QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE CITY SOLICITOR - None**

**CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Auditor reported the City's June books are closed; the City is operating within its budget; revenues are being realized; income tax is down from last year, but is within the projection range; and we are about 50% on both sides of the ledger which is where we should be. An amended budget is being drafted because some items need to be moved around based on wage increases and various operating items. Funds with negative balances are being watched. Some of the negative balances will be made up with the amended budget and towards the end of the year.

**QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE ACTING CITY AUDITOR**

**Amended Budget:** The Ward 4 Councilor explained that an amended budget is used when several adjustments are made, rather than making individual adjustments. The Auditor will prepare a summary of the changes to accompany the amended budget document.

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#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT**

##### **Community / Economic Development / Parks & Recreation (Mrs. Stranman/Mr. McClure):**

The Chair reported the following:

**Free Clinic:** Richard Quaranta reported a Free Clinic Steering Committee (FCSC) meeting took place this past Saturday. The FCSC will have a table at the Multi Cultural Festival; will sale baked goods to raise Clinic funds; and volunteers are needed to work the table and make or donate baked goods (dollar values are needed). Contact Mark Leatherman at 969.5719 for details.

The FCSC would like to hold a larger fundraiser, to include entertainment, at Walnut Beach after Labor Day. The Chair hopes the Manager and this committee are able to assist.

**MultiCultural Festival (MCF):** The festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, Noon to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, July 29, Noon to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Please email [addavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:addavolunteer@gmail.com) or visit [www.downtownashtabula.com](http://www.downtownashtabula.com)

**Next Meeting:** The Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, August 1, at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Questions/Comments for Committee**

**MultiCultural Festival (MCF):** The Ward 4 Councilor asked if the MCF organizers are going to be on Good Morning Cleveland again. The Clerk of Council reported Marty Cephas has already appeared on Leon Bibb's Sunday morning program. She encouraged Mr. Bibb to tour our covered bridges; he did so and was accompanied by Ms. Cephas and Evelyn Schaffer; and a nice write up appeared in the newspaper. The Ward 4 Councilor encouraged residents to enjoy the festival and food.

**Finance and Personnel - (Mr. Ducro, IV/Mrs. Lattimer):** The Chair reported the Committee met on Friday, July 13. They reviewed the Auditor's report, and discussed the status of the budget and the amended budget summary. It was reported that the \$9,800 appropriation needed for the lawsuit/legal fee line item will be taken care of through the amended budget process.

#### **Legislation Request**

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Trisket seconded to approve the Auditor's suggestion to enter into a modified 2011 audit agreement, my including the Ashtabula City Port Authority, for which the Port Authority will pay \$4,083.00; motion CARRIED.

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Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AMOUNT THAT THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO WILL PICK UP OF THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, POLICE DIVISION PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 414(h)(2); motion CARRIED.

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**Indigent Burials:** The Chair reported the State requires each municipality to be responsible to care for its indigent deceased citizens. He has been working with the City Manager to establish a written policy for the City, and hopes an ordinance will be adopted in the near future.

**Street Cut Inspections:** Previously either our Engineering Technician (who retired in May) or the Engineering Department (which no longer exists, however, the responsibilities of which are being performed by staff members of our newly created Planning and Community Development Department), were responsible for inspecting street cuts. Inspections have not been conducted for a number of years, and the Committee will work with the Manager to determine how to proceed.

**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR):** The Treasurer told the Committee the compilation process is coming to a close; the State granted an extension; and the final product will be completed in a month or so.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, August 10, at 8:00 a.m.

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**Public Works / Utilities / Schools – (Mr. August Pugliese/Mrs. Lattimer):** The Chair announced the Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 14, at 8:00 a.m.

**Questions/Comments for Committee**

**West Avenue Turning Lane (at Griswold):** The President received a concern that the signs denoting the left lane as a “turn only” lane are not far enough from the intersection to give motorist time to adjust. The Manager reported a sign has been installed in a location before the bridge.

**Safe Routes to Schools:** The Manager announced the City should hear in September whether the grant to install sidewalks in the new elementary school campus on Wade Avenue has been awarded.

**Safety Forces – (Mr. Balog/Mr. Trisket)**

Mr. Trisket moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to amend Codified Ordinance 505.14 titled Pit Bull Terriers or Other Vicious Dogs. The Ward 4 Councilor said she is happy with the ordinance; that she is aware of the concern over pit bulls; and the committee tried to get away from breed discrimination legislation or anything that would prevent a citizen from owning their desired type dog. The Councilor said, “This ordinance can be termed as a prerequisite to ownership, lays out stipulations, and I’m very happy with the package that we have.” The motion CARRIED.

**Work Session– (Mr. Ducro IV, Chair) – No Session/No Report**

**PUBLIC (LEGISLATION) PORTION - None**

**LEGISLATION READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-111 AN ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 521.092 ENTITLED DRUG LABORATORIES DECLARED A PUBLIC NUISANCE,** was presented for its second reading. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to adopt the ordinance. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-114 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, A CONTRACT WITH UNION INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL FEED BUILDING REPAIR & IMPROVEMENT PROJECT,** was presented.

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Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. The City Manager reported this change order is for a little over \$2,800, and is to add "two stages" to the roof fans to help remove the fumes from the building.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-115 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC., FOR THE 2012 GENERAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT**, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. The Ward 4 Councilor reported this change order addresses the Nathan Avenue Drainage. The Manager reported road grinding should begin in 1.5 weeks. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-116 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SEVERINO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATERIAL AND SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CITY SIDEWALKS ON A PORTION OF LAKE AVENUE**, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance. The Solicitor reported the account number in Section 1(B) reads 290-140-5505; and should be Account Number 290-148-5505. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to make the correction by interlineation; motion CARRIED. It was reported that this project will replace sidewalks on Lake Avenue from West 31<sup>st</sup> Street to Route 20. The motion CARRIED to waive the reading of the ordinance. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. The President reported this project will benefit Lake Avenue pedestrians, especially those who reside in the Lake Avenue high rise complexes who regularly visit Walgreen's. The project is part of our Formula Grant and should begin once the City gets all the paperwork in order. The Manager provided the following report on bids received for this project:

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Union Industrial Contractors:	\$281,197.95
Perk Company:	\$236,205.60
TC Construction:	\$274,263.60
Severino Construction:	\$226,875.10

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-118 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AMOUNT THAT THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO WILL PICK UP OF THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, POLICE DIVISION PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 414(H)(2),** was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

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It was reported that elected officials have never been and are not included in the City's pension pickup benefit program.



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Liquor Control:** The President announced Council received a notice from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, notifying us that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages in our political subdivision will expire October 1, 2012. In order to maintain permit privileges every permit holder must file a renewal application. Citizens who would like to object to a renewal may contact a member of Council. The objections must be postmarked by September 4, 2012.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Fraternal Order of Police (FOP):** The annual FOP fish fry will take place on Thursday, August 30, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at the Elks Club on Carpenter Road. The cost is \$15.00, and attendants must be 21 years or older.

**Charity Golf Outing (benefiting Special Olympics):** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, at Hickory Grove Golf Course.

**Free Movie Night:** AT&T will host the movie Shrek 3 on Thursday, July 19, at dusk, at Walnut Beach. The event is free to the public.

The President said people say they are bored and that there is nothing to do in town. He then announced he was able to attend and enjoyed the following events:

**Mount Carmel Festival:** The festival took place last weekend, and was very well attended.

**West Side Shoot Out:** The annual event took place at G.O. Ministries on Station Avenue, and had a great turnout.

**People's Baptist Church:** The President and City Manager attended the church's mortgage burning event, which was very nice. The congregation said now they will be able to concentrate on doing other things for the community.

**Beach Glass Festival:** Just took place and was well attended.

**Wine & Walleye Festival:** Scheduled for Friday through Sunday, August 24 thru 26.

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**Multi-Cultural Festival:** Saturday, July 28 from Noon to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29 from Noon to 6:00 p.m. It is a great and safe event.

**Bands-on-the-Beach:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> concert will take place at Walnut Beach on Sunday, July 22, at 4:00 p.m. The first two were well attended, it is a good venue, and the bands have been good.

**10,000 Steps to a Healthier Ashtabula:** The most recent walk was in the Harbor; the media covered it very well. The next walk will be in the Main Avenue area (the date to be announced at the Monday, August 6 Regular Council meeting). Ms. Beverly Wendell has done a great job organizing the events.

#### **PUBLIC'S GENERAL PORTION**

**Mr. Nik Tressler, 202 West 58<sup>th</sup> Street:** announced the annual Garage Sale Bonanza is coming up. It represents one to two million dollars in recycled goods that does not leave the county.

**Bike Lanes:** He reported on an incident where a motorist tried to make Lake Avenue a four lane highway in order to pass a cyclist. He said there are a number of roads in the City that could be lined for bikes, in order to make Ashtabula a "bicycle friendly" city, but that pre-planning would be necessary. The Clerk of Council said she witnessed someone trying to find a location in the back of City Hall to lock up their bike. She suggested bike racks be placed in the front and back of the building and at other appropriate city facilities. The President said he is hopeful and optimistic that with the Lift Bridge Community Association's Big 3 Phase, the extension of the North Shore Trail (NST) gains stem, gets funded and completed, and will hopefully bring more bike friendly activity to the area. He suggested that perhaps the City could partner in this effort in order to make the community "bike friendly" beyond the NST. He said persons using motorized wheelchairs would benefit from this activity. The Ward 4 Councilor reported at one time the Public Works Committee of Council looked at bike lanes; had concerns about running the bike lane along the curb and parking areas on Lake Avenue; and found when visiting a larger city recently they ran the bike lane on the left side of the parked car areas; and perhaps doing the same could be considered.

**Ms. Karen Flack, 1827 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street:** said if the number of cats and dogs permitted in a household is going to be increased, another Animal Control Officer (ACO) would be needed. She asked what the annual salary of an ACO is. The Ward 4 Councilor reported Council does not intent to modify the 2 dog, 2 cat, or one of each limit; and that most reports regarding too many dogs and cats in a household are complaint driven.

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**Adjournment:** Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. Trisquet seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: **October 1, 2012**

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**J.P. Ducro IV**  
**President of Council**

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC**  
**Clerk of Council**